

WASHINGTON WEEK 2026 AGENDA

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

12:30 pm	Arrival of Delegates and Welcome Day Lunch Buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
2:00 pm	U.S. Senate Youth Alumni Association Mentoring Tables
3:30 pm	United States Senate Youth Alumni Association (USSYAA) Speaker: RYAN GAVIN (USSYP - ME 2009) President, USSYAA
3:45 pm	Welcome: JONATHAN BISSELL Students Activities Director
4:00 pm	BILL DOHERTY Interactive Session Co-Founder, Braver Angels
5:30 pm	Dinner buffet Grand Ballroom <i>(Announcements and Mentor Group Introductions 6:30pm)</i>

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:45 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
9:15 am	Board coaches for: GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON
10:30 am	Introduction and Tour of Mount Vernon Speaker: JEREMY RAY Sr. Director of Interpretation, Mount Vernon
12:30 pm	Board coaches for THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM – The National Portrait Gallery
1:15 pm	Lunch in the Kogod Courtyard of the National Portrait Gallery
2:00 pm	Self-guided visit of the museum
3:30 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
6:00 pm	Welcome Dinner and Remarks Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel DINO DINOVITZ and DONNA KALAJIAN LAGANI Co-Executive Directors, The Hearst Foundations INTRODUCTION OF MILITARY MENTOR TEAM

MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:15 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel Speaker: BRIAN KAMOIE (USSYP – PA 1989) Managing Director, Cyber & Strategic Risk, Deloitte
9:15 am	Board coaches for: THE RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING Kennedy Caucus Room, SR-325
10:15 am	Speakers: JENNIFER HEMINGWAY Senate Sergeant at Arms JACKIE BARBER Secretary of the Senate ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH Senate Parliamentarian

11:45 am Group enters THE MADISON BUILDING
of the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

12:20 pm	SENATE HISTORIAN LUNCHEON Montpelier Room, 6th floor Welcome: ROBERT NEWLEN Acting Librarian of Congress Speaker: KATHERINE SCOTT Senate Historian
2:15 pm	Arrival at: THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
3:45 pm	Speaker: KETANJI BROWN JACKSON Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
5:15 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
6:30 pm	SENATE CO-CHAIR DINNER Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel JOINT ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD THE OLD GUARD FIFE & DRUM CORPS Speaker: SENATOR KATIE BRITT of Alabama Republican Co-Chair of the 64 th Annual United States Senate Youth Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:15 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
8:00 am	Board coaches for THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
8:45 am	Tour and private viewing of The Founding Charters
9:45 am	Welcome and overview of The National Archives The McGowan Theater Speaker: CHRIS NAYLOR Executive for Research Services
10:30 am	Board coaches for THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
12:15 pm	Luncheon in THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STATE DINING ROOM Hosts: CAMILLE DAWSON Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Global Public Affairs CHRISTOPHER BERGAUST Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs Speaker: SARAH B. ROGERS Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy
2:30 pm	Tour of Diplomatic Reception Rooms
3:30 pm	Board Coaches for Monuments visit
4:15 pm	Board coaches for NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
5:00 pm	SENATE CO CHAIR SPEAKER Speaker: SENATOR EDWARD J. MARKEY of Massachusetts Democratic Co-Chair of the 64th Annual United States Senate Youth Program
6:10 pm	
7:00 pm	Board Coaches for SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL AIR and SPACE MUSEUM Speaker: Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., USMC (Ret.) Former NASA Administrator and Astronaut
9:15 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:15 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
8:30 am	Board coaches for UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
9:00 am	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Speakers: YVETTE HERRELL Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations AGRICULTURE and SCIENCE PANEL ALVEDA KING Senior Advisor on Faith and Community Outreach
12:00 pm	Board coaches for The Mayflower Hotel
12:30 pm	JOURNALIST LUNCHEON The Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel Speaker: RACHEL SCOTT ABC News Senior Political Correspondent
3:00 pm	Board coaches for Peace Circle
4:45 pm	ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR SENATORS & DELEGATES Kennedy Caucus Room, SR-325 Hosts: SENATOR KATIE BRITT of Alabama SENATOR EDWARD J. MARKEY of Massachusetts Co-Chairs for the 64th Annual United States Senate Youth Program
7:15 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
8:00 pm	Informal Dinner – Farewell Speaker Nominations

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
8:00 am	Speaker: MARK SHRIVER President, Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School and Corporate Work Study Program
9:15 am	Board coaches for THE WHITE HOUSE
10:30 am	Tour of THE WHITE HOUSE
11:30 am	Board coaches for HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
12:15 pm	SENATOR PERSPECTIVE LUNCH and USSYP ALUM ON THE HILL, SH-902 Speaker: SENATOR TAMMY BALDWIN (D-WI) Senator Perspective Luncheon Speaker
1:00pm	Speaker: EVAN GONG (USSYP – NV 2015) Staff advisor, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
2:30 pm	Walk to the Capitol Visitor Center
3:00 pm	Tour of THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER
4:30 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
6:30 pm	ANNUAL AMBASSADOR DINNER Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel Speaker: H.E. DR. SURIYA CHINDAWONGSE Ambassador of Thailand to the United States.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
9:45 am	Board coaches for ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
11:15 am	Ceremony at THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS Board Coaches for THE PENTAGON
12:30 pm	Visit to the PENTAGON Pentagon Conference, Room B6 Speaker: PETE HEGSETH Secretary Speaker: DAN CAINE Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Speaker: DAVID ISOM Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
1:30 pm	Lunch and tours of THE PENTAGON
3:00 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
6:30 pm	FAREWELL DINNER Presentation of Colors and Farewell Dinner Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel JOINT ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD BRASS QUINTET FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND 'PERSHING'S OWN'
9:00 pm- Midnight	Student Farewell Speeches Flag folding ceremony and farewell slideshow Dancing and Refreshments District Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

3:00 am	Departure of Delegates
9:00 am	Palm Court Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel

64TH ANNUAL



UNITED STATES SENATE
★ YOUTH PROGRAM ★
EDUCATION • LEADERSHIP • PUBLIC SERVICE • RESPECT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 7-14, 2026



UNITED STATES SENATE
★ YOUTH PROGRAM ★
EDUCATION • LEADERSHIP • PUBLIC SERVICE • RESPECT

**2026 SENATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HONORARY CO-CHAIRS**

Vice President JD Vance

Senator John Thune Senator Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader Democratic Leader

SENATE CO-CHAIRS

Katie Britt Edward J. Markey
of Alabama of Massachusetts

SENATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Barrasso, M.D. Catherine Cortez Masto
of Wyoming of Nevada
Steve Daines Andy Kim
of Montana of New Jersey
Cindy Hyde-Smith Angus S. King, Jr.
of Mississippi of Maine
Tim Scott Elissa Slotkin
of South Carolina of Michigan

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

William Randolph Hearst III
President

James M. Asher George R. Hearst III
Anissa B. Balson Mark F. Miller
David J. Barrett Virginia Randt
Frank A. Bennack, Jr. Mitchell Scherzer
John G. Conomikes Steven R. Swartz
Lisa H. Hagerman Paul G. Taylor

CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paul "Dino" Dinovitz

CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Donna Kalajian Lagani

**UNITED STATES SENATE
* RESOLUTION 324 ***

On April 3, 1962, Senate Resolution 324, submitted by Senator KUCHEL (for himself and Senators MANSFIELD, DIRKSEN, and HUMPHREY), was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, and, subsequently, unanimously approved by the United State Senate as follows;

WHEREAS the continued vitality of our Republic depends, in part, on the intelligent understanding of our political processes and the functions of our National Government by the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS the durability of a constitutional democracy is dependent upon alert, talented, vigorous competition for political leadership; and

WHEREAS individual Senators have cooperated with various private and university undergraduate and graduate fellowship and internship programs relating to the work of Congress; and

WHEREAS in the high schools of the United States, there exists among students who have been elected to student body offices in their junior or senior year a potential reservoir of young citizens who are experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political process:

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby expresses its willingness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school Senate youth program which would give several representative high school students from each State a short indoctrination into the operation of the United States Senate and the Federal Government generally, if such a program can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.

RESOLUTION 146. To amend S. Res. 324 of the Eighty-seventh Congress to provide for the participation of the Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas in the Senate Youth Program.

Resolved, That S. Res. 324, Eighty-seventh Congress, agreed to May 17, 1963, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Section 3. For the purpose of this resolution, the term "State" includes the Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas.



UNITED STATES SENATE
★ YOUTH PROGRAM ★
EDUCATION • LEADERSHIP • PUBLIC SERVICE • RESPECT

The United State Senate Youth Program is sponsored by the United States Senate and has been completely funded and administered by The Hearst Foundations since inception. As stipulated in S. Res. 324, no government funds are utilized.

THE HEARST FOUNDATIONS

90 New Montgomery Street • Suite 1212
San Francisco, California 94105-4505

Phone:
(415) 908-4540

www.ussenateyouth.org

Washington, D.C.

Phone:
(202) 293-4620
(800) 425-3632

Wendy Wilk, Program Director
ussyp@hearstfdn.org