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#### UNITED STATES SENATE ★ RESOLUTION 324 ★

In 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 Eightyseventh 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.

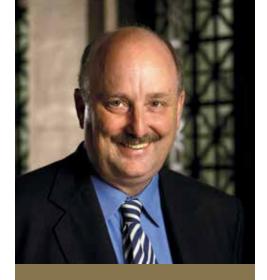


The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) is an intensive week-long educational experience sponsored by the United States Senate that nurtures an important reservoir of student talent and energy toward the high purpose of public service.

The program was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 as stated in supporting Senate testimony from that year, "to increase young Americans' understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and the vital importance of democratic decision making not only for America but for people around the world."

The 56th annual Washington Week once again brought 104 outstanding high school students — two from every state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity — to Washington, D.C. to see the federal government up close and meet and interact with those who lead it. As the students develop a deeper commitment to public service, they also form intellectual and emotional bonds with their peers from across the nation.

Administered and funded by The Hearst Foundations since inception, the USSYP utilizes no government funds. The program is highly competitive and merit based. Qualified students — those already serving in an elected capacity with excellent academic performance — are nominated by their teachers, principals and guidance counselors, and are ultimately selected by their state departments of education. Delegates are also each awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship with certificates often personally presented by their U.S. senators, and are encouraged to continue coursework in history, government and public affairs.



Congratulations from

WILLIAM Randolph Hearst III Dear Delegates,

Congratulations to the 2018 class of the United States Senate Youth Program!

The student delegates of the 56<sup>th</sup> annual Washington Week arrived in the nation's capital on the tailwinds of an early spring storm. Once together, it became clear that amid their diverse backgrounds, experiences, cultures and political positions they share a passion for learning and sharing through civil discussion and debate. On behalf of The Hearst Foundations, we commend all of the students for the respectful tone they employed with the speakers and with one another. Delegates, in a time of often emotional political rhetoric and change, you truly embodied the positive, hopeful and inspirational energy that are hallmarks of the program and of our nation.

The highest levels of leadership in all three branches of government welcomed our delegates this year. Both President Trump and Vice President Pence personally congratulated the students at the White House, and were then joined by First Lady Melania Trump who made a surprise first appearance with the program to recognize the students for their achievement. Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch also marked his first speaking engagement with the delegates, giving more than an hour of his time to converse with the students and answer many questions. Civil Rights icon Congressman John Lewis gave the delegates a deep message of hope and purpose, which they will treasure throughout their lives. The generosity of these leaders, among the many highlighted in the pages to follow, is deeply appreciated.

We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to our 2018 program Co-Chairs, Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina and Senator Angus S. King, Jr. of Maine and their staff. Both senators' keynote events were superb learning opportunities for the students, shedding light on the different paths one can take into public service. Without the help and support of our Senate Co-Chairs throughout the planning year, the program would not be possible.

In addition to the educational experience of the week, each delegate receives a \$10,000 college scholarship in the name of the United States Senate. The week in Washington and the college scholarship are an inseparable award, combining the encouragement and guidance given by the esteemed speakers with financial support to pursue college-level study of government, history and public affairs. The Hearst Foundations are honored to sponsor this unique and enduring partnership with the United States Senate, the state departments of education, the Department of Defense and such outstanding students.

Numbering more than 5,500, USSYP alumni continue to excel in prominent public service positions in all branches of government and in all sectors of society. In addition to Senator Susan Collins of Maine, the first delegate elected to the U.S. Senate, and Senator Cory Gardner of Colorado, the first delegate elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and the second to be elected to the Senate, our alumni fill the leadership ranks of every sector in society.

Finally, Washington Week could not take place without the continued endorsement of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. We also thank the Council of Chief State Schools Officers and all of the state-level education administrators for their pivotal roles in the student selection process.

The program's mission shall continue as long as there are young people in America with a dedication to academic excellence and a desire to serve their country and their communities.

William Randolph Hearst III







#### 56TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON WEEK MARCH 3–10, 2018

#### Saturday, March 3

Arrival and welcome day; announcements and meeting of Military Mentor groups

#### Sunday, March 4

Tour of Mount Vernon and The Newseum

Formal Introduction of the Military Mentors and program welcome by DINO DINOVITZ Executive Director of The Hearst Foundations

#### Monday, March 5

ROBERT H. HENRY Former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

FRANK J. LARKIN Senate Sergeant at Arms
LINUS J. BARLOON II Senate Director of Cybersecurity

CARLA HAYDEN Librarian of Congress

BETTY KOED Senate Historian

NEIL GORSUCH Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

Opening Dinner: Senator TIM SCOTT

Republican Co-Chair of the 56th annual United States Senate Youth Program

#### Tuesday, March 6

ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH Senate Parliamentarian

BRIAN KAMOIE Acting Assistant Administrator for Mission Support, FEMA

State Department Luncheon: FRANCISCO PALMIERI Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State

DAVID FERRIERO Archivist of the United States

National Archives Dinner: Senator ANGUS S. KING, JR.
Independent Co-Chair of the 56<sup>th</sup> annual United States Senate Youth Program

#### Wednesday, March 7

BARBARA MCCORMACK Vice President of Education, The Newseum ALAN C. MILLER Founder and CEO, The News Literacy Project MARTIN BARON Executive Editor, The Washington Post Congressman JOHN LEWIS D-Georgia, 5th District 56th ANNUAL SENATE RECEPTION

#### Thursday, March 8

Secretary STEVEN MNUCHIN U.S. Department of the Treasury

TIM GALLAUDET Acting Administrator, NOAA

Democratic Perspective Lunch:

Senator AMY KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota

Meeting with THE PRESIDENT

Ambassador Dinner: DAVID MACNAUGHTON

Canadian Ambassador to the United States

#### Friday, March 9

BRIAN LAMB Founder and Executive Chairman, C-SPAN

Wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

PATRICK SHANAHAN Deputy Secretary of Defense
DANIEL COATS Director of National Intelligence

Farewell Dinner with closing remarks by GEORGE IRISH Eastern Director of The Hearst Foundations



ARRIVAL AND ALUMNI DAY

## Welcome to Washington!

Traveling from across the nation and overseas, anticipation mounts as delegates are met at the local airports and train station and brought to the historic Mayflower Hotel in downtown D.C. Students are welcomed by their Military Mentors, USSYP alumni and staff. USSYP alumni have distinguished themselves in the fields of government, education, law, healthcare, engineering, information technology, the nonprofit sector, business and journalism, and are on hand at designated mentoring tables to network with the delegates and answer questions about education and careers.

The evening of arrival day is when all delegates gather for an in-depth orientation about program rules, logistics and expectations. Students learn new levels of protocol and decorum to serve in their roles as public representatives of their schools, communities and states, in the name of the United States Senate. This evening is when the students are formally introduced to their Military Mentors, seventeen competitively selected male and female officers from each service branch. Two Senior Mentors assist with the overall execution of the program, and fifteen smaller groups of students are each assigned one Military Mentor to support and guide them through the exciting and demanding week to come.

The United States Senate Youth Alumni Association (www.ussyaa.org) has forged and maintained ties with thousands of program alumni. In addition to ongoing activities throughout the year, alumni gather during Washington Week for the Association's annual dinner and board meeting.



My Mission
Statement is to be
a Purveyor of Hope

Humor, passion and boundless energy coursed through the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel as Senator Tim Scott regaled the delegates with his against-many-odds life story and his core philosophies on leadership and service. Serving as the first African-American senator from the state of South Carolina and the first black Republican elected to the U.S. Senate since Edward Brooke of Massachusetts in 1966, Senator Scott's personal story was deeply compelling.

"Under the rock of obstacles lives and breathes your greatest opportunities," he said, quoting his mentor John Moniz, who, along with his powerful, hardworking single mother, pushed the young Scott to chart a course from drifting to purpose. As his life of success in business and elected government took shape, he developed three guiding principles that he relayed to the students. The first: Failure is not fatal, if you refuse to quit. "There are seeds of greatness in each and every one of us, and if we don't stop in the process, amazing things are possible," he explained. "Sometimes we stop in the midst of pain; we define what's possible by the temporary nature of pain, and we may make a permanent decision we regret."



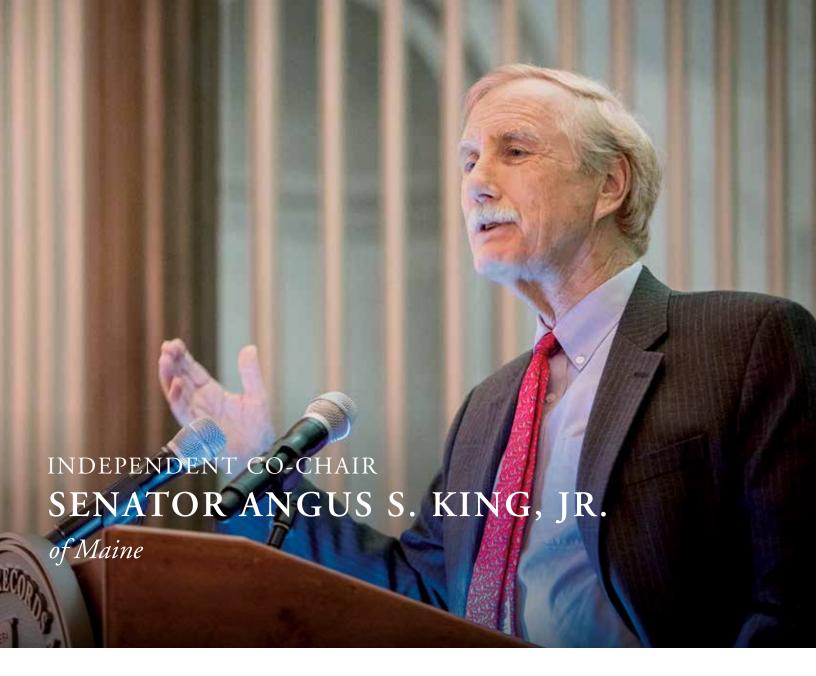






His second tenet: Stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. "We often take for granted how good we have it," Senator Scott smiled. "I think it is incumbent upon all of us to take on the responsibility of reaching one person who is suffering, challenged and afraid, and do something about it that is beyond yourself. When that happens, the world is better." He moved nimbly among the tables of delegates who were writing notes at a furious pace to keep up with his remarks. "Part of the greatness of this nation is our ability to do something for those who can do nothing in return for us," he said, "and if we lose that special sauce, that glue of our democracy, the world loses as well."

The third part of his message is: *Hold on to your dreams*. "Each and every one of us have dreams and aspirations that are incredibly important," the senator intoned, "Much of my life today is the manifestation of dreams that I had when I was your age, so hold on to your dreams as if your life depends on it."



Listening is an Essential Part of Leadership Senator Angus S. King, Jr., Maine's first Independent senator and the first designated Independent to serve as a USSYP Co-Chair, spoke with eloquence, experience and a keen appreciation for history as he addressed the delegates against the formidable backdrop of the nation's founding charters. He summed up the job of senator as "Applied history with a minor in communications," and added his favorite Mark Twain quote to corroborate: 'History doesn't always repeat itself, but it usually rhymes.' Senator King counseled the students to continue studying history in college, "The more history you know, the more sense you can make of what's going on, and the better decisions you will make because you'll know how those decisions played out in the past."

The former two-term governor of the Pine Tree State spent his prepared remarks teaching the delegates the ten key points he wished someone had told him before going into politics, the first being: *Take your time*. "If you think about it, what do politicians do?" he asked, "They make the rules by which we all operate. Don't you think it's a pretty good idea to play the game a bit before you start making the rules?"









He advised the students to develop the pivotal leadership skills of "eloquent listening" and the ability of public speaking with authenticity and passion. "You must also have a true vision of what you want to accomplish before running for office." He added that it is essential to "Surround yourself with the very best people who are not afraid of telling you the truth." And, the higher the office you attain, the more critical that "... you have to actively encourage people to tell you things that you need to hear, not what you want to hear." In closing he imparted wisdom relevant to any career path, "If you have character, nothing else matters; and if you don't have character, nothing else matters."

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## FORMER CHIEF JUDGE ROBERT H. HENRY







Do Justly,
Love Mercy and
Walk Humbly
Advice and
Inspiration from
Distinguished
Alumnus

Robert H. Henry, president and CEO of Oklahoma City University and former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, spoke to the students at the opening breakfast of Washington Week from the vantage point of having served in all three branches of government. His favorite, he claimed, is the "least dangerous

branch," the judicial. "Law is not the passion of the moment, but the wisdom of the ages," he said, stating that the creation of the American independent judiciary was one of the framers' greatest contributions and has become the gold standard for judiciaries around the world. The Founding Fathers were "... big thinkers, with big ideas and even bigger minds," he said, lauding the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. "The Founders were steeped in the ideals of the Enlightenment, writing and thinking at a particular time in history," and influenced by Voltaire, Rousseau, Locke and Montesquieu. However, Judge Henry said that he does see the Constitution as "a work in progress," citing many strides that have been made since its inception to help guarantee racial and gender equality. The distinguished alumnus also harkened back to his own Washington Week in 1971, when he met historic

figures Justice Harry Blackmun, Senator Hubert Humphrey, and even gained a rare public audience with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. While Judge Henry was heartened to see the recent activism against gun violence led by America's high school students, he reminded the delegates of the critical need for civility in public life. "The system breaks down when we are not civil to each other," he warned, highlighting the peaceful changemakers in world history and encouraging the delegates to read the works of Thoreau, Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. He exhorted the students to be ethical, honest, learn and abide by the law, and be humble. Judge Henry held his USSYP notebook aloft and added, in closing, "Take good notes!" assuring his young audience that the week ahead would be unforgettable.

#### ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT **NEIL GORSUCH**

#### Hope, Encouragement and Guiding Wisdom from the Newest Justice

On a sunny early March afternoon, the delegates gathered with mounting anticipation on the steps of the Supreme Court of the United States. Inside the vaunted Courtroom, Justice Gorsuch quickly set the group at ease with his personable and down-to-earth demeanor. He began by commending the students for their depth of knowledge and interest in the government, and lamenting about the general lack of civic education in our

society. "There is little judges can do to protect government if the people don't know how it works," he said, quoting Benjamin Franklin's famous response when asked what the Founders had wrought: "A Republic,

If you can keep it!" "But equally important in a Democracy," Justice Gorsuch said, "is the necessity for civility. People need to be able to talk to

each other. You can disagree without being disagreeable," he said citing the Court as an example where intense arguments take place without malice. "You will never regret being kind," he added, crediting his wife's grandmother with ingraining this message in him. Following his remarks, Justice Gorsuch opened the floor to questions. For well over an hour, the justice generously took question after question from the

eager delegates. He spoke about the imperative of being nonpartisan as a judge, "Being unbiased is a muscle you have to exercise," he said, noting that his job is to apply the law, not to make policy. When asked about the

> daily work of being a Supreme Court justice, he described studying briefs and precedents "like a machine" and discussing ideas with his clerks to

develop and strengthen arguments. He offered thoughtful advice to the delegates, advising them to seek out good mentors and bosses, to always find time for public service, and encouraged the students to read novels - especially ones authored by Charles Dickens. "I believe in America," he said in closing, "I believe in the goodness of its people. Lean into it. Don't lean out."

You will never regret being kind. —Neil Gorsuch





#### SENATE OFFICERS

## FRANK J. LARKIN and LINUS J. BARLOON II







#### Safety and Cybersecurity in Challenging Times

The Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper is one of the Senate's most senior officers. Elected by the members of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms serves as the chief protocol and law enforcement officer, is the principal administrative manager for most of the institution's support services, and controls the largest staff and budget allocations in the Senate. Mr. Frank Larkin, who served as Sergeant at Arms from January 6, 2015, until April 16, 2018, gave the delegates a

broad overview of his responsibilities, including ensuring the general safety and security in the Senate through his oversight of the Capitol Police, as well as his more public role guiding the leaders of our government and foreign heads of state in formal events at the Capitol. "We are the quiet professionals behind the scenes; we are the connective tissue," said the humble Mr. Larkin, whose background as a Navy SEAL, twenty years with the Secret Service and other senior law enforcement positions prepared him for the role. "That dome up there is a huge magnet for attracting you name it, we've seen it here—especially in the past number of years," he said, pointing across the Kennedy Caucus Room to the Capitol. Protecting against the many security challenges while preserving the First Amendment rights of speech and assembly is the

balancing act he faces. A key member of Mr. Larkin's staff spoke next, Mr. Linus J. Barloon II, the Senate Director for Cybersecurity, who enumerated details of the expanding cyber threat and our countering operations. New technologies alone will not suffice, Mr. Barloon stated. "If we don't train our folks, train the people on how to use those technologies to then detect, react, and recover, cybersecurity doesn't happen." When using social media, he told the students to take risk into account. "Be careful with what you post, because it stays there in Internet eternity. You cannot delete it," counseled the esteemed expert who previously served as head of cyber protection for the White House, "Be professional and be aware. Have fun, but you don't have to share everything."

#### LUNCHEON WITH THE SENATE HISTORIAN AND THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

#### BETTY KOED and CARLA HAYDEN

## A Warm Welcome at the Library of Congress

The backdrop for the opening luncheon of Washington Week 2018 was the expansive vista of the Capitol complex from the Montpelier Room of the Library of Congress. Hosted by Dr. Carla Hayden, the fourteenth Librarian of Congress since 1802, and the first woman and African-American to hold the position, Dr. Hayden welcomed the group by recounting how she became an "accidental librarian." Fresh out of college, having majored in political science and history, a friend passed a library job notice to her and she jumped at the opportunity to interview. "Even if you start out on

one path, I encourage you to always be open to life's opportunities," she smiled, recalling personal details of another interview — that with President Obama, who then nominated her to oversee the largest library in the world. Senate Historian Betty Koed, also the first woman to be appointed to her office, crafted her annual lecture for

History is made when

ordinary men and women

strive to achieve something

larger than themselves.

-Betty Koed

the delegates about the power of the individual to effect change through perseverance. She described the life of Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, who

famously lives in history as the senator who was severely beaten in the old Senate Chamber by a member of Congress who opposed his staunch abolitionist stance. Dr. Koed then illuminated the rest of Sumner's life story. For most senators, she said,

"... the fight ended with abolition.

Sumner, however, insisted that
emancipation was just the first step."
In 1870 Sumner introduced a
comprehensive Civil Rights bill that put
him years ahead of his colleagues. He
fought the remainder of his life to see
that bill passed, to no avail. Sumner's
speeches and letters, however, provided

the foundation for successful Civil Rights laws a century later. Upon his death, a Senate colleague remarked, "Charles Sumner's mission in life was to march ahead

of his followers when they were afraid to follow." Dr. Koed concluded, "That brutal beating of 1856 may have made Charles Sumner famous, but it was the hard and dedicated work for civil rights that followed that made Charles Sumner a great senator."











PRESIDENT TRUMP, VICE PRESIDENT PENCE, AND FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP

#### A Superb Welcome and an Inside Scoop

"What a good-looking group!" President Trump called out to the 2018 USSYP delegates as he strode down the wide red carpet of the Cross Hall into the East Room of the White House. Vice President Pence was at the president's side as they congratulated the students and shook many hands. Then, the president announced a special visitor. Amidst applause, First Lady Melania Trump arrived to join her husband and the vice president in commending the delegates on their achievement



of being selected to the USSYP, and posing for photos, a moment that will never be forgotten. In parting, the president offered the students an amazing scoop: that an announcement would soon be made regarding an historic diplomatic meeting with North Korea. Indeed that news broke into national headlines well after the students left the Executive Mansion.

#### SENATOR

#### AMY KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota





#### Pragmatism and Optimism Espoused by Leading Senate Democrat

The first woman elected to the Senate to represent the North Star State addressed the 2018 USSYP delegates on International Women's Day. Becoming a mother got her into politics in the first place, Senator Klobuchar said, when, as a young lawyer she was shocked to have been forced to leave the hospital after only 24 hours with her seriously ill newborn daughter in intensive care. "So I went to the legislature and I got two sponsors of a bill, guaranteeing a 48-hour hospital stay for new moms and their babies," she said, adding that she brought six heavily pregnant women to the conference committee

meeting to successfully lobby for quick passage of the law. Describing herself as an optimist who is committed to bipartisanship, pragmatism and hard work, she tries to always "find common ground where we can," and makes an effort to visit all 87 Minnesota counties each year. The senator covered many headline issues of the day, first speaking of the courage of victims of gun violence coming to Washington, D.C. to advocate for changes that could help other families. "I think we need to change the way we talk about gun violence and change the culture," she said. College affordability and financial literacy were also top priorities, welcome news to a room full of high school juniors and seniors. She addressed immigration reform as both an "economic engine," and, regarding the Dreamers, a humanitarian imperative. "We really need youth to keep pushing to help these Dreamers, no matter what party you are in," she encouraged. Election security is also a bipartisan issue, she said, and described her initiative with Republican Senator

of Oklahoma James Lankford, "No matter what party you're in, you've got to care about our democracy, and we need backup paper ballots!" she advocated. Her contagious humor and down-to-earth delivery elicited applause throughout her remarks. A life in public service "is not going to be perfect," she said, "especially right now, but you just have to have a mission in mind that it is the right thing to do, for the country or for the world, and that's what gets you through the bad stuff." Looking into the delegates' eyes, seeing the leadership and civility reflected there, she concluded, "As you can see, I love my job. I do believe that courage in the next few years is not going to be about standing by yourself and making a speech. Courage is going to be whether or not you're willing to stand next to someone you don't always agree with for the betterment of our country, and I think you feel the same, or you would not be a part of this program."

## TREASURY SECRETARY STEVEN MNUCHIN

# Key Cabinet Member Discusses Nexus of Economic and Foreign Policies

New York delegate Andrew Mangan gave a nod to the now world-famous first U.S. Treasury secretary when thanking the man who currently holds the post, "In 1789, a man who had proven himself as a financial genius came to be the secretary of the Treasury, facing a weak economy, heavy war debts and high hopes. Alexander Hamilton laid the foundation of what would become the world's greatest economy, and 228 years, and 76 Treasury secretaries later, Steven Mnuchin faces similar conditions, with even higher hopes." Mr. Mnuchin readily

acknowledged the challenges he faces guiding the American economy, but shared great enthusiasm for the future. "Our number one focus, based on our economic plan, is to create higher economic growth and higher wages for the middle class," he assured. "I believe we live in the greatest country for opportunities. People have the greatest economic opportunity here, but we can always do better." Constructing broad strategic plans for the country's financial future is one part of his job, he explained, but also critical is the need to be constantly monitoring current economic conditions, "No matter how smart people are in finance, they're never good at predicting the next problem. To a certain extent, the reason why the next problem is the next problem is that you don't always expect it. What we don't know is as important as what we do know." The secretary's multi-faceted background, from Wall Street to chief technology officer to community banker, has shaped his

broad expertise in finance, analysis and success in supporting economic growth in many sectors. Mr. Mnuchin described one aspect of the Treasury department that was little known to most Americans: his role on the National Security Council supporting the fight against terrorism and economic threats from unfriendly nations. The ability to eliminate a subversive economic pathway "is a very important part of foreign policy, no different than other tools, whether they are intelligence or military tools," he explained. Generously giving his time to answer a myriad of questions ranging from newly imposed steel tariffs, the Dodd-Frank bill and trade imbalances, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin was, as described by fellow New Yorker delegate Kimberly Collins, an individual able to "... foster economic growth, engage in philanthropic pursuits and exemplify dedication to the American public."







#### REPRESENTATIVE

#### JOHN LEWIS of Georgia







#### A Life Dedicated to Overcoming Injustice

The electricity was palpable as the students waited for the arrival of Civil Rights icon and longtime Democratic congressional leader John Lewis of Georgia. The USSYP delegates, well versed in history, knew the import of the words they were about to hear from this world-renowned leader for justice and human rights. The congressman began by recounting how in 1956, at age 15, inspired by Rosa Parks and the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., he decided to ask for a library card at the small public library in Troy, Alabama near his rural hometown. "We were told by the librarian that the library was for whites only and not for coloreds. I never went back to that library until 1998, for

a book signing of my first book, Walking With the Wind. They gave me a library card." His blunt description of the march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge brought

many in the room to tears. "Fifty-three years ago today, March 7, 1965, with many young people, students, teachers, and adults, we led a march across the bridge in Selma, Alabama, for the right to vote. We were trampled by horses, kicked,

beaten and left bloody. I thought I was going to die," he recalled. He relayed the words of shock and indignation he spoke at a small gathering that followed, "I don't understand how President Johnson can send troops to Vietnam and cannot send troops to Selma, Alabama, to protect people who only desire to register to vote."

From that day forward, his life has been dedicated to overcoming injustice. He conveyed optimism for the future, but assured that there is still much work

> Luther King believed that we could build the beloved community, that we could become one people, one family, one house. We're not quite there yet. We're still in the process of fulfilling those dreams, hopes, and

longings." He exhorted the students to never give up hope and to always exercise their right to vote. "Do what you can to help redeem our country and make our world a better place. I am convinced, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that it is the young leaders who will get us there," he said, gazing out on the ardent protégées before him.

ahead. "Dr. Martin

"When you see something that is

not right, fair, or just, you have a

to do something. And whatever

you do or say, do so in a peaceful,

orderly, nonviolent way. As Dr.

King said, never hate, for hate is

too heavy a burden to bear."

-Civil Rights Leader John Lewis

moral obligation to say something,

## DANIEL COATS

# Insight into the Intelligence Community and New Paths to Service in a Digital Age

Washington Week is known for keynote speakers who are household names and in the headlines on a weekly basis. Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, though a well-known public servant, now prefers a lower profile. "I served a lot of my life in politics, and in politics you want to get your picture and your name in the paper. When you move into intelligence, you don't want that. Staying below the radar is one of my constant goals," he said, smiling at the group gathered before him in

the Pentagon auditorium. Director Coats warmly welcomed the USSYP delegates, remembering his experiences in the United States Senate and meeting Indiana's best and brightest students through the USSYP Annual Senate reception. "It's one of the more interesting and better things that I have done in my life, not just necessarily talk to, but also to listen to young people as they're coming up," he said. Knowing his audience, he shared some life advice, "Think more than a little about the possibility of serving your country, serving this democracy, whether it's at the local, state or the federal level. There is a reward, not necessarily financial, that comes from giving back to your country. Serving to keep that light of freedom burning is something that is of great reward." Rapid changes in technology have focused the intelligence community's outreach to younger generations to join their ranks and work to fortify against burgeoning cyber threats, he said. Young people will lead

the way in this capacity, he predicted, adding "These are the jobs of the future and the protection of our country for the future." Sorting through all of the information that comes in on a daily basis, either through cyber technology or old fashioned on-the-ground intelligence is one of the director's key responsibilities. "We simply have to be objective with the facts. We can't politicize. Our job is to say 'here are the facts' and let the policymakers make decisions." Director Coats, who served in the Army, as a former member of the House and Senate, and a former ambassador to Germany, has a keen understanding of the imperative for quality intelligence gathering and the consequences for policymakers and our fighting forces. Indiana delegate Connor Meyer described Director Coats as, "A true public servant," promising, "We as a group are ready to pick up the torch so that we can keep the light of freedom burning."







THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Luncheon in the Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room

Mr. Francisco Palmieri, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, surveyed the students sitting before him at the beautifully set tables in the gilded Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room. "A career at the State Department will let you see the world and make a difference in helping make our country safer and our economy grow," he began, defining the key role the Department of State plays in all of our lives. "The Western Hemisphere is the part of the world that our economy depends on and where our most reliable allies are located," he continued, especially noting our pivotal relationships with Canada, Mexico, and Colombia, to name a few.

"We truly look forward to someday having you at the helm of our government, leading our embassies, and serving here," he said. But the delegates did not need to wait until career age to begin this journey. "Public service matters. You can make a direct impact on the lives of the people in your hometown, in your state, and in your nation, through public service." Mr. Palmieri shared his own career path, beginning with an interest in the world and a desire to give back. He spoke of his attraction to work at the Department of State, the oldest federal agency, and through hard work



and relocating many times, saw its impact. "Diplomacy bears fruit for our country in the form of safety and prosperity, for citizens in our own country and for those around the world," he assured. He had seen many changes in the course of his career, saying, "When I joined the Foreign Service, the Americas looked very different. Many countries were ruled by military dictators and too many faced conflict or outright civil war." But today, "The values of freedom and democracy have taken hold." He sees open communication and diplomacy as the key, "As a region, we will prosper together or we will falter together."

Concluding with a hopeful assessment of human resilience that resonated with all in attendance, he said, "If we can unlock the innate individual spirit of the people in countries where we have relationships, through democratic governance and through economic opportunity, people take that freedom and build better lives and stronger partnerships around the world, and that ought to be a fundamental aspect of what we do as the government of the United States."

We will prosper together or we will falter together.

## DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PATRICK SHANAHAN











#### Life at DoD and Core Motivations for Success

Friday of Washington Week usually includes a visit to the Pentagon. Following lunch, the students were efficiently guided through the iconic labyrinthine corridors to the Pentagon's main auditorium. Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan, the second in command for the vast executive branch department, confidently took the podium and shared a personal mission statement, "There are people, like myself and the Military Mentors here with you, whose job it is to hand the country over to you so you can take care of it," he said. "That's what we do here at the Department of Defense. We protect the country, and it's our responsibility to make sure we can

pass this nation, this giant experiment in democracy, on to you, in better shape than what was passed on to us." Seeing the motivated young audience, Mr. Shanahan assured that "The Department of Defense is the best place in the world to work" for people who want to bring positive change to the world. "We are everywhere. In space, in the air, on land, on the sea and under water. We are certainly in cyberspace. We need people to join us who want to solve the world's problems," he said. One of the joys that Mr. Shanahan has in his daily work is his relationship with a man whom he had long admired, Secretary of Defense James Mattis. "I came here to work for one of the most remarkable leaders that I've ever been around. His writings are deep. His quotes are profound," he said, "and every day I get a chance to interface with somebody who really has amazing perspectives on the world." And, as if on cue, the Secretary of Defense quietly

entered the back of the auditorium to share a moment of his time observing the young student leaders and Military Mentors gathered before him. On a day devoted to honoring our nation's Armed Forces, with the morning at Arlington National Cemetery and the afternoon visit to the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, delegates gained a deeper understanding of DoDEA delegate Mark Keller's words describing every member of the Department of Defense as "united by the common thread of love for their country." Deputy Secretary of Defense Shanahan agreed and concluded with a call to action, "You really are the future. We are counting on you. When you run into hard things, work through them! The most important thing you can develop is strong resolve and you'll never turn back in a crisis."

### THE OUTSTANDING 2018 MILITARY MENTOR TEAM



COMPETITIVELY SELECTED MILITARY OFFICERS
DESIGNATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

#### LED BY:

Senior Military Officer, Major Humberto Alvarez, USA Assistant Senior Military Officer, Captain Yuwynn Ho, USMC

#### PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Captain Yuwynn Ho, USMC;
Major Troy Barnes, USAF;
Major Vernita M. Corbett, USA;
Captain Jared Smith, USARNG;
Lieutenant Christopher Ames, USN;
Major Taren Wellman, USAF;
Captain Joshua Harnisch, USAF;
USSYP alumnus (NE – 2009)
Lieutenant Junior Grade Rowena

Benedictos, USN;

Major Sarah Culbertson, USMC;

Lieutenant Junior Grade Kathryn Lamphere, USCG;

Lieutenant Commander Desmond Walker, USN;

Lieutenant Commander Teresa "Tess" McManus, USCG;

Commander Jon Ahlstrom, USN;

Lieutenant Helen "Jeannie" Crump, USCG;

Captain Jordan M. Iida, USMC;

Major Rachael Parrish, USAF;

Major Humberto "Tony" Alvarez, USA





#### HONORS FROM THEIR SENATORS

















#### 2018 UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

#### SENATE RECEPTION ATTENDEES

Seventy-four senators participated in Washington Week 2018, either at speaking events or by attending the  $56^{th}$  annual USSYP Senate Reception where they congratulated their student delegates and presented them with their \$10,000 college scholarship certificates.



ALABAMA

Senator Richard C. Shelby with Tristan Mullen and Logan Cobb



ALABAMA

Senator Doug Jones with Tristan Mullen and Logan Cobb



ALASKA

Senator Lisa Murkowski with Bianca Eagan and Brian Conwell



ARIZONA

Senator Jeff Flake with Vanessa Strait Constandse and Kaitlyn Yoo



ARKANSAS

Senator John Boozman with Pablo Manon Mateos and Celia Kreth



ARKANSAS

Senator Tom Cotton with Celia Kreth and Pablo Manon Mateos



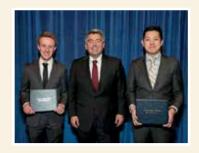
CALIFORNIA

Senator Kamala D. Harris with Cole McCann-Phillips and Mackenzie Hawkins



COLORADO

Senator Michael Bennet with Jacob Fisher and Aaron Lombardi



COLORADO

Senator Cory Gardner with Jacob Fisher and Aaron Lombardi



CONNECTICUT

Senator Richard Blumenthal with Ananya Kachru



CONNECTICUT

Senator Richard Blumenthal with Annie Wang



DELAWARE

Senator Thomas Carper with Justin Chan and Vyshnavi Kosigishroff



DELAWARE

Senator Christopher Coons with Justin Chan and Vyshnavi Kosigishroff



FLORIDA

Senator Bill Nelson with Stephen Marante and Carlee Goldberg



FLORIDA

Senator Bill Nelson with Mark Keller (DODEA)



GEORGIA

Senator Johnny Isakson with Kendall Chamberlain and Aaron Fondal



HAWAII

Senator Brian Schatz with Maya Gee and Sean Callahan



IDAHO

Senator James Risch with Keegan Wolfe and Patricia Janae Swenson



INDIANA

Senator Joe Donnelly with Matthew Forsey and Connor Meyer



INDIANA

Senator Todd Young with Matthew Forsey and Connor Meyer



IOWA

Senator Charles Grassley with Sibani Ram and Robert Nishimwe



IOWA

Senator Joni K. Ernst with Sibani Ram and Robert Nishimwe



KANSAS

Senator Jerry Moran with Jaron Caffrey and Sandhya Ravikumar



KENTUCKY

Senator Rand Paul with Austin Dillon and Claire Harmon



LOUISIANA

Senator Bill Cassidy with Thomas Brignac and Grace Dragna



MAINE

Senator Susan Collins with Virginia Hugo-Vidal and Caroline Baldacci



MAINE

Senator Angus S. King, Jr. with Caroline Baldacci and Virginia Hugo-Vidal



MARYLAND

Senator Benjamin Cardin with Jamie Roa and Morgan Edwards



MARYLAND

Senator Chris Van Hollen with Morgan Edwards and Jamie Roa



MASSACHUSETTS

Senator Elizabeth Warren with Dashiell Chin and Elizabeth Hopkinson



MASSACHUSETTS

Senator Edward Markey with Dashiell Chin and Elizabeth Hopkinson



MICHIGAN

Senator Debbie Stabenow with Quinn Favret and Neha Seshadri



MICHIGAN

Senator Gary Peters with Quinn Favret and Neha Seshadri



MINNESOTA

Senator Amy Klobuchar with Taylor Hvidsten and Anne Omer



MINNESOTA

Senator Tina Smith with Anne Omer and Taylor Hvidsten



MISSISSIPPI

Senator Roger Wicker with Morgan Atkins and Noah Harris



MISSOURI

Senator Roy Blunt with Cameron Gehlert and Catherine Miller



MONTANA

Senator Jon Tester with Hali Kapperud and Abigail Roston



MONTANA

Senator Steve Daines with Hali Kapperud and Abigail Roston



NEBRASKA

Senator Deb Fischer with Bouthaina Ibrahim and Nicole Fintel



NEBRASKA

Senator Ben Sasse with Bouthaina Ibrahim and Nicole Fintel



NEVADA

Senator Dean Heller with Dawson Frost and Pranit Nanda



NEVADA

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto with Pranit Nanda and Dawson Frost



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senator Jeanne Shaheen with Meera Kurup and Cameron Magner



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senator Margaret Wood Hassan with Meera Kurup and Cameron Magner



NEW JERSEY

Senator Robert Menendez with Jasman Singh and Taiwo Odunowo



NEW JERSEY

Senator Cory Booker with Jasman Singh and Taiwo Odunowo



NEW MEXICO

Senator Tom Udall with Miriam Wallstrom and Aaron Braddock



NEW MEXICO

Senator Martin Heinrich with Aaron Braddock and Miriam Wallstrom



NORTH DAKOTA

Senator John Hoeven with Brandon Prichard and Erica Solberg



NORTH DAKOTA

Senator Heidi Heitkamp with Brandon Prichard and Erica Solberg



OHIO

Senator Rob Portman with Joseph Derrico and Ronald Eytchison



OKLAHOMA

Senator James Inhofe with Ravi Patel and James Michael Bond



OKLAHOMA

Senator James Lankford with Ravi Patel and James Michael Bond



OREGON

Senator Jeff Merkley with Julio Flores and Kelly Han



PENNSYLVANIA

Senator Robert Casey with Jason Marcin and Meg Jones



RHODE ISLAND

Senator Jack Reed with Sophia Carter and Taliq Tillman



RHODE ISLAND

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse with Sophia Carter and Taliq Tillman



SOUTH CAROLINA

Senator Tim Scott with Harshini Abbaraju and Henry Lear



SOUTH DAKOTA

Senator John Thune with Derick Peters and Isaac Olson



SOUTH DAKOTA

Senator Michael Rounds with Derick Peters and Isaac Olson



TENNESSEE

Senator Lamar Alexander with Ben Frigon and Tate Stevenson



TENNESSEE

Senator Bob Corker with Ben Frigon and Tate Stevenson



TEXAS

Senator John Cornyn with Kendall Haase and James Williamson



UTAH

Senator Mike Lee with James Madsen and Kate De Groote



VERMONT

Senator Patrick Leahy with Harrison Bushnell and Connor Solimano



VERMONT

Senator Bernard Sanders with Harrison Bushnell and Connor Solimano



VIRGINIA

Senator Mark Warner with Cassidy Sadonis and McKenzie Smith



VIRGINIA

Senator Tim Kaine with Cassidy Sadonis and McKenzie Smith



WASHINGTON

Senator Maria Cantwell with Eman Ahmed, Adah Barenburg (DODEA) and Imani Chapin



WEST VIRGINIA

Senators Joe Manchin III and Shelley Moore Capito with Jerry Lacy III and Ely Osborne



WISCONSIN

Senator Ron Johnson with Sophie Iglar and Sarah Fleming



WISCONSIN

Senator Tammy Baldwin with Sophie Iglar and Sarah Fleming



WYOMING

Senator Michael Enzi with Harriet Pimentel and Thomas Lubnau III



WYOMING

Senator John Barrasso with Harriet Pimentel and Thomas Lubnau III



## CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES DAVID MACNAUGHTON







## You are living in a world of unprecedented opportunity

The Canadian Ambassador to the United States, David MacNaughton, was the illustrious keynote speaker for the annual event showcasing an official perspective from abroad. A distinguished USSYP alumnus, and former presidential advisor to President Clinton, Thomas "Mack" McLarty (AR – 1964) welcomed the delegates and introduced Ambassador MacNaughton. The ambassador's artful remarks touched upon a comprehensive range of key issues facing the U.S. and Canada, including trade, income inequality, immigration, diversity and health care. He stressed

that the hard work of policymaking and consensus building has wrought great positive change in the world, lauding those who "make the conscious decision to make the world a better place." Problems facing humanity can seem overwhelming, he said, "If you only pay attention to the daily headlines, you would think the world is getting worse each day, when, in fact, it is not. Human beings, as a whole, have never led better lives than they lead today, with improvements reflected in health, nutrition, education and income, and the decline in levels of violence around the world," he offered. "You are living in a world of unprecedented opportunity." He described his personal path into public service that began with a summer job at the Ministry of Transport where he discovered a passion for what makes public service so compelling and rewarding. "It's the constant search to help find solutions to create an environment where the public good is

best served," he explained. His words of encouragement led to a call for action, "We need to hear your voices as young people and as the future generation of leaders," he said. Responding to societal evolution, he described an important goal for Canada's public sector, "It is very important to us that the men and women who serve our country reflect a diversity of its population. We believe that diversity is a great strength." The ambassador's wisdom and humor made the evening in the Grand Ballroom memorable, and he concluded by reinforcing the need for diplomacy, "Any time people are sitting down to talk, as opposed to yelling at each other, I think that's good news." Offering much hope for the future, he added, "I know you will leave the world a better place than it is today. It's going to be a big challenge, but I am sure you are up to it," he proclaimed as delegates gathered around him for handshakes and to offer their appreciation.

#### SENATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

#### ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH

#### A Passion to Serve

"All too often, we only look to those in the limelight, unaware of each and every person working in the background to ensure the everyday functioning of our government," said Vermont delegate Connor Solimano in his appreciation remarks for Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough. "Ms. MacDonough preserves the very pillars that hold up our democracy, namely law and order, and she represents the carefully designed structures that enable our democracy to exist in the first place," he praised. For USSYP delegates, the Senate parliamentarian is one of the most anticipated and interesting speakers of Washington Week. Elizabeth MacDonough, the first female

to serve in this position, describes herself as "a nonpartisan, apolitical umpire for the Senate," and "a neutral arbiter of the Senate's rules and procedures." A relatively new position in Senate history, having been established only 80 years ago, Ms. MacDonough finds the job enjoyable because of the breadth of information that crosses her desk. "There is a great deal of research and listening to opposing viewpoints. We learn a fair amount about a huge range of topics. Often there is no easy answer, no written rule or precedent to consider." She has likened the feeling of her job to being back in school, with learning required every day. Her personal passion for public service was evident, and she described her appreciation for colleagues who share these ideals. "Washington is so much more than beautiful buildings and monuments.

Your government is a living, breathing creature. It takes people to make government function, sure, but it takes commitment and ideas, inspiration and innovation, from those same people to make it thrive, to make it really hum and not be a faceless monolith that just churns. It is essential that new people with new reservoirs of ideas and inspiration participate in the care of the creature of government." A standing ovation was received from an audience which represents that reservoir of talent waiting to be tapped.











## NOAA ACTING ADMINISTRATOR TIM GALLAUDET











#### A Visit to NOAA: Science, Service and Stewardship

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), was originally founded by President Thomas Jefferson in 1807 as "The U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey" to provide nautical charts to the maritime community for safe passage into American ports and along the nation's extensive coastline. Together with the Weather Bureau and the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries, founded in 1870 and 1871 respectively, these three organizations

represented America's first physical science agency, first agency dedicated specifically to the atmospheric sciences, and first conservation agency. Brought together in 1970 within the U.S. Department of Commerce, these combined entities were established as NOAA, whose mission of science, service and stewardship now spans from the surface of the sun to the depths of the ocean. RDML Tim Gallaudet, Ph.D., USN Ret., an oceanographer by training and NOAA's Acting Administrator, welcomed the delegates to the historic Herbert C. Hoover building where he and a panel of esteemed NOAA scientists spoke about their personal career paths and their passion to serve the country through science. "We save lives through providing advance notice

of natural weather disasters and fires," said RDML Gallaudet, "Through our resources mapping the oceans and our scientific observations of our skies, NOAA is uniquely positioned to help Americans meet the specific challenges we are facing today." The speakers took many questions from the delegates, noting that for some, the nexus of STEM education and public service may predict their futures. Drawing on 32 years of naval training, RDML Gallaudet offered the delegates some life lessons in leadership: be sure to listen more than speak, thank people along the way, focus on teamwork for success, be positive and personable, and don't forget to have fun as you climb the ladder of success.

#### ACTING ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR FEMA AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

#### BRIAN KAMOIE

#### It is Public Service, Not Self Service

It is a very special event when an esteemed Senate Youth Program alumnus returns to the program for a keynote address. "I had the distinct honor of representing Pennsylvania in 1989," began Brian Kamoie, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Acting Associate Administrator for Mission Support. "But just to make sure I could pass security today, I brought my ID" he smiled, holding up his photo and lanyard from 29 years ago. Now helping to oversee a \$17 billion agency with a more than 700-person staff, Mr. Kamoie made a short plea, "My message to you is simple," he said, "We need you in public service, now more than ever." A veteran of high-level homeland security and public health appointments in both Republican and Democratic administrations, Mr. Kamoie offered

a central piece of advice, "Commit now to learning how to learn. What has helped me above all is knowing I could learn new things, from how to make a flu vaccine to understanding how a blowout preventer works on an oil well to grasping the workings of a nuclear reactor." Having spearheaded recovery efforts from a range of natural and manmade catastrophes, he observed that, "After disasters, we actually see how resilient Americans are. We see it in charitable giving immediately following an event, with Americans opening not just their wallets, but often their homes, for neighbors in need." Reflecting on his personal experience as an alumnus, he counseled the delegates to stay connected and strengthen their bonds, as he predicted, "Your Washington Week colleagues will become the senators and governors of the future." The communication skills and civility employed during Washington Week is invaluable training, he added, "In the future you are going to work with groups of people with very diverse

viewpoints, and your job will be to come up with a shared mission or a shared outcome. You figure it out fast in this town – you have to work with others, be it senators, representatives, the White House or governors." Mr. Kamoie told the students there was no need to wait for college graduation, "If you ever doubt your ability as a young person to change the national dialogue, just watch what's happening now. See how many students of your age come and make an awful lot of good points to people in power." In conclusion, he offered inspiration and advice, "Stay flexible, pursue your passion and find ways to add value. Even if you pursue the private sector, I hope you will always find ways to serve your community." An exemplar of the USSYP mission, Brian Kamoie certainly merited the accolades offered by Delaware delegate Justin Chan for his "unrelenting passion for public service, economic responsibility and the civic good."





### NEWS LITERACY PROJECT

# ALAN MILLER and BARBARA MCCORMACK





# Essential Skills: Critical Thinking for News Media Literacy in the 21st Century

"News literacy has become an essential skill to navigate polarization and partisanship in the 21st century," Hawaii delegate Maya Gee observed as the USSYP Class of 2018 welcomed experts Alan Miller, founder of the News Literacy Project, and Barbara McCormack, vice president of education at The Newseum, for a lively morning panel discussion. Ms. McCormack began by describing the current media landscape as "An information war

zone." "The amount of information on the planet is doubling every two years," Mr. Miller added. News "is coming at us as if through a fire hose," and requires educated consumers to differentiate fake news, misinformation, sloppy journalism, biased news, propaganda and opinion pieces posing as news. "It's a global issue, but one that has a local solution: more highly-educated readers," Mr. Miller prescribed, noting surveys indicating students are routinely sharing inaccurate news online. "We need to stay curious; we need to stop and think critically, and we need to find the tools that can help sort through this flood of information," Ms. McCormack encouraged, asking everyone to "pause before you share." Mr. Miller, a former Washington Bureau chief for the Los Angeles Times, defined news literacy as the ability to discern and create credible information, as a student, a consumer

and as a citizen. "It's really the ability to think like a journalist, because in the information age, everyone is an editor and everyone can be a publisher," he added. A spirited Q & A session ensued, with numerous questions posed about biases and diversity of viewpoints in the news media. Mr. Miller predicted great strides being made in the future, "We need your voices and we need a diversity of voices," he urged. Though the media landscape may become even more complex in the future, both speakers were hopeful that awareness and personal accountability will mitigate the current situation. As Mr. Miller concluded, "The key is education. People must remain skeptical and be armed not to simply believe and share. People need to be determined that fake news stops with me."

# EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE WASHINGTON POST MARTIN BARON

# Giving Meaning to the First Amendment

The soft-spoken demeanor of Mr. Martin Baron, Executive Editor of The Washington Post, belied the steely tenacity and ferocity of purpose that have led to his many accomplishments as one of America's most critically acclaimed national newspaper editors. He reiterated the freedoms of the First Amendment to the Constitution, explaining the principles that guide his work each day, "When James Madison wrote that amendment he talked about examining public characters and measures, and that is how we think about our role," he said, "not just at The Washington Post, but all press has the responsibility to examine our public figures, our government figures, our politicians, their policies, and all powerful institutions and individuals who have a dramatic impact on our society." Mr. Baron shared three famous stories he was responsible for covering, beginning with the 2000

presidential election and the decision he made as editor of the *Miami Herald* to engage a private accounting firm to re-count the unresolved Florida votes after the Supreme Court had voted to stay that effort. "In the end we came up with the fact that George W. Bush had almost certainly won those votes in Florida. I think it was a surprise to many Democrats. But contrary to the accusations that had been leveled against us by the Republican Party,

we had no intention of de-legitimizing the presidency of George W. Bush. Our only intention was to find out who really won the election," he said, adding, "It is the presidency of the United States, after

all." His experience at *The Boston Globe*, heading an explosive investigative report into sexual abuse cases by the Catholic Church in Boston earned the Pulitzer Prize. "We had evidence of potential severe wrongdoing by a very powerful institution and a very powerful individual, and we have an obligation, as the press, to investigate

that," he said, noting the impact of the more than 900 stories that resulted in the resignation of a Cardinal and a series of reforms. Regarding the current administration, Mr. Baron's work is ongoing. "Mr. Trump has made the media a constant target, even calling us 'the enemy of the people,' " he said. "Our job is to hold any administration accountable, to investigate any wrongdoing that we see and to publish the results of those investigations. Those

kinds of investigations are inevitably perceived through a partisan lens, as the Pentagon Papers and as Watergate were perceived, and that's not what's happening. What's happening is that we're trying

to fulfill our obligations to examine public characters and measures, to give meaning to the First Amendment." Florida delegate Stephen Marante spoke for all in appreciation for Mr. Baron, "Thank you for shining the spotlight in dark places and telling the story of people all over our country, who normally would not have that voice."

"We need to get at the truth, notwithstanding the pressures brought by any partisan element or person who accuses us of ulterior motives."

—Martin Baron





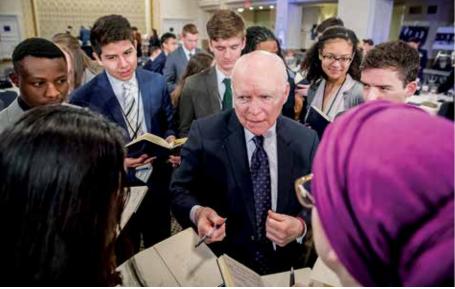
# C-SPAN CEO AND FOUNDER BRIAN LAMB

# Of the Students, By the Students: the USSYP C-SPAN Town Hall Meeting

The last morning of Washington Week begins with the Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel transformed into a strategically lit television studio, ready to film the C-SPAN show Q&A. C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb puts the delegates at ease as he makes his way around the room, microphone in hand. A wide range of topics was brought forth: climate change, gun control, immigration reform, college affordability, just to name a few. But the overarching themes of the delegates' comments were civility, responsibility and hope for the future. Iowa delegate Robert Nishemwe

discussed "...how the American dream has manifested, and has evolved in my life." Taliq Tillman, of Rhode Island, spoke of an "emotional week" where he has grown "both personally and academically." For all delegates, the call to public service and political awareness seemed to start at a young age. "The first moment I realized I was into public service and wanted to follow politics was the night Senator Chris Murphy hosted his filibuster on the Senate Floor. I stayed up until 3:00 AM watching on C-SPAN," explained Tennessee delegate Ben Frigon, bringing a smile to the C-SPAN founder's face. Colorado delegate Agron Lombardi echoed that sentiment; "Ultimately, it's up to the people themselves to vote with a conscience and be educated in civics as well, and that's how many of these issues can be solved, by a populace that's engaged and a populace that's knowledgeable about politics." Many of the students being interviewed had clearly already manifested political awareness and inclination toward public

service into action. Carlee Goldberg, a delegate from Parkland, Florida, felt "It's up to us. That's what we have seen in the Never Again movement. What we see in our local communities and across the country, in every state and across the world, is that there is a need and a desire that is rekindling youth activism." The hour of taping enabled many delegates, and a few Military Mentors, to have a chance to share their personal reflections with a nationwide audience. Arizona delegate Vanessa Strait Constandse summed up her fellow students' gratitude for Mr. Lamb in her closing remarks, "It is through his efforts that many students have cultivated their first understandings of government processes through clear, nonpartisan reporting. Mr. Lamb and C-SPAN have brought the energy of D.C. into our cities, our classrooms, our homes, and have worked steadfastly to ensure the constant access of the people to their government."









2018 DELEGATE SPEECHES

## A Night to Say Farewell

Following Senate Youth Program tradition, after a week hearing from dignitaries, diplomats and the highest-elected officials in the nation, the last individuals to address the delegates are chosen by the students themselves. Accepting the torch on behalf of the next generation, two delegates, one male and one female, who are selected by their peers through a democratic process, reflect on the week that has been shared and offer their vision for the future. Robert Nishemwe of Iowa spoke of his childhood in Tanzania and the manifestation of the American dream his family has experienced since their arrival in the United States. Mackenzie Hawkins of California inspired delegates with her realization that Washington Week had taught her how much she did not know and how excited she feels to head out into the world with an open mind, ready to learn more. Together, both speeches offered thought-provoking moments, plenty of shared laughter and bittersweet emotion at the thought that all would be departing the next day. The Farewell Dinner also brought closure to the week with a solemn flag-folding ceremony conducted by the superb 2018 Military Mentor team and the Presentation of Colors by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard.



# Distinguished Educators Joined Delegates for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Week

The president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and selection administrators from the states of the USSYP Senate Co-Chairs are invited to join the delegates each year for Washington Week. We thank our partners in education for all that they do to support the student selection process.



MR. DANIEL KELLEY
President of the National
Association of Secondary
School Principals

Mr. Daniel Kelley proudly represents over 90,000 school principals and over 1 million students through NASSP's student programs — the National Honor Society and National Student Council Association.

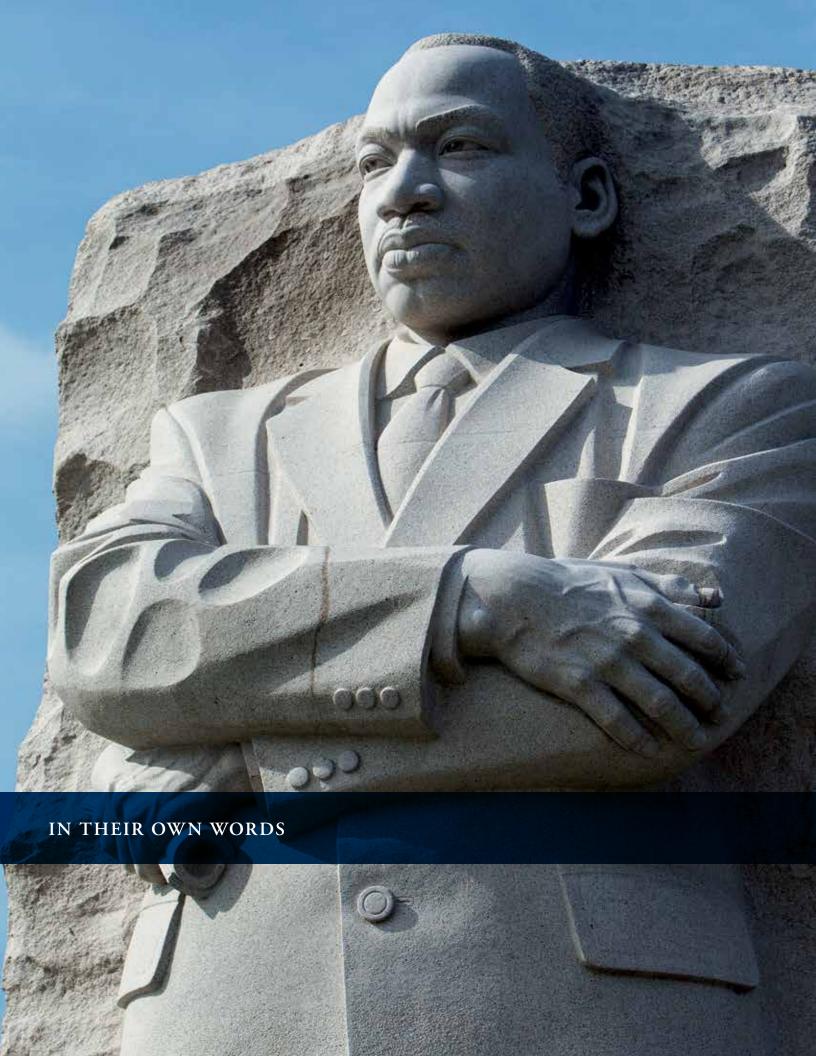


MRS. WANDA DAVIS
State USSYP Program
Administrator, South
Carolina Department
of Education



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Social Studies Specialist,
Western Maine
Regional Representative
and State Selection
AdministratorMaine Department
of Education

UPPER LEFT Delegate Mackenzie Hawkins of California UPPER RIGHT Delegate Robert Nishimwe of Iowa



The week has ignited the fire within me. The flame may have begun as I roamed the floors of the Newseum. Or it may have been waiting outside the Russell Senate Office Building, letting the wind stir among our excited conversations. Perhaps it was as I walked around The White House, feeling the history beneath my feet and the air of prestige. These moments collectively impacted me in ways I cannot even begin to express. It has completely refined my identity and my confidence in where I can see myself in the near future. It has created a fire to continue that sense of leadership and equity that I was immersed in throughout my time in Washington.

BOUTHAINA IBRAHIM, NE - 2018

There is a common feeling among delegates to uplift each other and become the best leaders for this country. A network has formed among us that radiates positive inspirational words of encouragement and assistance in all future endeavors.

KIMBERLY COLLINS, NY - 2018

As Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth

MacDonough put it, "your government is a living, breathing creature." Every delegate of the United States Senate Youth Program is charged with taking care of that creature. Former Presidential Advisor and USSYP alumnus Thomas "Mack" McLarty told us, "I feel good about the future with people like you who will take the good and bad and make it better." In that moment, I felt a small surge of fear and a greater surge of pride and excitement. I don't know where I'll be in five, ten, thirty years, but I do know that I will carry with me the lessons and promise of USSYP.

MACKENZIE HAWKINS, CA – 2018

My personal favorite people to see were President Trump, Vice President Pence, and First Lady Melania Trump. I almost exploded with excitement and happiness to see those three people who have inspired me to never give up and always be myself.

CAMERON GEHLERT, MO - 2018

To come from a small, rural town of roughly 100 people and meet some of the most powerful leaders in our nation was an honor and a privilege, and to be able to shake the president's hand and stand next to him in a picture was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. When President Trump walked towards the students, the first thing he said was, "What a good-looking group!" Hearing that lightened the mood and made him more human.

HALI KAPPERUD, MT - 2018

In my fellow delegates, I witnessed a sharp intellect and unquenchable passion for utilizing government as a tool to improve the lives of others. Positions that I had previously disagreed with were articulated so effectively that I changed my mind.

DAWSON FROST, NV - 2018

Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch underscored the importance of service and selflessness in his remarks, saying, "Judges should be forgotten. Be a person for others. We're not important." By the end of the hour, we felt less of the weight

of history, and more of the pull of the future. We all seemed to feel the call to serve, to impact, to contribute to the greater purpose of "justice for all" that the court system was designed to uphold.

KENDALL HAASE, TX - 2018

Justice Gorsuch reinforced that Americans have more "blessings of liberty than anyone else in the world" and as long as we continue to "give hope, everything else

doesn't matter." I will never forget Justice Gorsuch repeating "you can disagree, but you don't have to be disagreeable" because "you will never regret being kind."

ANANYA KACHRU, CT – 2018

I remember walking into the National Archives and becoming ecstatic. Nowhere else on Earth could you find such a priceless collection of American history, and in the heart of it all we were eating dinner. It was such an honor and a privilege to have both a private tour of the Archives and viewing of The Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights. America's history portrays a message of incredible hope and inspiration to so many nations in the world, we must protect that history as well as cherish it.

KEEGAN WOLFE. ID - 2018

Quickly emerging as an overarching theme in the discussions was the value of civility in government and politics. I had the opportunity to ask Senator Tim Scott to speak to the importance of pluralism and bipartisanship while working in the Senate, to which he responded, "We all agree on 95% of things, but just have different ways of getting there. We fixate too much on our disagreements, rather than our agreements."

NICOLE FINTEL, NE - 2018

I had the opportunity to converse with a wide range of public servants in our country—and I must say my experience with Senator Angus King, one of the two Independents in the Senate, stuck with me the most. A career in politics is often viewed in a cynical way, where promises behind closed doors and sensationalist statements appear to define the status quo. Senator King weakened that perception for me with his "10 Points I Wish I Knew Before Going into Politics." His tenth point stood out to me: "Character is above all else; a reputation is just a shadow of your character."

MARK KELLER, DODEA - 2018

Before this program, I had little military exposure in my life, but after Washington Week I feel like I have gained a new family of military role models, who each day dedicate themselves to the protection and prosperity of the country. As I ruminate on the love and guidance these mentors brought into my life, I am still filled with the same overwhelming gratitude that brought me to tears during the flag-

folding ceremony on the last evening of the program. Though words may fail me, their impact is something I will treasure always.

#### VANESSA STRAIT CONSTANDSE, AZ – 2018

The knowledge, honor, respect for duty, and compassion shown by the Military Mentors in this program are hard to describe. I had the great pleasure to have Captain Jared Smith from Georgia as my mentor, and while we only got to know each other for one week, the lessons he taught me and my fellow delegates represent a much longer span of time, and I am extremely grateful.

JARON CAFFREY, KS - 2018

Another unforgettable aspect of Washington Week was the decorated Military Mentors of each branch that served as guides for the week. They helped to ground me in a week that felt almost too surreal at times. Our Military Mentors showed me what complete dedication to one's country looks like and for that I am forever grateful.

JACOB FISHER, CO - 2018

I cried on the last night of Washington Week, when I witnessed my first flag-folding ceremony. As our Military Mentors stood with the American flag and read moving quotes from our nation's past, a newfound sense of patriotism soared within me. The patriotism I found during Washington Week embodied an appreciation of how far our country has come. More importantly, however, I found recognition of how far our country still must grow, and how my co-delegates and I have the ability to serve and improve our nation.

MIRIAM WALLSTROM. NM - 2018

Congressman John Lewis's words were powerful, they were fierce, and they liberated my mind and sparked an epiphany. I remember sitting down while going through all of Meg's tissues and asking myself, "how can words be this powerful?"

TAIWO ODUNOWO, NI - 2018

We were graced by the presence of Civil Rights activist turned Congressman,

John Lewis. I asked this last living member of the Big Six Civil Rights leaders whether or not he believes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream had been fulfilled. He answered with a reluctant yet inspiring "no, but we are close." Representative Lewis preached I would not recognize my home state of Mississippi even 40 years ago. Just his mere company was incredible.

NOAH HARRIS, MS - 2018

As I sat in The Mayflower Hotel on the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" and listened to civil rights icon John Lewis talk about being beaten within an inch of his life on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, I had chills. He told my co-delegates and me to "be fearless in what lights [our] hearts on fire" and insisted that if we "see something that is not just, [we] have a moral obligation to do something about it." Hearing someone I had previously read about in my AP U.S. History textbook urge us to continue to fight for social change was incredibly inspiring.

MORGAN EDWARDS, MD – 2018

Hearing Mr. Baron speak with such passion about the importance of integrity in pursuing a story and protecting the First Amendment rights so fundamental to our democracy felt extremely monumental to me. To be hearing from such an influential man in a field that I admire so much continues to be one of my favorite parts of the week.

MEG JONES, PA - 2018

In a pool of introverts, extroverts, and in-betweens, we were united in our unrestrained love for the power of humanities and democracy. I sensed this passion in the initial discussions on orientation day. I saw it come alive in the genuine, eloquent appreciation remarks. I felt it resonate across the room in every group discussion, speaker question session, and personal interaction. Coming into USSYP, I knew I was going to meet ambitious overachievers, but I instead met something far more inspiring: devoted believers who turned challenges into opportunities.

SIBANI RAM, IA - 2018

My journal is my time capsule of this life-altering moment. Its dog-eared pages are filled with warm handshakes and difficult questions, with bus rides between landmarks and strolls through memorials, with standing ovations and immaculate quotes, with delegates' autographs that'll cost a fortune one day and blurry Polaroids that I will forever cherish. My journal is a kaleidoscope of memories I refuse to let fade.

KAITLYN YOO, AZ - 2018

As a student who is passionate about technology and the STEM field, multiple venues and speakers stood out to me. Director of Cybersecurity Mr. Linus Barloon II spoke about the three components to cyber safety: people, technology, and process. By fostering the relationship among these key components, we can work towards keeping our country safe from the "bad guys" or hackers who steal secret information.

MEERA KURUP, NH - 2018

I noted that although my interest was environmental policy, meeting all of

these other students would be beneficial in learning about the whole government. One of the delegates in my small group was interested in astrophysics, so we bonded over our excitement for the group's visit to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. We had had a countdown to this event all week, and were so thrilled to have the opportunity to discuss our favorite topics in scientific policy.

CATHERINE MILLER, MO - 2018

The conversations I had with both of Nevada's senators helped me see their passion for serving our state and nation and gave me greater motivation to do so in the future. When I spoke to Senator Dean Heller about pursuing a career in public service, he gave me a valuable piece of advice. He told me that by becoming an expert in any field, not necessarily politics or law, I can find a relevant position in the public sector and have an impact in government.

PRANIT NANDA, NV - 2018

It wasn't until hearing Sen. Amy Klobuchar's speech on the Thursday of Washington Week that I realized I wanted to run for office, myself, one day. Sen. Klobuchar spoke to us about the need for more women to run for office so as to better represent women in this country. She also spoke about the different standards for men and women within government. She explained that women often feel they don't know enough to run for an office, which is exactly the way I had felt for the longest time.

SYDNEY LEIDIG, IL - 2018



As I listened to some of the most powerful and influential individuals in the world, I realized that they were once where I am now—about to enter the real world. Everyone has humble beginnings and is a "kid from somewhere." I now understand that the road to my aspirations will not be easy or straightforward. I will face challenges, twists and turns, and steps backwards, but if I am committed and persevere I will eventually make progress and move forward.

JOSEPH DERRICO, OH - 2018

Senator Tim Scott said how "by looking for common ground, you can make uncommon progress" and that is exactly what this group did. I am excited to see the future of my co-delegates and see the impact they make on not only their community, but our country.

OUINN FAVRET. MI – 2018

The 2018 United States Senate Youth Program was a mirror, reflecting to me the bright future of this country. Though today's political culture highlights the divisions among people, Washington Week demonstrated a newfound sense of unity and cooperative spirit within my generation.

GRACE DRAGNA, LA - 2018





## HISTORIC SITES IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL























## WASHINGTON WEEK 2018

























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ALASKA



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Senator Daniel Sullivan



Brian Conwell Unalaska City Jr./Sr. High School



Bianca Eagan Juneau-Douglas High School

ARIZONA



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Senator Jeff Flake



Vanessa Strait Constandse Highland High School



Kaitlyn Yoo Arizona College Prepatory

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Senator Tom Cotton



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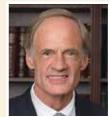


Ananya Kachru Amity Regional High School



Annie Wang Cheshire High School

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Senator Marco Rubio



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Mark Keller Brussels American High School Belgium - DODEA



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Senator David Perdue



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Aaron Fondal Strong Rock Christian School

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Senator Cory Booker



Taiwo Odunowo Orange High School



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Senator John Hoeven



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#### OKLAHOMA



Senator James M. Inhofe



Senator James Lankford



James Michael Bond Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School



Ravi Patel Southmoore High School

#### OREGON



Senator Ron Wyden



Senator Jeff Merkley



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Kelly Han Westview High School

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Meg Jones Hempfield Area High School



Jason Marcin Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School

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Sophia Carter Pilgrim High School



Taliq Tillman The Met High School

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Senator Lindsey Graham



Senator Tim Scott



Harshini Abbaraju Connections Academy



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Senator Michael Rounds



Isaac Olson Mobridge-Pollock High School



Derick Peters West Central High School

#### TENNESSEE



Senator Lamar Alexander



Senator Bob Corker



Ben Frigon Montgomery Bell Academy



Tate Stevenson Lincoln County High School

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Senator Ted Cruz



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Senator Tim Kaine



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#### A FAMILY, A FOUNDATION, A LEGACY

For 56 years, the United States Senate Youth Program has brought thousands of America's brightest young students to Washington, returning them home with insight into their heritage and scholarships to further their education. Each year the students leave with lasting impressions of their week including new friendships forged in shared experiences that many term "life-changing."

Although they did not live to see the program's creation, the progenitors of The Hearst Foundations are with the USSYP delegates each year in spirit. An exemplar of American success, George Hearst was born on a farm in Missouri and went west to seek his fortune in mining. Through industry and acumen he developed the family fortune, eventually becoming a U.S. Senator for California. At the time of his death in 1891, he had served four years of his six-year term. His wife, pioneering philanthropist Phoebe Apperson Hearst, distinguished herself as one of America's most accomplished women, dedicated to educational and children's causes. She co-founded the National Parent Teachers Association in 1897, and after she died one educator said, "Her charities were as broad as the sea and as silent as the quiet of the night."

William Randolph Hearst, their only child, was born in 1863 and became one of the great legends of American journalism – establishing vast media holdings and new forms of communication as his newspapers detailed the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. During his life he gave millions of dollars to colleges, hospitals, kindergartens and museums, and in the decade before his death he established the two foundations that bear his name.

The United States Senate Youth Program was envisioned by William Randolph Hearst's sons, George R. Hearst and Randolph A. Hearst, who worked with the Senate Leadership of the day – Senators Kuchel, Mansfield, Dirksen and Humphrey – to establish and authorize the program in 1962. Since inception, the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders and the Vice President of the United States have served as the program's Honorary Co-Chairs; two Senators, one of each party, serve as annual Co-Chairs and an eight-Senator bipartisan panel serves as the annual Advisory Committee. The Hearst Foundations fully fund and administer all operational aspects of the program including college scholarships and yearly grants to the state departments of education to support the selection of delegates.

The Hearst Foundations continue to support numerous charitable and educational organizations across the country. The Foundations' two flagship initiatives are the United States Senate Youth Program and the annual William Randolph Hearst Journalism Awards Program, founded in 1960, to encourage journalistic excellence and to support education at accredited undergraduate schools of journalism across the country.