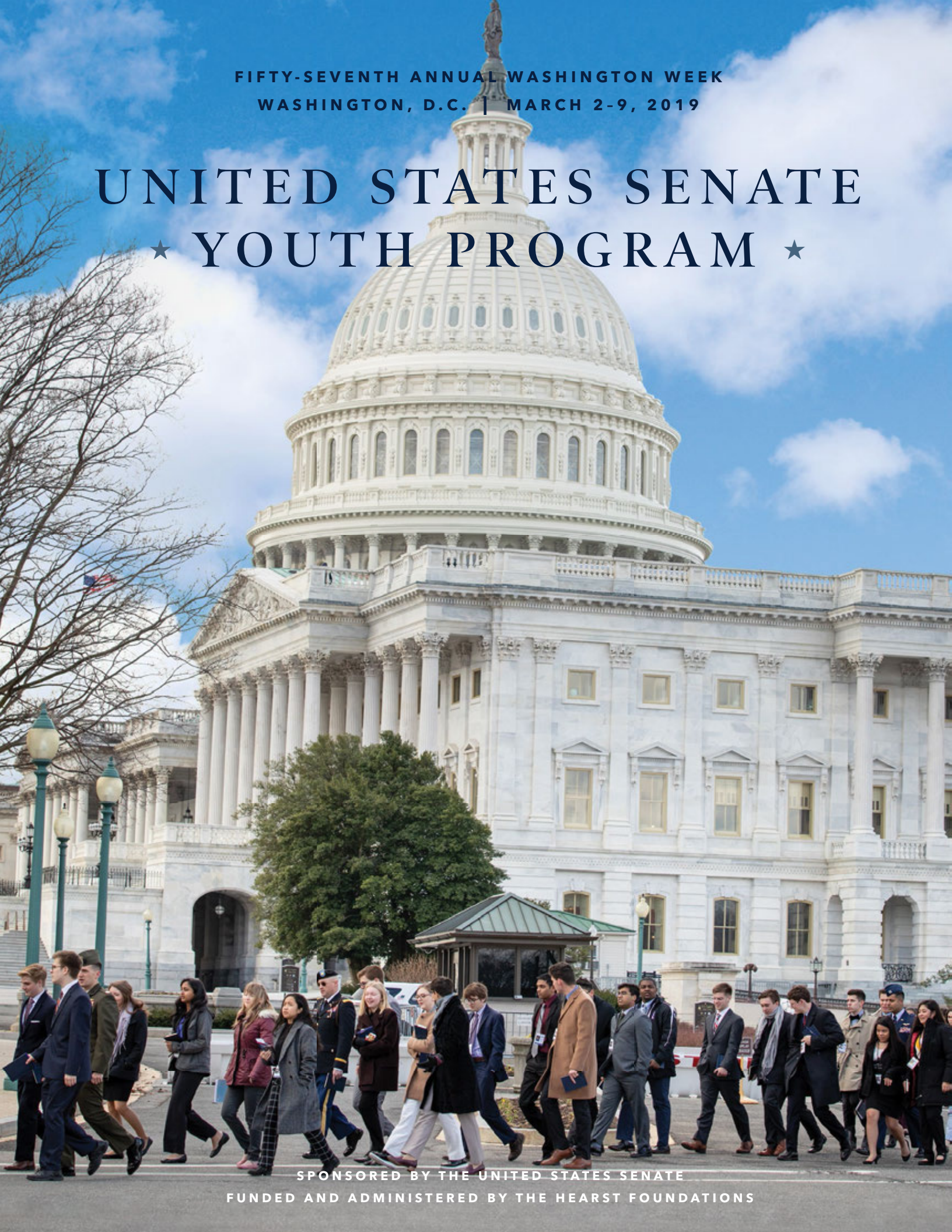


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“The American Dream means giving it your all,
trying your hardest, accomplishing something.
And then I’d add to that, giving something back.
No definition of a successful life can do
anything but include serving others.”

—GEORGE H.W. BUSH, 1924-2018



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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 States 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.



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EDUCATION · LEADERSHIP · PUBLIC SERVICE

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."

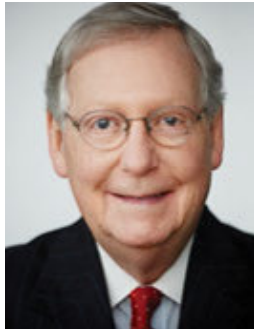
The 57th annual Washington Week brought 104 outstanding high school students—two from every state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity—to Washington, D.C., to see the federal government up close and meet and interact with those who lead it. As the students develop 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 or appointed 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 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.

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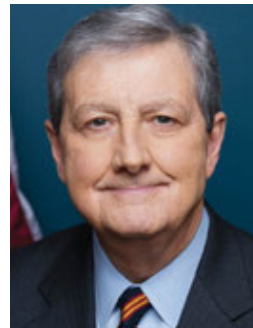
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OF MARYLAND

“The feeling in your gut, that sense of responsibility to your community, to our nation, and to one another, must be acted upon. I challenge you to respond to that call of duty to your neighbors and your nation in plentiful times and also in times of great need.”

—SENATOR JONI K. ERNST

“YOU CAN READ 15 DIFFERENT PARAGRAPHS FROM 15 DIFFERENT OUTLETS OR PLATFORMS, AND PRETTY MUCH GET THE SAME THING. WHAT WORRIES ME THE MOST IS PEOPLE WON’T READ BEYOND THAT. I WANT PEOPLE TO GO DEEP.”

—ABC NEWS CHIEF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT MARTHA RADDATZ

“People have probably been telling you, ‘You are our future leaders.’ In fact, you are our present leaders. You are the here and now for this country. You are the people who are going to give us the conscience and conviction we need in a challenging time.”

—SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

“OUR REVOLUTION GAVE US OUR INDEPENDENCE AND A SET OF IDEALS: LIBERTY, EQUALITY, NATURAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS, AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP. OUR JOB IS TO FULFILL THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.”

—HISTORIAN JACK WARREN

“DON’T LISTEN TO THE PURVEYORS OF HATRED AND DISCORD. THAT IS WHAT THREATENS THE VIABILITY OF THIS NATION MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.”

—U.S. SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BENJAMIN S. CARSON, SR. M.D.

“Be kind. Treat everyone with respect. In my experience, the Senate community is very much a family.”

—SECRETARY OF THE SENATE JULIE E. ADAMS

“Even the most daunting legislative challenges can be overcome. Every effort, even a landmark bill like the Civil Rights Act, is just one step toward the greater goal of a more perfect union.”

—SENATE HISTORIAN BETTY KOED

“Always try to understand another person’s perspective.” — CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.

“THIS COUNTRY IS PLANTED THICK WITH LAWS. WE CAN TAKE COMFORT AND BE SAFE IN THE RULE OF LAW, AND IT APPLIES TO EVERYBODY. ”

—JUDGE ROBERT H. HENRY

“Washington is so much more than beautiful buildings and monuments. Your government is a living, breathing creature. It needs to be tended. It needs caretakers.”

—SENATE PARLIAMENTARIAN ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH

“In a world where data and technology become commodities, what will distinguish you is your ability to know what to do with it. So be a reader, because that’s the foundation of critical thinking, but learn to be a critical thinker.”

—PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SUSAN M. GORDON

“One of the greatest privileges of joining the foreign service is that you can have dealings with colleagues of different cultures, different languages, different relations, but in a way, you will realize that you speak the same language. You have the same understanding. This is something that makes you richer.”

—ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES ARMANDO VARRICCHIO

“THE FOUNDERS RECOGNIZED THAT WE WOULD HAVE DIFFERENCES. BUT THEY WERE STUDENTS OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT, AND FROM DISAGREEMENTS THEY THOUGHT WE WOULD CREATE FAR MORE IMAGINATIVE AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS THAN ANY TYRANT COULD EVER THINK OF. THAT’S WHAT WE NEED OUT OF OUR ELECTED LEADERS NOW, AND THAT’S WHAT WE NEED OUT OF YOU.”

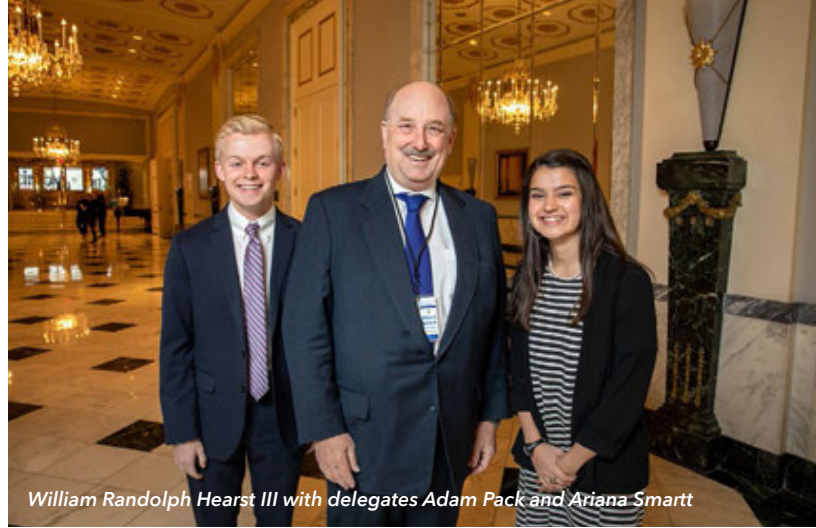
—SENATOR MICHAEL F. BENNET

“It takes about half a second to destroy your reputation for integrity, and it is nearly impossible to get it back. Be committed to working hard, telling the truth and listening to those around you. Integrity matters.”

—U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MICHAEL R. POMPEO

“What you get to do and contribute in public service is simply remarkable. You will know that you gave your love and your labor to make things better for your community, for the nation and for the planet.”

—FEMA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN KAMOIE



William Randolph Hearst III with delegates Adam Pack and Ariana Smartt



CONGRATULATIONS FROM William Randolph Hearst III

DEAR DELEGATES,
On behalf of everyone at The Hearst Foundations, I commend you for your outstanding participation in the 57th annual Washington Week. We are certain that your time in the nation's capital reinforced your individual commitments to active, informed citizenship and to public service. Your intellectual curiosity, eloquence and passion for making our world a better place was on full display during the exciting week that we commemorate in these pages.

The highest levels of leadership in all three branches of government welcomed our delegates and gave them the opportunity to ask questions and converse in a personal way that is unique to this historic program. We send our deep appreciation to the 2019 Senate Co-Chairs, Senator

Joni K. Ernst and Senator Richard Blumenthal. Without the help and support of our Senate Co-Chairs and their staff 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 enduring collaboration with the United States Senate, the state departments of education nationwide and the Department of Defense.

Numbering more than 5,700, 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 School Officers and all of the state-level education administrators, teachers and school counselors 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.

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57TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON WEEK, MARCH 2-9, 2019

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Tour of Mount Vernon and The Newseum

JACK D. WARREN, JR.
Revolutionary War Historian and Executive Director, Society of the Cincinnati at The Newseum

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

ROBERT H. HENRY
Former Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

JULIE E. ADAMS
Secretary of the Senate

ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH
Senate Parliamentarian

MARY MAZANEC
Director, Congressional Research Service

BETTY KOED Senate Historian

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR. Chief Justice of the United States

Opening Dinner:
Senator JONI K. ERNST

Republican Co-Chair of the 57th annual United States Senate Youth Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Secretary BENJAMIN S. CARSON, SR. M.D. U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

MARY KANE
Executive Director, United States Diplomacy Center and delegate diplomacy simulation

State Department Luncheon:
Secretary MICHAEL R. POMPEO
U.S. Department of State

DAVID S. FERRIERO
Archivist of the United States

National Archives Dinner:
Senator RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

Democratic Co-Chair of the 57th annual United States Senate Youth Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

SUSAN M. GORDON
Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence

MARTHA RADDATZ
ABC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent

Ambassador Lunch:
ARMANDO VARRICCHIO
Italian Ambassador to the United States

57th ANNUAL SENATE RECEPTION

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

BRIAN KAMOIE
Associate Administrator, FEMA

Democratic Perspective Lunch:
Senator MICHAEL F. BENNET

Meeting with THE PRESIDENT

The National Symphony Orchestra concert at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

BRIAN LAMB
Founder and Executive Chairman, C-SPAN

Wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

Pentagon visit

DAVID NORQUIST PTDOT
Deputy Secretary of Defense

GENERAL PAUL J. SELVA
Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

ANNE KIMBERLEY JOINER
Acting Principal Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

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



USSYAA President-elect Gil Valadez, DE-1997 welcomes the 2019 delegates



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. 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 higher education and careers.

On the evening of their arrival, all students are gathered for an in-depth orientation defining program rules, logistics and expectations. Students learn new levels of protocol and decorum to fulfill their roles as public representatives of their schools, communities and states in the name of the United States Senate. 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.

“Illustrate an attitude
of gratefulness.”

REPUBLICAN CO-CHAIR

Senator Joni K. Ernst
of Iowa

FOUR PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE YOU
TO LEAD AND TO SERVE



Senator Ernst with Iowa delegates James Meng and Kevin Drahos



THE OPENING DINNER of the 57th annual Washington Week began with the historic flourish of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps resounding through the Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel. USSYP 2019 Republican Co-Chair Senator Joni K. Ernst of Iowa soon took the stage to share her Midwestern warmth, behind-the-scenes Senate stories and sound advice for success in life. Her rural upbringing and military background have set the foundation for the four pillars that guide her life today. "Like families across America, we worked hard for what we had, and we leaned on each other and our neighbors for support," she reflected. Joining the Army ROTC while at Iowa State University led to her role as a company commander in Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom One. "The years I spent in the military were some of the best in my life, and it was an honor to serve. During that time, I learned how truly exceptional our great nation is," she said. "Today in the United States Senate, I may wear a slightly different uniform, but my

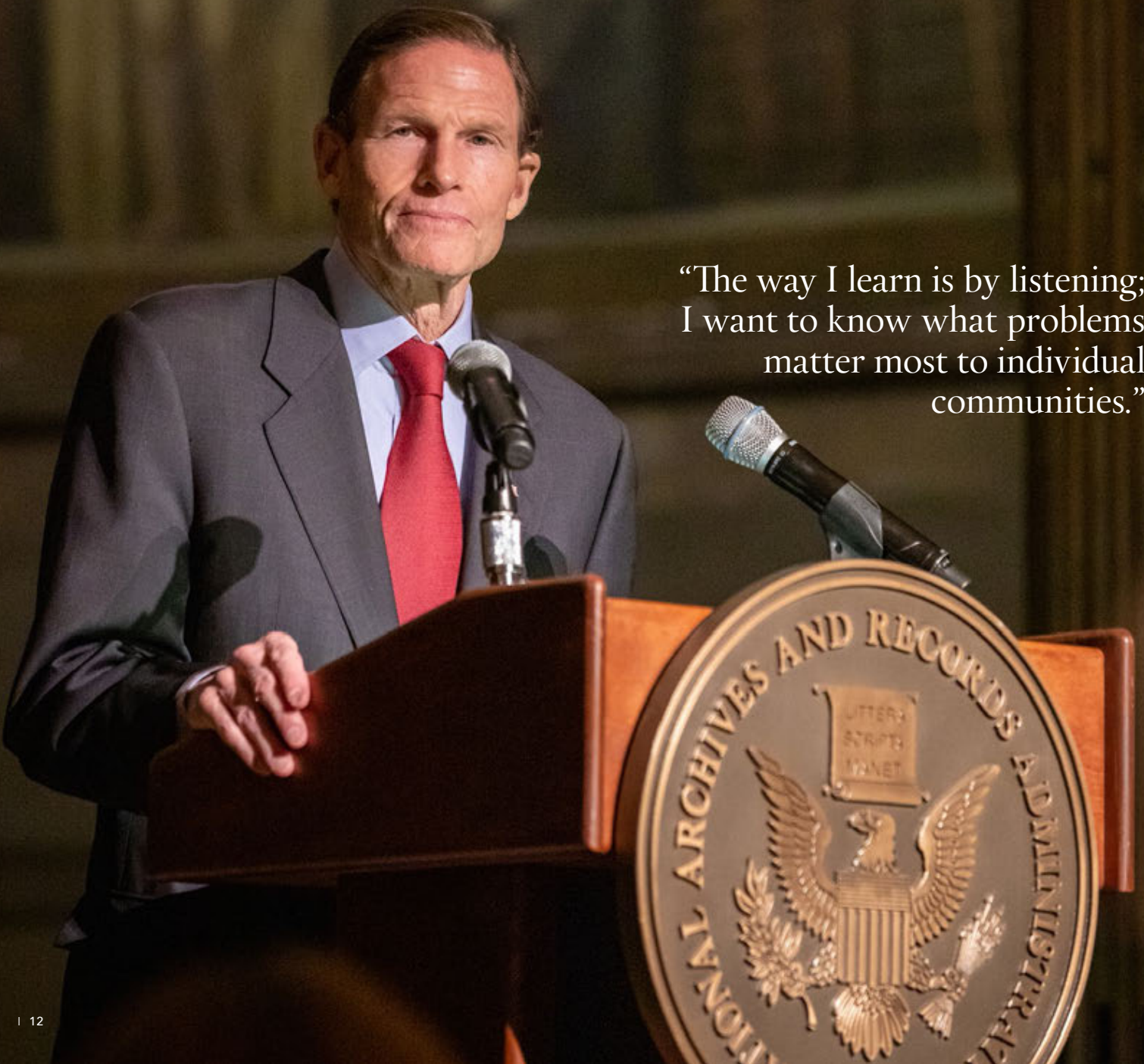
focus and commitment to the American people has never faltered." The four principles she strives toward every day are *Leadership*, *Prudent Risk*, *Service* and *Gratitude*. Senator Ernst defined leadership as "Encouraging and empowering those who look to you for direction and guiding them on the best path forward." She urged the delegates to "Take risks, but use reason. Know your challenges. Discover new opportunities. Evaluate the good and the bad in every situation and then make a prudent decision." Her third pillar, service, resonated with all in attendance: "That sense of responsibility to your community, to our nation and to one another must be acted upon. Respond to that call of duty to your neighbors and to your nation in plentiful times and also in times of great need." Addressing gratitude, she advised the delegates to "Be grateful each and every day for the wonderful blessings bestowed on you and especially for those who have helped make those blessings possible." In closing, Senator Ernst reminded delegates to "Illustrate an attitude of gratefulness. We never get to where we want to be without our friends, without our family, without our teachers and without other role models behind us and also showing us the way."

DEMOCRATIC CO-CHAIR

Senator Richard Blumenthal *of Connecticut*

CALL FOR LEADERSHIP
AND INNOVATION
AGAINST BACKDROP
OF HISTORY

“The way I learn is by listening;
I want to know what problems
matter most to individual
communities.”



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RARIFIED EXPERIENCE, even for Washingtonians, is receiving a behind-the-scenes tour at the National Archives and engaging in a Q&A session with the Archivist of the United States, David S. Ferriero. Each year, the USSYP delegates receive just that, giving them special access to the treasures housed within the building's magnificent rotunda, including the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

Dining adjacent to the rotunda that evening, the students are surrounded by America's founding documents, also known as the Charters of Freedom. As Senator Richard Blumenthal, an expert on law and law enforcement, stepped to the podium, he remarked that it was also a first for him to deliver a keynote just steps from the Constitution. He reflected on his path to public service, from Harvard College and Yale Law School to joining the Marine Corps Reserve, before becoming a U.S. Attorney and prosecuting cases on civil rights and environmental pollution. "Most of my life has been about enforcing laws, not making them," said the former chief federal prosecutor, "but at the core of everything I do is helping individual people, keeping in mind their faces and voices. Reaching out to people and listening."

As a young Supreme Court law clerk, he asked esteemed Justice Byron White for advice on entering public service. "He banged on his desk emphatically and said, 'Roots!'" Senator Blumenthal recalled. "He told me to go back to my community, or put down roots in one of my choosing, and help people." During a lengthy Q&A, Senator Blumenthal shared innovative ideas he endorses to reduce the student loan burden on young people by allowing loan forgiveness through public service. In response to a question on climate change, he lamented, "I will be very blunt. I am ashamed and embarrassed that my generation hasn't done more. One of the basic compacts in America is we leave the country and the world better than we found it." He noted that he was the students' age when President John F. Kennedy declared that America would put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. "At the time, nobody knew how to put a man on the moon! We didn't have that technology. Today, we do have the technology to save the planet. And there is a real and bipartisan conversation going on about how to do so while creating many jobs. I welcome your involvement and engagement, because this is one of the preeminent challenges of our time."

In closing, Senator Blumenthal commended the delegates on serving in the program and encouraged them, "I know a lot of folks have probably been telling you that you are our future leaders," he said. "In fact, you are our present leaders. You are the here and now for this country. You are the people who are going to give us the conscience and conviction we need in this challenging time."



Senator Blumenthal with Connecticut delegates Bayan Galal and Megan Striff-Cave



Archivist of the United States David Ferriero with New York delegates David Oks and Abraham Baker-Butler





Former Chief Judge Henry with Oklahoma delegates Nathan Dethloff and Kate Carpenter



FORMER CHIEF JUDGE Robert H. Henry (USSYP – OK 1971)

PROMOTE CIVILITY AND THE RULE OF LAW

“DOES IT GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS?” asked USSYP distinguished alumnus Robert H. Henry as he kicked off Washington Week 2019. The former chief judge of the U.S. Tenth Circuit defined what he considers to be the core tenets of the Senate Youth Program, civil but passionate dialogue, a deep love of history and the drive toward public service. Recognizing current politics, he noted, “We are at a challenging time. There is division in our country and stress on our great institutions.” It was from a similar set of challenges that the USSYP was founded, he reflected, to refocus on civil dialogue and public service following the McCarthy era.

Judge Henry’s family inspired him toward politics and public service. “My father was a part of that greatest generation. At 19, he was fighting Hitler, was wounded multiple times, but made it back to the front each time.

He came back with a strong belief in America and a desire to go to law school and try and make things better. I went with him to political rallies, seeing people step up on the back of a pickup truck and make their arguments,” he reminisced. From those roots, the young Oklahoman would build a career of service encompassing all three branches of government.

Setting the stage for the visit to the Supreme Court later that day, Judge Henry recalled the words of Alexander Hamilton’s Federalist 78 essay (the essay most often cited by Supreme Court justices): “The judiciary has neither sword, as the executive branch has, nor purse, as the legislative branch has. It is described as the least powerful, but as Hamilton wrote, it has judgment.” Today’s judiciary might be more powerful than Hamilton envisioned, because issues not decided by the other branches end up in the courts. “Judges do not have the option of not deciding a case that comes before them,” Judge Henry noted, from experience. “Judges have to decide.”

Judge Henry directed the delegates to “Have a great week. Take it all in. Write some of it down. Go home and tell the people what you have seen here, and somehow pay this foundation back in careers that will promote the rule of law.” As Judge Henry closed to warm applause, the audience seemed to agree with delegate Kate Carpenter’s assessment of the morning keynote speaker as a “true Oklahoma hero.”

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

John G. Roberts, Jr.

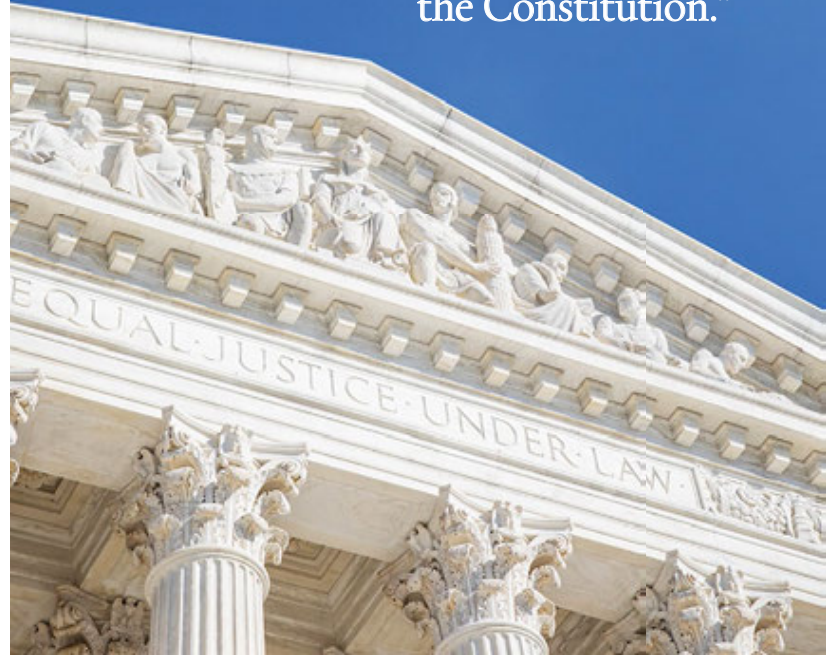
PERSPECTIVE ON THE COURT

WITHIN THE HALLOWED MARBLE WALLS of the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday, March 4, 2019, the delegates quietly anticipated what would surely be a once-in-a-lifetime experience as the chief justice of the United States entered the Courtroom.

An avid student of history who had aspired in college to become a history professor, John G. Roberts, Jr., the nation's 17th chief justice, opened the session by inviting the students to think about the significance of March 4 in American history. "Two hundred and thirty years ago, the new federal government began operating," he explained, noting that the first Congress convened on that day in New York City. He added that not until a year later did the first meeting of the Supreme Court take place. The chief justice then pivoted to answering the students' questions, as all hands flew into the air.

Asked if current events or public opinion caused him to regret a decision of the Court, he answered firmly, "No. Our job is the law. Members of Congress and the president are active; we are a reactive body," he explained. "We look forward, not backward, after doing the best job we can." The

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Chief Justice Roberts with Indiana delegates
William Schrepferman and Ishaan Modi



chief justice also noted that "justices come to the Court with a wide variety of political persuasions, but once here, they don't represent clients; they represent the Constitution."

Chief Justice Roberts painted a picture of the workload of a justice. He described the special opportunity he has to work alongside eight extremely qualified colleagues. "It is rare in government that you have nine people doing exactly the same job," he said. "We have taken the same oath and we have a strong bond." Noting the critical role of civility within the Court, he explained that the justices follow a rule in Conference that nobody speaks twice until everyone has spoken once. "Always try to understand another person's perspective," he counseled. "They deserve a fair hearing."

On going to law school, the chief justice said, "It is very important for people in our society to know the law, to understand deeply what the Rule of Law means." He urged students to "learn why the law is referred to as 'the wise restraints that make men free.'" While acknowledging that the field has become more commercial, the chief justice encouraged the students to follow their passion to study the law and, most importantly, to understand the many ways that lawyers can give back to their communities.

The delegates filled their USSYP journals with quotes, advice and ideas to ponder for many years to come.

Photo: Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States



Secretary Adams with Kentucky delegates Heeba Nazeer and Luke Webster



Parliamentarian MacDonough with Vermont delegates Lia Rubel and John Fannon

SENATE OFFICERS

Julie E. Adams Elizabeth MacDonough

CARETAKERS OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT: A DISCUSSION OF HISTORY, TRADITION, RULES AND PRECEDENT

THE KENNEDY CAUCUS ROOM in the Russell Senate Office Building, with its ornate columns, marble walls and gilded coffered ceiling, is replete with history. The site of the *Titanic* and Pearl Harbor investigations, the room where the Watergate hearings took place, and where John F. Kennedy launched his bid for the presidency of the United States, it is also the setting for the annual meeting of the Senate Youth delegates with the Senate's most senior officers. Secretary of the Senate Julie E. Adams offered a heartfelt welcome: "You are now a part of a great Senate tradition, and the Senate is a body that loves traditions."

Secretary Adams reflected on her first experiences on Capitol Hill as a press aide for Senator Mitch McConnell. "I was learning something new every day, and was surrounded by really smart, hardworking people as I saw the process of legislating firsthand." She continued, "Everyone who works on Capitol Hill has their own story about how they got to where they are now, and no two are the same, but a common theme you'll find is a deep desire to make a difference and to serve this country. Public service is a noble calling." Her nonpartisan position, created in 1789, keeps the United States Senate running efficiently. Ms. Adams relayed counsel she received from mentors through the years, "Be lifelong learners. Remain humble. Have a strong work ethic. Treat everyone with respect. Be a leader and a team player, sharing credit with those who helped you accomplish something."

Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough, the first woman to hold the office, discussed her critical role: "I serve as a nonpartisan, apolitical umpire for the Senate, a neutral arbiter of their rules, procedures and laws," she began. "I always have as my primary charge the best interest of the Senate as an institution." While her title may convey images of dusty legal tomes, Ms. MacDonough's perspective on public service was anything but stultified. "I hope that you will recognize that Washington is so much more than beautiful buildings and monuments. Your government is a living, breathing creature. It needs to be tended. It needs caretakers." Both leaders took many questions, and hoped that a focus on public service, and a role in government, would be on the horizon for delegates. "You may come away from this visit with a new or changed vision of what you want your educational focus or your career path to be, and if that means federal service, well, I could not be more thrilled," said Ms. MacDonough. Vermont delegate Lia Rubel took the messages of both speakers to heart in her appreciation remarks, recognizing "Even some of the most respected officials come from humble beginnings. There is a very important value to hard work, both in our personal lives and in creating our government's future. As students, I know we will hold on to this message in all that we do and wherever we go."

**"Your government is a
living, breathing creature.
It needs caretakers."**

—SENATE PARLIAMENTARIAN
ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH

SENATE HISTORIAN

Betty Koed

WITH CRS DIRECTOR

Mary Mazanec

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE
AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

A LUNCHEON AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Madison Building brought the delegates a wealth of knowledge from women who hold two of the highest-ranking offices in the legislative branch. Director of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) Dr. Mary Mazanec began her remarks by touting the more than 2,400 CRS reports that have recently been made available online, spanning the gamut of current issues facing the nation. "I get to spend every day learning about new topics and thinking about issues critical to our country," she said, describing her job directing Congress' own nonpartisan "think tank" that provides research and analysis to support legislation and policy-making. Dr. Mazanec offered an overview of the Library and referenced a few surprises housed in the vast collection: Thomas Jefferson's recipe for ice cream, 2,100 baseball cards from the earliest days of the sport and an unexpected array of antique musical instruments.

Following lunch, Senate Historian Dr. Betty Koed brought the room to the edge of their seats with a moment-by-moment account of the powerful forces and political intrigue behind the making of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. "I'll take you on a legislative journey," she began. "For a century, the Senate had been the principal obstacle to every civil rights bill," until an unassuming man from Montana, Democratic Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, took the first steps toward bending the arc of history. He found an ally in Republican leader Everett Dirksen, who said, paraphrasing the author Victor Hugo, "stronger than all the armies is an idea whose time has come. It will not be stayed or denied. It is here." After months of debate, coalition-building, filibusters and cloture votes, the historic measure passed.

Dr. Koed drew on three key lessons from this pivotal moment in American history. First, "do not fear debate," she said. The champions of the Civil Rights bill welcomed lengthy debate and listened to viewpoints from all sides. Second, "be open to compromise." In this case, Republican amendments made the bill passable. "Third," she affirmed, "leadership does matter." Each of the bill's bipartisan leaders, who were also the original sponsors of the Senate Youth Program, made difficult decisions and strengthened fragile alliances to achieve success. Finally, "good legislation takes time," she offered as advice to future legislators in the audience; it is critical to "learn the art of patience."



Dr. Koed with California delegates Lauren Kong and Cindy Aguilar-Castaneda



Dr. Mazanec with Ohio delegates Grace Kosco and Navkiran Chima





U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE
Michael R. Pompeo

“Integrity matters.”

LUNCHEON AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE IMPACT OF DIPLOMACY on America’s leadership in the world and on American well-being at home was a core academic component of Washington Week 2019. The delegates were guided through the State Department’s Harry S. Truman building from the adjacent U.S. Diplomacy Center, where they had just completed an intricate diplomacy simulation.

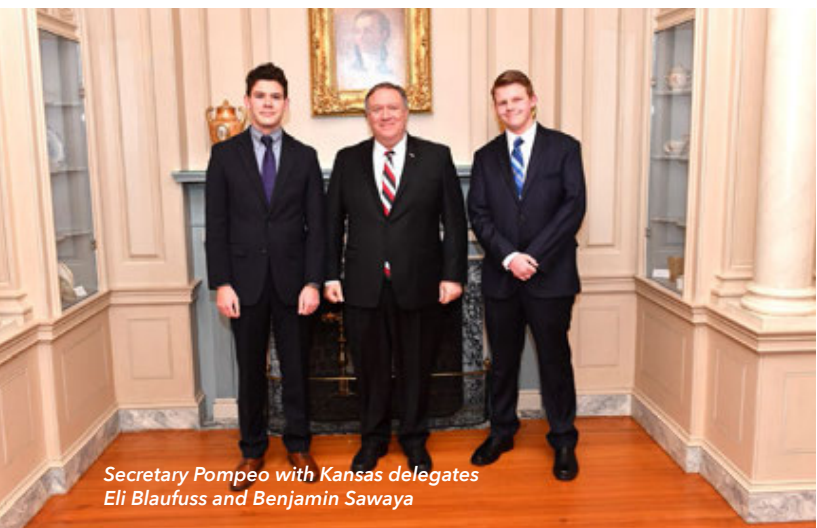
Crossing the lobby, the students passed a large mural entitled *The Defense of Human Freedoms*, depicting the five freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights, flanked at either end by American military defenders.

The 70th Secretary of State, Michael R. Pompeo, a former director of the CIA and West Point graduate, greeted the students as a living embodiment of the artwork’s message. He welcomed the group to the splendid Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room: “We are committed to achieving the American ideals,” he began.

“Of 185-plus embassies, to a country, they value Americans being there. Why? Because they get a chance to see how we model life, how our team members work, how they are dedicated and don’t take bribes, how we interact with our foreign counterparts and how we interact with each other. We treat each person with the dignity they deserve, because of our belief in human rights.”

Noting an upcoming call with the Iraqi prime minister and discussions he held earlier that day with the foreign ministers of France and the UK, Secretary Pompeo stressed the critical importance of coalition building in achieving American goals. “Every place we go, American diplomats make sure it’s not just America working on the mission, but our friends and partners doing so as well,” he said, citing NATO and other allies in the continuing fight against ISIS.

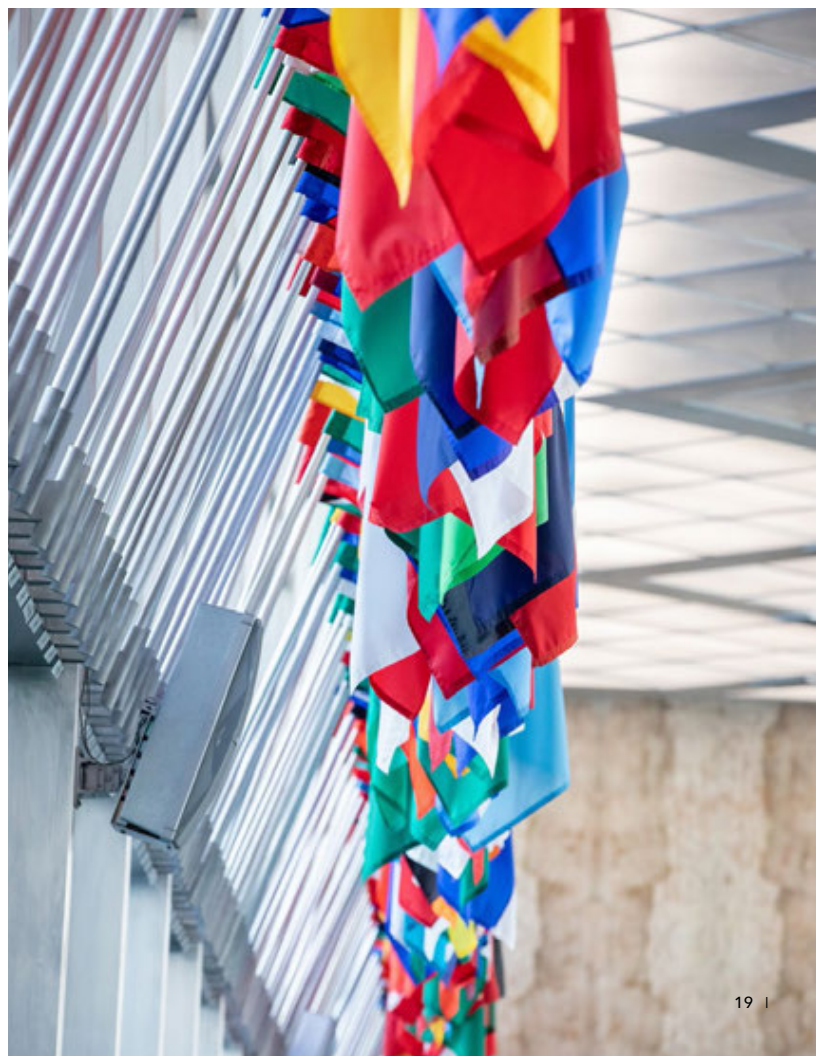
He described the more than 75,000-person State Department workforce as a team composed of amazing individuals and a wide variety of diverse vocations and opportunities to serve. “The places you can go, using



Secretary Pompeo with Kansas delegates
Eli Blaufuss and Benjamin Sawaya

your skill set and expertise as an American diplomat abroad, are enormous. Engineers, scientists, historians, language experts, construction workers—the range of skills we utilize is vast,” he proclaimed, encouraging the students to consider careers at State. “I hope everyone here recognizes that although we spend most of our time abroad, the work we are doing is for the singular reason to make life better for each and every one of you and your family members.”

After taking several questions, the secretary offered advice: “You have to be prepared to work hard. It is a rare creature who succeeds without working their tail off—you just don’t see it,” he said knowingly to the rapt young leaders in his audience. In closing, he added, “It takes about half a second to destroy your reputation for integrity, and getting it back is nearly impossible. If cutting the corner ethically seems plausible, or that it may be a reasonable response to the demands in front of you, remember, that’s the road to ruin. Integrity matters.”



SENATOR

Michael F. Bennet *of Colorado*

ENLIGHTENMENT THINKING FOR CHALLENGING TIMES

SENATOR MICHAEL F. BENNET BEGAN HIS LUNCHEON remarks with an arcing sweep of his arm toward the top-floor windows of the Hart Senate Office Building. "Two hundred and thirty years ago, none of this existed!" he exclaimed, as all gazed across the luminous skyline of the nation's capital. "When our founders conceived of this nation, there was no good example in human history of a self-governing democratic republic until one generation of Americans did two things that no one had ever done: led a successful armed insurrection against a colonial power and wrote a constitution that was ratified by the people who would live under it."

The senior senator from Colorado then asked the students to reflect on the nation's achievements since its bold inception. "Beyond the imagination of the founders, the United States has 330 million people coast to coast, with the greatest defense capabilities and the

most dynamic economy in history," he noted. But, an obligation exists: "It is required of a citizen of a republic to also be a founder. The contribution that is demanded of you today is that elevated contribution."

Lamenting the toxicity of our deeply divisive current politics, he observed, "We cannot put up with the politics that we have in this country today. The founders recognized we would have disagreements. We come from different states, we have different points of view. But the mindset of the enlightenment instilled a spark we need today—to create from our differences far more imaginative and durable solutions than any tyrant or king could ever think of."

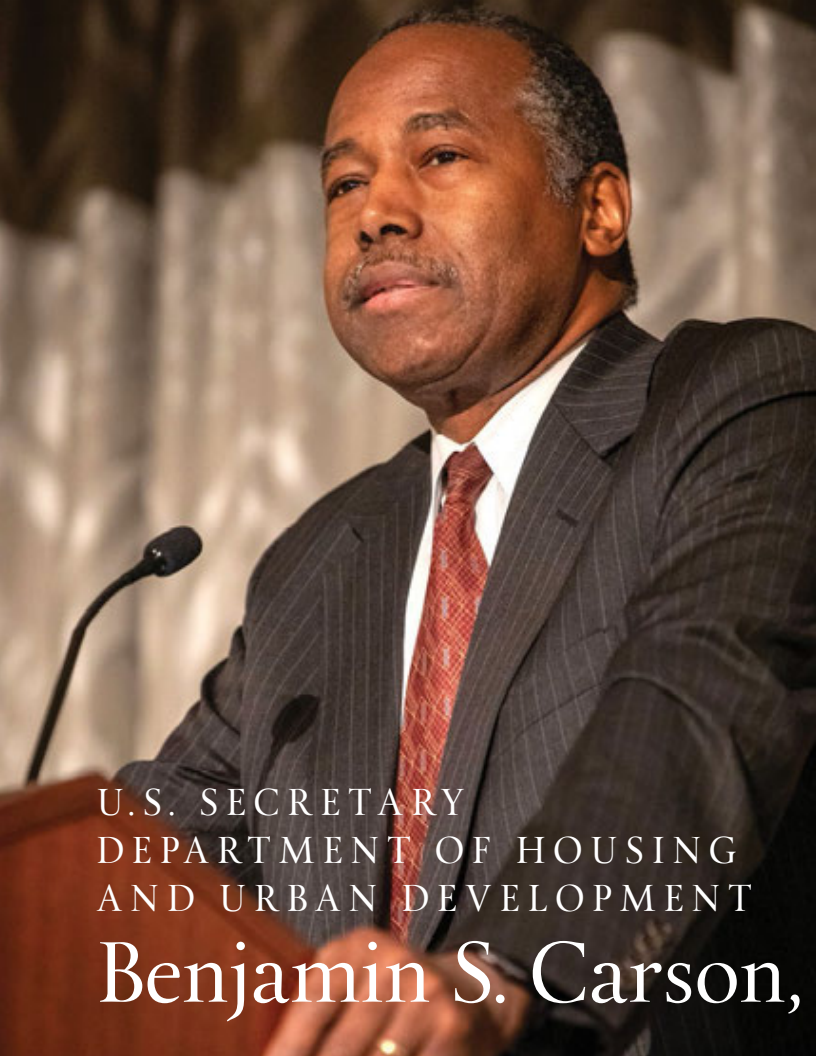
Senator Bennet enumerated the issues he sees as key priorities: improving an economy that is not working well enough for most Americans, addressing climate change and ensuring that our education system supports all students. He cited examples of his recent legislative progress in the areas of immigration reform and deficit reduction, but added, "There's a heck of a lot of work for you to do, starting right now, and for the rest of your life, whether you're in the public sector, nonprofit sector, education or business. It doesn't matter. All of you have a role to play as a citizen in this republic."

Following a spirited Q&A, Senator Bennet reminded, "Out of many, one. That is on our currency, that is the essence of who we are. The only way we're going to be able to protect this legacy for you to inherit is to be actively working on what unites us, not what divides us."



Senator Bennet with Colorado delegates
AnneMarie Ackerman and Ethan Wearner





Secretary Carson with Michigan delegates
Serena Smith and Luke Koenigsknecht



U.S. SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Benjamin S. Carson, Sr. M.D.

**"WE HAVE TO BE THINKING
ABOUT HOW WE DEVELOP ALL
OF OUR PEOPLE."**

DR. BENJAMIN S. CARSON, SR., the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a famed pediatric neurosurgeon and former presidential candidate, grew up in an inner-city neighborhood of Detroit, Michigan, where he was raised by his single mother.

"Both of my older cousins who lived with us, and whom I adored, were killed," he shared. "I saw people on the ground with bullet holes. There were rats and roaches everywhere. It was a horrible situation." The crime and poverty he experienced in his youth and his work in medicine inspires him today. "As a pediatric neurosurgeon, I spent my time trying to save little babies, sometimes operating all night long, and most of the time being successful, just to find myself in a terrible dilemma a few days later when it was time to discharge them. In many cases we sent those babies back into environments with mold and lead, rats and roaches and violence. Now, I have an opportunity to do something about that."

Addressing challenges in housing-assistance models he oversees, he relayed a vision for partnering with private-sector entities for workforce training and development

programs. He voiced concern over regulations that eliminate resources for those who get married or have income increases. "I have had the opportunity to listen to the people about their needs and frustrations. I see aspects of how the system itself is not conducive to success. We are in the process of reversing certain rules to provide ladders of opportunity for people to climb, and not pull the ladder from under them as they start to ascend."

Secretary Carson described the introduction of Opportunity Zones to provide sustainable development in impoverished areas. "My goal is to convince all of the people we serve that the American Dream is for everybody. We have 330 million people in this country. It sounds like a lot of people. But China and India have four times that many, and we must compete with them in the future, which means we have to be thinking about how we develop all of our people."

Underscoring the importance of teamwork and humility, he told the young leaders assembled before him, "President Reagan had a plaque on his desk that read, 'There's no limit to what you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit.' Learn how to work as a team member and not spend time saying, 'Look at me. Look at what I did.'" He closed optimistically by reminding the delegates of the success of our democracy in the arc of history, stating, "The United States has brought more people out of poverty and given more opportunity than any other system that has ever existed."

"MEETING WITH LEADERS SUCH AS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE JULIE ADAMS AND PARLIAMENTARIAN ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH SHOWED ME THAT CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE ARE VAST AND EXTEND FAR BEYOND JUST ELECTED POSITIONS. I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT CAREERS BEGIN WITH UNPLANNED OPPORTUNITIES AND AS A LEADER, I MUST SEIZE EVERY SINGLE ONE THAT IS PRESENTED TO ME."

—JARRET CARNES, TX - 2019

"Our visit to Arlington National Cemetery prompted another overwhelming feeling of gratitude. As I gazed across rows upon rows of white headstones, I sincerely understood that freedom isn't free. Thousands of men and women have sacrificed their lives to protect the American institutions that give us the power to speak up about wrongdoings. We must remember to be humble, fulfill our obligations to speak up and always say thank you."

—LIA RUBEL, VT - 2019

"Friday morning, Brian Lamb, the founder of C-SPAN, moderated our annual delegate town hall. The diversity in political ideologies was apparent. It was those couple of hours that truly cemented in me the power of this program in fostering civil discourse and manifested to me what is missing in many facets of our society. It catapulted me towards a future of respect, dignity, debate, love and listening."

—ISHAAN MODI, IN - 2019

"While civility may not always be demonstrated in U.S. politics, as delegates we all held shared respect for each other's background, perspective and desire to spur generational change. We challenged one another, asking questions and engaging in deep conversations. It was valuable to be present and to share those moments with my fellow delegates, who I know will go on to become future leaders of this nation."

—JAMES MENG, IA - 2019

"The most powerful speech did not come from President Trump or Secretary Pompeo or Chief Justice Roberts. It came from my Military Mentor, Captain Iida. Going through Arlington National Cemetery, he told us, 'They lay there so we can stand here.'"

—SHANE ROSE, MA - 2019

"On Thursday, I was able to meet the president of the United States, Donald Trump. This was the most special day of my life! For a young child of Indian immigrants to meet the president of the United States showed me that anything is possible with hard work."

—SAHITH KAKI, NH - 2019

"After an amazing week hearing from dignitaries, diplomats and the highest-elected officials in the nation, I have a whole new perspective of how great the United States of America actually is and the bright future that is ahead of us."

—EMILY JENIE MALUYO, HI - 2019

"To our Military Mentors: Thank you for your service to our nation, your inspiring experiences and the lessons you taught us. Your insight enriched my understanding of government and deepened my resolve to serve our nation in the future."

—RANEN MIAO, NJ - 2019

"My whole life has not only been influenced, but also transformed by this ONE-WEEK experience."

—RUBEN M. BANKS, MS - 2019

"Most fascinating to me was the National Archives. We were escorted to the rotunda, where we all rushed to gather about the original draft of the Constitution. Many delegates traced their hands along the glass above the signatures of the legendary names. It was moments like these that left me with a profound realization that history truly does matter and that we are making it every single day."

—MORGAN HEATH-POWERS, NV - 2019

"Before arriving in D.C. I knew how to talk about bipartisanship. After hours upon hours of discussion and debate with delegates from 50 different states, I learned how to talk with bipartisanship."

—AVRAM SALZMANN, AK - 2019

"In one week, Major Fishman taught me more about service and honor than any one individual had in my life before. His story, along with the stories of each of the other sixteen Military Mentors, deeply resonated with me; it was a completely new world of service and sacrifice that gives me hope and pride in my citizenship."

—JOSEPH BERGEON, ME - 2019

"As an enormous fan of presidential history, walking through the White House at my own pace was breathtaking. It honestly felt like I was walking on clouds. Clouds with the footsteps of past world leaders, past presidents and countless brilliant men and women. While I passed the portraits of Presidents Kennedy and Reagan and the busts of Presidents Washington and Lincoln, I realized that this fantasy was a reality."

—JACK W. HEINEMANN, NV - 2019

"THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OF MY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WAS WHEN WE MET WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP. AFTER THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN, PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOOK THE HAND OF EVERYONE WITHIN REACH. I WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO SHAKE THE HAND OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND IT REMAINS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY TRIP."

—CATHERINE DANIEL, AL - 2019

"My favorite night was the Senate Reception, where my fellow delegate and I were able to meet both of our senators and spent time talking about what they were working on. At that moment, it felt real. It felt possible. That not only I, but all 104 delegates, could have a positive impact on this country and serve in various roles. After all, we also walked around the White House and met President Donald Trump. By the end of the week, all of us were feeling like anything is possible, including our craziest goals."

—EMA WARING, TX - 2019

"AFTER EVERY GUEST SPEAKER, I FELT A RENEWED EXCITEMENT AND INVIGORATION TO CREATE CHANGE THROUGH THE GIFT OF PUBLIC SERVICE. EACH SPEECH WAS BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION THAT PUBLIC SERVICE IS ABOUT SOMETHING BIGGER THAN JUST OURSELVES; IT'S ABOUT COMMITTING TO LEAVING OUR WORLD BETTER OFF THAN WHEN WE CAME INTO IT."

—KEVIN DRAHOS, IA - 2019

THE PRESIDENT WAS FINISHING A LAST MEETING OF THE DAY, and the 104 student delegates waited with anticipation as they contemplated the beautiful and historic East Room of the White House, assembled beneath the iconic paintings of George and Martha Washington. Official ceremonies, receptions, banquets, dances and even First Family weddings and funerals have taken place in this largest room in the mansion; President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President John F. Kennedy lay in repose here, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law in the East Room and President Barack Obama announced the assassination of Osama Bin Laden from the very place the students were standing. Suddenly, the group sprang to attention with applause as President Donald J. Trump strode in, and with energy and good humor quickly put the delegates at ease by shaking hands and asking students to call out the names of their United States senators. He congratulated all of the young leaders for their remarkable achievement of having been selected, and surely none in that room will forget their encounter with history.

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



“A life that matters will always be enough.”

SENIOR INTELLIGENCE
LEADER OFFERS
INSIGHT AND WISDOM

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE Susan Gordon

THE USSYP HAS MADE CONNECTING DELEGATES with the top leaders in the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) a key priority. The 2019 delegates were fortunate to have had Susan M. Gordon, the principal deputy director of national intelligence, speak to the students and answer their many questions.

Ms. Gordon framed her opening remarks by stating, “To matter is cool, and you have set that foundation for yourselves. Really and truly making a difference, doing something for the cause, is the best thing you could ever do, and that is your foundation.” A 30-plus-year veteran of the CIA and other intelligence agencies, she described the role of an intelligence officer as one who “allows people to deal certainly with uncertain information,” noting that, among those people is the president of the United States. “We are living in a world that requires clarity, insight and advantage,” she said. “The foundation of the IC is to know the truth, to see beyond the horizon and to allow leaders to act before events dictate.”



Principal Deputy Director Gordon with North Carolina delegates Elizabeth Greer and Darren Janz



Much of her work now involves the rapidly evolving impact of technology. “Technology used to be a strategic advantage, but now it is ubiquitous,” she said. “The one that wins is the one that puts it to clever use faster.” She described the threat posed by global interconnectedness: “We learned in 2016 that our adversaries have figured out how to use digital connectedness to sow misinformation and discontent, undermining democracies.” New legal and policy questions arise when America’s private sector and state and local governments are targeted. “The most fundamental skill that you bring to intelligence, and quite frankly to everything else, is critical thinking,” she said, noting the sheer abundance of data. “In a world where data and technology become commodities, what will distinguish you is your ability to know what to do with it. And, be a reader, because that’s the foundation of critical thinking.”

She told the students to always remember, “Your knowledge base should evolve and broaden over the course of your career. As you progress, be focused on what you are doing rather than what your title is, and you will be fine.” Ms. Gordon expressed tremendous confidence in the audience before her. “In the coming years, when you take us to great places, whether you are a part of the IC, running a Silicon Valley company or spending your career aiding underdeveloped nations, I will remember you, because a life that matters will always be enough.”

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Brian Kamoie

(USSYP – PA 1989)

ONE WILD AND PRECIOUS LIFE OF SERVICE

THE UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM was founded in 1962 with the mission of nurturing future generations of America's finest public servants and leaders. Fast-forward to 2019, where Washington Week's Thursday morning keynote session featured an appearance by a USSYP alumnus who has more than fulfilled this mission. Mr. Brian Kamoie, associate administrator for mission support at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), shared, "I had the distinct honor of representing Pennsylvania in 1989. I sat where you are exactly 30 years ago." Since his time as a USSYP delegate, he has served under three presidents in a number of senior roles, including positions at the Department of Health and Human Services, and on the National Security Council at the White House.

Today, Mr. Kamoie is responsible for preparedness and response to national disasters, terrorism, infectious disease epidemics and other threats to the nation. Most

recently, he helped coordinate responses to hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Epitomizing the spirit of USSYP, Mr. Kamoie reminded the students that, "Your government is here to serve you and the people; public officials should not be in it to serve themselves. It's public service, not self-service."

"We need you now more than ever," he told the delegates, "Your job in public service will be about working together to come up with solutions to really challenging issues. You are up to that challenge." He advised the students to follow three core principles: "One: Commit to serve. Two: Think big. Three: Take bold action." Discussing each tenet, he underscored another critical factor for success: learning how to learn. At high levels of government service, involving all of society, issues will emerge and evolve quickly, demanding a strong capacity for the quick acquisition of new knowledge.

After a generous Q&A session, Mr. Kamoie concluded philosophically, "There are many paths in life, all of which can provide fulfillment. Some will provide monetary rewards beyond your wildest dreams. Public service is not one of those. But at the end of the day, what you get to do and contribute to in public service is simply remarkable. You will know that you gave your love and your labor to make things better for your community, for the nation and really, for the planet. You'll be able to sleep well at night and look at yourself in the mirror, and you'll be able to talk to your children and, ultimately, your grandchildren about how you made a difference. So I hope you will plan to spend some or all of your one wild and precious life in public service."



THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DAVID L. NORQUIST, PTDOT
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

GENERAL PAUL J. SELVA, VICE CHAIRMAN
OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

ASPA ANNE KIMBERLY JOINER

THE FINAL DAY OF WASHINGTON WEEK is devoted to a deeper understanding of military service to the nation, beginning with the solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Then, delegates were guided through the Pentagon hallways, a building containing three times the floor space of the Empire State Building, to the Pentagon auditorium, where (PTDOT) Deputy Secretary of Defense David L. Norquist joined the group. He described how the budgetary acumen he developed in his previous position as the Pentagon's chief financial officer has been an asset in his current role, noting that 15 percent of the federal budget is spent on defense, which is slightly more than 3 percent of the nation's GDP. He outlined his mission as the second in charge at DOD: "My goal is to maintain the peace for one more hour, one more day, one more week." Ably fielding questions about the newly announced Space Force, the role of women in the Armed Services and factors considered when deciding to intervene in a foreign crisis, the deputy secretary kept delegates in rapt attention.

Anne Kimberley Joiner, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, then introduced the students to one of the Pentagon's newest community engagement initiatives: Know Your Mil. "The foundational strength of the Department of Defense is the men and women who volunteer to serve our country and protect our freedoms," she explained. However, fewer Americans are familiar with military service today, and the widening drift that exists between those who serve and society at large may contribute to misperceptions. The Senate Youth Program's Military Mentors, chosen through the DOD Department headed by Ms. Joiner, received a standing ovation for their efforts during the week, offering an inspiring personal and educational connection to military service for each delegate.

Air Force General Paul Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was next on the agenda. His personable demeanor and brilliant command of facts and history quickly had delegates raising their hands with myriad questions. General Selva described his current role as "being obliged by law to provide the best military advice to those in power" and to not shy away from difficult truths. Perhaps because of the intense nature of his work, he has long advocated having a balanced life, and described his evenings of guitar and family time, allowing him to be ready to tackle the newest updates from the Intelligence Community long before dawn the next morning. A true American inspiration, General Selva embodied a life of service for all in his audience.



Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Selva

*PTDOT Deputy Secretary Norquist with
Department of Defense Education Activity
delegates Shannon Ryu and
Daniel Posthumus*



*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Joiner*



THE OUTSTANDING 2019 MILITARY MENTOR TEAM

Competitively selected military officers designated by the Office of the Secretary of Defense were led by Senior Military Officer Major Anthony J. Nguyen, USMC and Assistant Senior Military Officer Lieutenant Luke T. D'Lima, USCG.



(FROM BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT): Captain Patrick P. Lin, USAF; 1st Lieutenant Sarah C. Herrero, USA; Lieutenant Commander Megan L. Drewniak, USCG; Major Anthony J. Nguyen, USMC; Captain Laterrious L. Starks, USA; Captain Mahalia R. Frost, USAF; Lieutenant Karlin C. Foor, USCG; Captain Jordan M. Iida, USMC; Captain Sean Q. Dzierzanowski, USMC - USSYP Alumnus (MD - 2007); Lieutenant Luke T. D'Lima, USCG; Major Dillion A. Fishman, USMC; Major Anthony T. Hoefler, USA; Captain Shauna M. Young, USAF; Lieutenant Bradley M. Lentz, USN - USSYP Alumnus (WI - 2009); Captain Nitin Y. Prashar, USAF; 1st Lieutenant Madeline L. Platt, USA; 1st Lieutenant Brittany R. Willard, WVANG



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UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

2019 USSYP SENATE RECEPTION ATTENDEES

Seventy-eight senators participated in Washington Week 2019, either at speaking events or by attending the 57th 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 ARIANA SMARTT AND
CATHERINE DANIEL



ALABAMA

SENATOR DOUG JONES
WITH ARIANA SMARTT
AND CATHERINE DANIEL



ALASKA

SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI
WITH AVRAM SALZMANN
AND SADIE SANDS



ALASKA

SENATOR DANIEL SULLIVAN
WITH SADIE SANDS AND
AVRAM SALZMANN



ARKANSAS

SENATORS JOHN BOOZMAN
AND TOM COTTON WITH
ISABELLE JONES AND
SOJAS WAGLE



COLORADO

SENATOR MICHAEL F. BENNET
WITH ANNEMARIE ACKERMAN
AND ETHAN WEARNER



COLORADO

SENATOR CORY GARDNER
WITH ANNEMARIE
ACKERMAN AND
ETHAN WEARNER



CONNECTICUT

SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
WITH BAYAN GALAL AND
MEGAN STRIFF-CAVE



CONNECTICUT

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER
MURPHY WITH BAYAN GALAL
AND MEGAN STRIFF-CAVE



DELAWARE

SENATOR THOMAS CARPER
WITH GARRETT GEIDEL
AND ANDREW HONEYCUTT-
ROBINSON



DELAWARE

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER
COONS WITH GARRETT
GEIDEL AND ANDREW
HONEYCUTT-ROBINSON



FLORIDA

SENATOR MARCO RUBIO
WITH MALAVIKA KANNAN
AND GEORGE PRATT



FLORIDA

SENATOR RICK SCOTT
WITH MALAVIKA KANNAN
AND GEORGE PRATT



GEORGIA

SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON
WITH CLARKE PEOPLES AND
PATRICK CHAPPEL



HAWAII

SENATOR BRIAN SCHATZ
WITH ZANE YAMAMOTO
AND EMILY JENIE MALUYO



HAWAII

SENATOR MAZIE HIRONO
WITH ZANE YAMAMOTO
AND EMILY JENIE MALUYO



ILLINOIS

SENATOR TAMMY DUCKWORTH WITH TYLER SWANSON AND PROVIDENCE ANDREWS



INDIANA

SENATOR TODD YOUNG WITH WILLIAM SCHREPFERMAN AND ISHAAN MODI



INDIANA

SENATOR MIKE BRAUN WITH ISHAAN MODI AND WILLIAM SCHREPFERMAN



IOWA

SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY WITH JAMES MENG AND KEVIN DRAHOS



IOWA

SENATOR JONI K. ERNST WITH JAMES MENG AND KEVIN DRAHOS



KANSAS

SENATOR PAT ROBERTS WITH BENJAMIN SAWAYA AND ELI BLAUFUSS



KANSAS

SENATOR JERRY MORAN WITH BENJAMIN SAWAYA AND ELI BLAUFUSS



KENTUCKY

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL WITH HEEBA NAZEER



KENTUCKY

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL WITH LUKE WEBSTER



KENTUCKY

SENATOR RAND PAUL WITH HEEBA NAZEER AND LUKE WEBSTER



LOUISIANA

SENATOR BILL CASSIDY
WITH SARAH KATHERINE
MCCALLUM AND
ALLEN DUGGAR



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SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY
WITH SARAH KATHERINE
MCCALLUM AND
ALLEN DUGGAR



MAINE

SENATOR SUSAN M. COLLINS
WITH JAY PHILBRICK AND
JOSEPH BERGEON



MAINE

SENATOR ANGUS S. KING, JR.
WITH JOSEPH BERGEON
AND JAY PHILBRICK



MARYLAND

SENATOR CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
WITH JOSEPH LEE AND
NICHOLAS HOWARD



MASSACHUSETTS

SENATOR EDWARD MARKEY
WITH MICHAEL MISCHLEY
AND SHANE ROSE



MICHIGAN

SENATORS GARY PETERS
AND DEBBIE STABENOW
WITH SERENA SMITH AND
LUKE KOENIGSKNECHT



MINNESOTA

SENATOR TINA SMITH
WITH YUXUAN GENG AND
SHAZA HUSSEIN



MISSISSIPPI

SENATORS ROGER WICKER
AND CINDY HYDE-SMITH
WITH WARREN KENNEDY
GUEST AND RUBEN M.
BANKS



MISSOURI

SENATOR ROY BLUNT
WITH ARTHUR HESSBURG
AND ZOIE ANTOINETTE
FRANCISCO



MISSOURI

SENATOR JOSH HAWLEY
WITH ZOIE ANTOINETTE
FRANCISCO AND ARTHUR
HESSBURG



MONTANA

SENATOR JON TESTER
WITH CAROLINE ROEDER
AND KIRSTEN KRASKE



MONTANA

SENATOR STEVE DAINES
WITH CAROLINE ROEDER
AND KIRSTEN KRASKE



NEBRASKA

SENATOR DEB FISCHER
WITH CALEB HENDRICKSON
AND AUDREY WORTHING



NEVADA

SENATORS JACKY ROSEN
AND CATHERINE
CORTEZ MASTO WITH
JACK HEINEMANN AND
MORGAN HEATH-POWERS



NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATOR MAGGIE HASSAN
WITH IAN MCCABE AND
SAHITH KAKI



NEW JERSEY

SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ
WITH RANEN MIAO AND
JACOB BERNARD



NEW MEXICO

SENATOR TOM UDALL
WITH KATHERINE BROTEN
AND DAVID FILLMORE, JR.



NEW MEXICO

SENATOR MARTIN HEINRICH
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AND ELIZABETH GREER



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WITH PREETI CHEMITI AND
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WITH COLIN SHEFFER
AND KAITLIN AHERN



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SENATOR JACK REED
WITH BENJAMIN CURREY
AND RACHEL VICTORIN



RHODE ISLAND

SENATOR SHELDON
WHITEHOUSE WITH
RACHEL VICTORIN AND
BENJAMIN CURREY



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SENATOR JOHN THUNE
WITH JACK BRENNEMAN
AND RYLEE NIESENT



SOUTH DAKOTA

SENATOR MICHAEL ROUNDS
WITH JACK BRENNEMAN
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SENATOR LAMAR ALEXANDER
WITH INSHIRA BEDIKO AND
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SENATOR JOHN CORNYN
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WITH KEVEN ZHANG
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SENATOR MITT ROMNEY
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SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY
WITH JOHN FANNON
AND LIA RUBEL



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SENATOR BERNARD SANDERS
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SENATOR MARK WARNER
WITH DANIEL POSTHUMUS
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AND KYLE-DAVID BYRNE



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SENATOR TIM KAINE
WITH DANIEL POSTHUMUS
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SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL
WITH LEXI RODRIGUEZ-
PADILLA, ZAIRA BARDOS AND
SHANNON RYU (DODEA)



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SENATOR JOE MANCHIN III
WITH AZEEM KHAN AND
ADAM PACK



WEST VIRGINIA

SENATOR SHELLEY MOORE
CAPITO WITH AZEEM KHAN
AND ADAM PACK



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SENATOR RON JOHNSON
WITH ALLYSONLEE FERGOT
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SENATOR MICHAEL ENZI
WITH EASTON COUNTRYMAN
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SHARING PASSION FOR PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

HIS EXCELLENCY ARMANDO VARRICCHIO OF ITALY

THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR to the United States, His Excellency Armando Varricchio, brought wisdom from a thirty-year career at the highest diplomatic ranks, as well as a keen sense of history to the USSYP annual Ambassador luncheon. He congratulated the delegates as leaders recognized by the United States Senate, adding, "The word 'Senate' comes from Rome. The Roman Senate was founded more than 800 years ago, with more than 100 members, and believe me, the political discussions in those days were very intense," he smiled. "It is important to recall our shared ancestral heritage—exchanging views and ideas and trying to come to common ground."

Ambassador Varricchio relayed a formative experience as a young diplomat behind the Iron Curtain. "Theirs was a very different political philosophy to ours. But the greatest privilege of this job comes through human connection, study and cultural understanding," said the summa cum laude international relations graduate of the University of Padua, one of the oldest and most respected universities in the world. "I learned an important lesson, that whether communist or citizen of a Western country, in the end we had the same interests—making our families safer and ensuring that they might prosper in a peaceful place."

A former representative of Italy at the European Union and Commission and the G7/8 and G20 summits, Ambassador Varricchio said, "Having a united Europe after centuries of division and wars is something that we do consider one of the greatest achievements in recent history." As the European Union confronts Brexit, he noted, "It is important that our people realize that we have much to lose. If we start to reopen old wounds, old grievances, this will fracture our social and cultural fabric."

The ambassador also cautioned not to take our democracies for granted. "Democracies need to be nurtured, protected and allowed to evolve." Referring to new technologies and social media, he noted, "Democracy is developing a more transparent meaning. Today, every single person has the right to express his or her opinion. We have to listen, and make sure that everybody feels a part." His love of public and international service was evident: "The best way to preserve the national political and economic interests of your own country rests on a strong foundation of international relations and cooperation. In the end, we are the same community, particularly those of us fortunate to be citizens of great democracies." Calling diplomacy "a unique art" that bridges differences, the ambassador encouraged students interested in following his path, "You have to be humble, you have to love your country, but also you have to share a passion for peace and international understanding."



Ambassador Varricchio with delegates Adam Pack and Ariana Smartt





United States Diplomacy Center Executive Director Mary Kane



State Department specialist Lauren Fischer working with students during USDC simulation



PUTTING SKILLS TO THE TEST

A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY CENTER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARY KANE offered a warm welcome for the USSYP's inaugural visit to the United States Diplomacy Center (USDC), a museum and education center showcasing the history, practice and challenges of American diplomacy. Through exhibitions and hands-on programs, such as the Freshwater Crisis diplomacy simulation, the delegates learned about the intricacies and art of political negotiation.

Secretaries of State Kissinger, Baker, Powell, Albright, Clinton and Kerry joined forces to break ground on the beautiful building that houses the USDC in 2014, located adjacent to the State Department's main headquarters in Foggy Bottom. Former teacher and educational specialist Lauren Fischer gave the students an overview of the interactive negotiation about to take place. Delegates would put their speaking, deal-making and listening skills to the test to solve a hypothetical freshwater resources crisis, pitting energy security and wildlife protection interests against economic growth.

Breakout sessions allowed individual students to take roles representing fictitious neighboring countries, nongovernmental water and wildlife organizations, UN committee members and the State Department. They advocated for competing goals while attempting to form internal coalitions and, ultimately, reach agreement. Formal statements and opening positions led to more private discussions and negotiations. Much like real life, agreement proved elusive at first pass, but all delegates participated with keen enthusiasm and acumen on display from their real-life leadership roles in Model UN, student government and myriad other academic activities.

The simulation provided an unparalleled opportunity to put skills to practice and allowed for a sincere appreciation of the challenges facing our nation's diplomatic corps.

ABC NEWS CHIEF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

Martha Raddatz

VETERAN JOURNALIST MARTHA RADDATZ, a familiar face to many of the Senate Youth delegates, offered insights from a renowned career. Well-known for serving as an embedded foreign correspondent in conflict zones around the world, she has also reported on national security, foreign policy and politics from the Pentagon, the State Department and the White House.

Ms. Raddatz shared her belief that, "To really know how something works, you have to go see it for yourself." Her fearless conviction was exemplified during her experience in Iraq, where she embedded with American troops and then became the only television reporter allowed to fly in an F-15 fighter jet on combat missions over Afghanistan.

She told the delegates, "While I do not think this gives a full picture of what war and conflict is, it gives you a unique opportunity to see how our service members deal with the challenges of war. The war in Iraq was like nothing before; our service members had to be mayors of these small towns in some cases. It wasn't just waging war; it was trying to go after peace."

The rapidly evolving media landscape was a key topic of the generous time Ms. Raddatz gave to the delegates' questions. "I think it's on us, members of the media, to educate the public about what we do, particularly for those of your generation, how we do it and why it is important," she said, referring to the rise of media fragmentation and partisan media platforms. "Attention span for all of us is changing, so a challenge is not only what to include in my reporting, but to reduce it, yet still tell a story." She encouraged the students to be willing to commit to researching beyond the headlines, to applying critical thinking and seek facts in a media environment rife with misinformation.

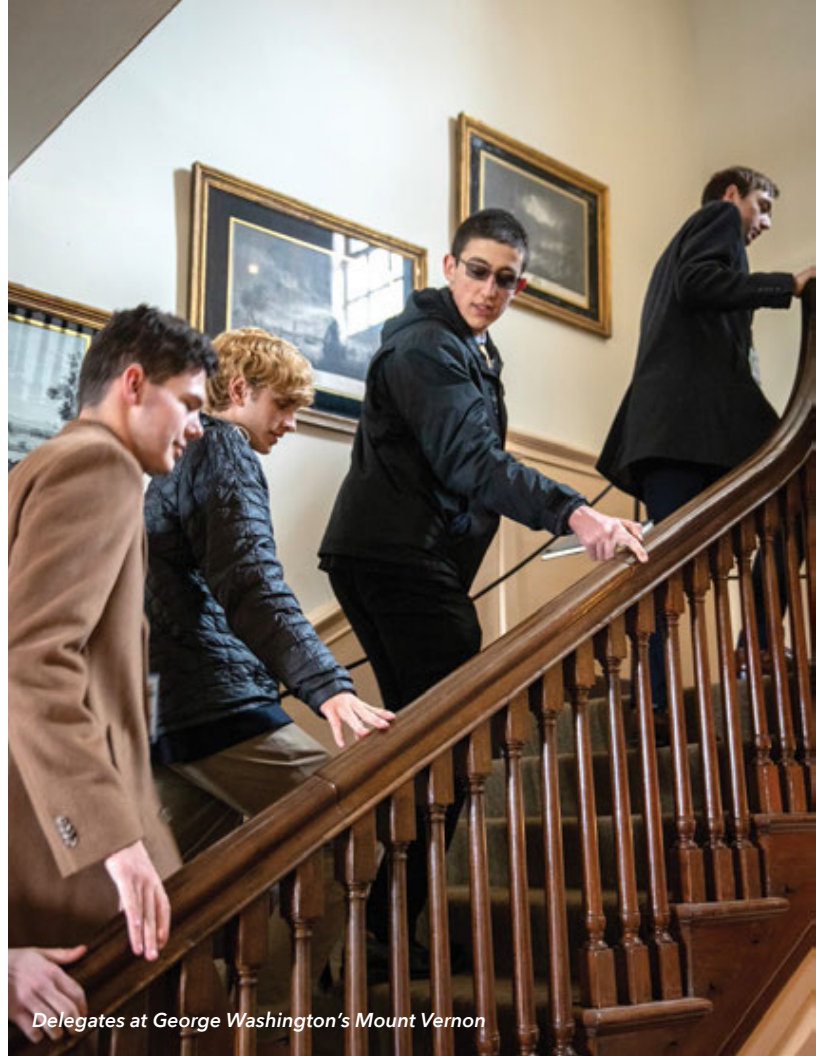
And what about that high-stakes role she had moderating the 2012 vice presidential debate between Paul Ryan and Joe Biden? "I liken it to studying for the SATs and then taking them in front of 60 million people," she joked. But, she offered the students this core lesson: "You absolutely can't prepare for everything, or what kind of answers you'll get back from people, but you always want to be armed with the facts."

Ms. Raddatz with Utah delegates Emmalyn Pykles and Keven Zhang





Historian Jack D. Warren, Jr.



Delegates at George Washington's Mount Vernon

HISTORIAN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Jack D. Warren, Jr.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI

THE DELEGATES WERE LITERALLY ABLE TO TOUCH history at the start of the week, as their hands moved over the original banister in George Washington's historic home Mount Vernon. The key to the Bastille, given to the first president by the Marquis de Lafayette, was also on display, and was the perfect precursor to the afternoon's speaker at the Newseum, Revolutionary War historian and executive director of the Society of the Cincinnati, Jack Warren.

Mr. Warren defined Washington as a dreamer and an idealist whose leadership of the American Revolution transformed the world as we know it. "The Revolution is what makes us Americans, and it was the greatest event in modern human history," he theorized. "In 1750, every human being on the planet was the subject of a monarch

of some type," he reminded. "The idea of freedom had to be born somewhere. What the Enlightenment thinkers imagined, we created."

Mr. Warren's passion for his subject was evident. "The concepts that our nation was founded upon bind Americans together. If you say, 'I believe in this, I want to be a part of this,' this set of ideas, then you are one of us," he said. However, he was clear, "We know the blessings of liberty are not fully extended to all. It's our job as Americans to fulfill the promise of our Revolution by ensuring that the blessings of liberty are a reality for everyone."

One of George Washington's favorite phrases was "a century hence," and in one letter he ponders what the country would look like "if it stayed united, determined and principled for two centuries." The esteemed historian charged the delegates with carrying the ideals forward. "The great leaders of the Revolution were consensus builders," he said. "And that is what we need now." Gazing at his audience, he seemed confident that the fate of our republic would be in good hands.



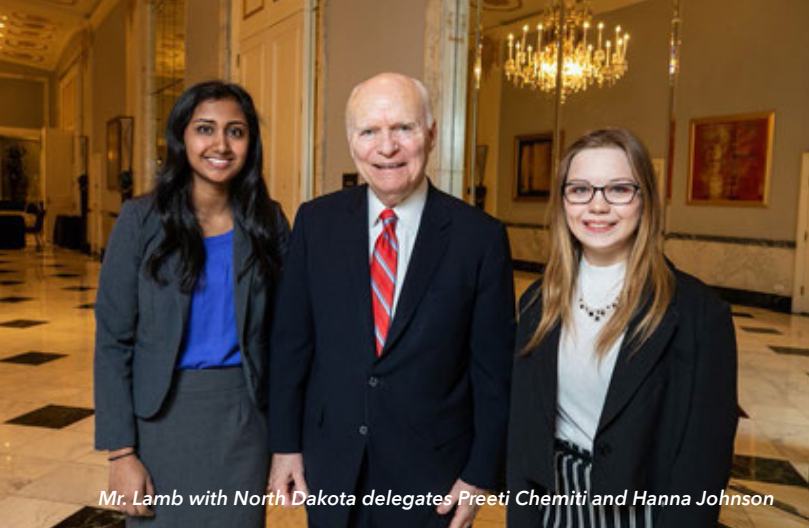
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Mr. Lamb with North Dakota delegates Preeti Chemiti and Hanna Johnson



C-SPAN'S

Brian Lamb

CONTINUALLY WORKING TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION

DELEGATES AWOKE FRIDAY MORNING of Washington Week to discover the Mayflower's Grand Ballroom transformed into a brightly lit television studio, with C-SPAN Founder and Executive Chairman Brian Lamb confidently in place as town hall moderator. The annual taping of the event for the prime-time C-SPAN Q&A program gave the USSYP delegates a wonderful opportunity to share their reflections of Washington Week with a national audience. "Who inspired you this week?" Mr. Lamb began, and one after another, the delegates read out names and quotes from their opened leather Moleskine journals. The overall feeling was one of reaffirmation to public service. "I'm a lot more optimistic because I am seeing how truly passionate and driven all the public servants are," explained Louisiana delegate Allen Duggar.

Reaching across the aisle was also a common theme. "It's more important to actually be bipartisan instead of just saying it," summed up Arkansas delegate Sojas Waggle, and Indianan William Schrepferman agreed, "I'm really looking forward to taking all these lessons I've learned, going back home, spreading the word of advocacy, or change, of bipartisanship, and really meaning it when you say 'compromise' instead of just having it be empty words." "*E pluribus unum*, out of many, one," said Catherine Daniel of Alabama, recognizing the civil tone of the many deep policy discussions of the week, "and out of many different viewpoints and many different ideologies, we all make one strong, great nation."

Friendships forged during the program merited a moment in the spotlight. "The highlight of the week was the bonding" between student leaders from all across America, according to Oklahoma delegate Kate Carpenter, saying, "There was a moment at the Lincoln Memorial where we went from friends to family." As Mr. Lamb and the C-SPAN team brought the week, and the town hall, to a close, Abraham Baker-Butler of New York described his view of being an American, and perhaps echoed the sentiment of many 2019 United States Senate Youth Program delegates: "To me, to be an American means to be a striver, to be someone who is continually working towards a more perfect union, towards turning the ideals of our Founding Fathers into a reality, not just for our country, but for the world."

A NIGHT TO SAY FAREWELL

2019 DELEGATE SPEECHES

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, selected by their peers through a democratic process, reflect on the week that was and offer their vision for the future. Ruben M. Banks of Mississippi and Kate Carpenter of Oklahoma were the headline speakers. They embodied the optimism, energy and spirit of inclusion that defined the 2019 class, incorporating speaking roles for many of their fellow delegates as well as an all-member sing-along of "Lean on Me." Their voices, in song and commentary, offered wisdom, shared laughter and bittersweet emotion at the conclusion of an amazing week. The Farewell Dinner also brought closure to the week with a solemn flag-folding ceremony conducted by the superb 2019 Military Mentor team and the Presentation of Colors by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard.



Delegate Ruben M. Banks of Mississippi



Delegate Kate Carpenter of Oklahoma



DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS JOINED DELEGATES FOR THE 57TH 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.



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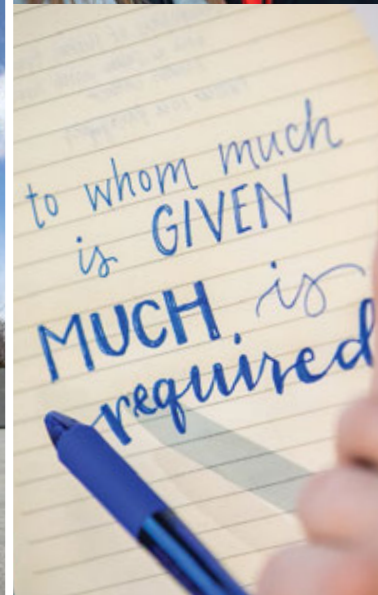
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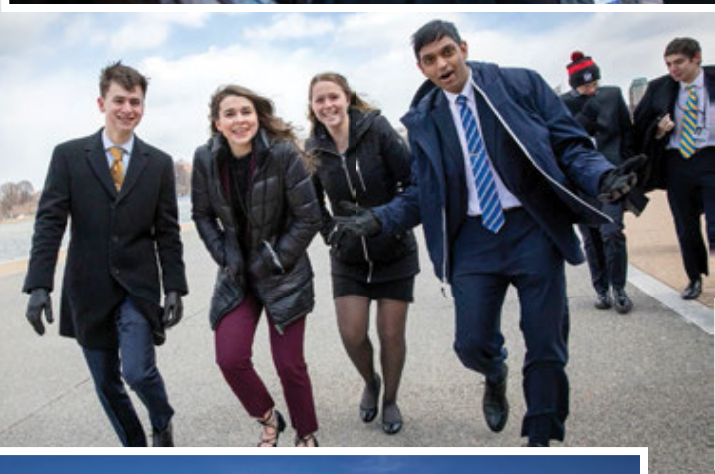


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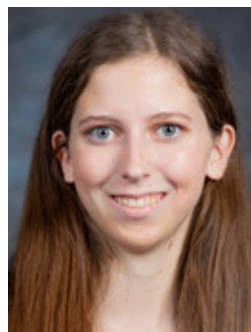


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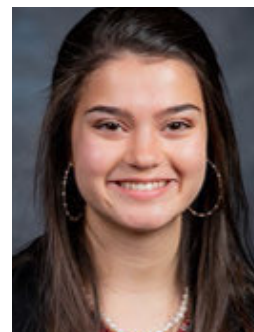
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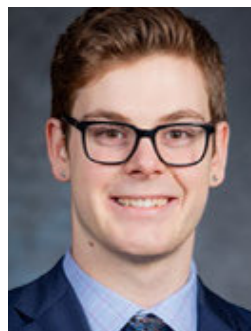
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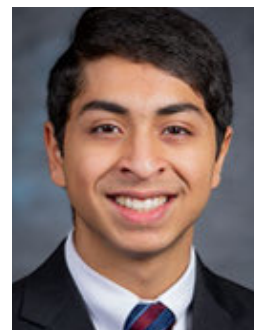
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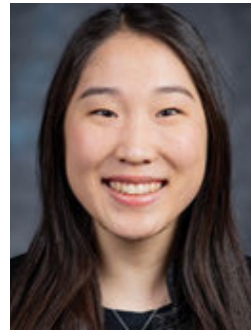
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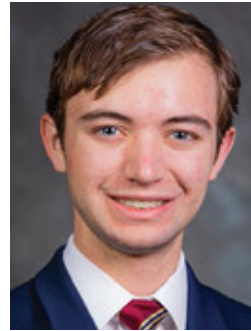
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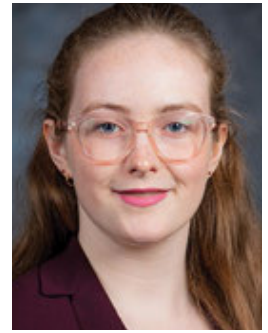
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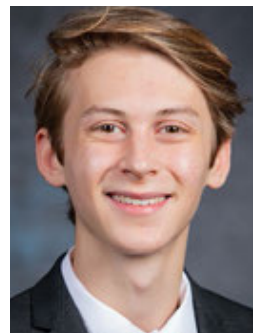
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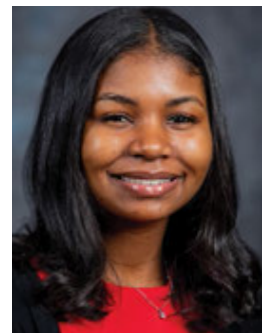
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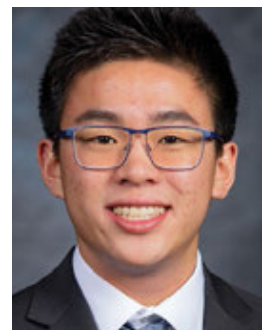
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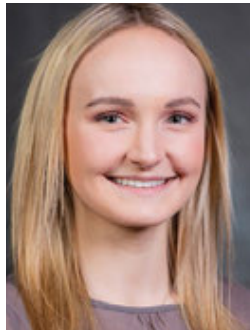
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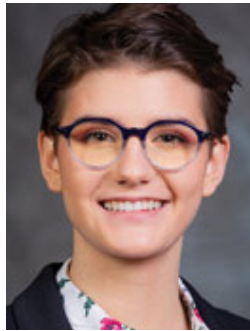
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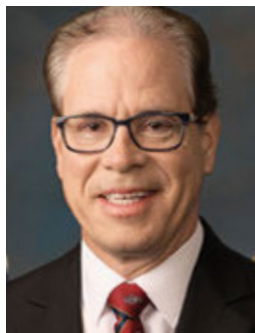


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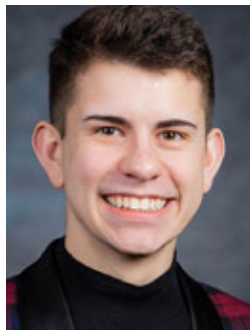
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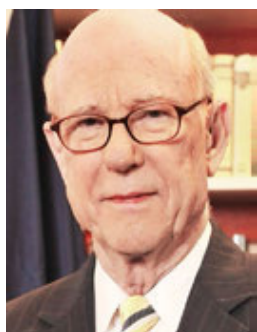
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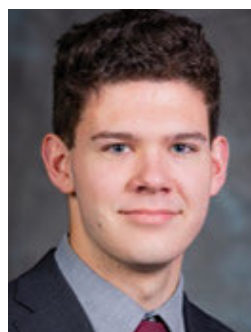
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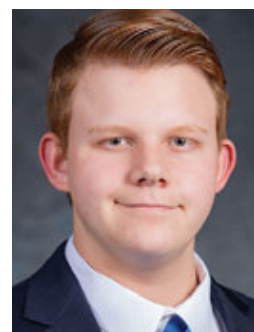
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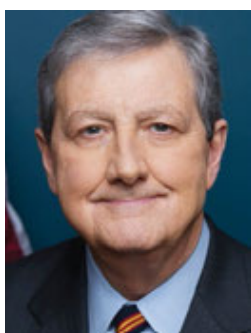
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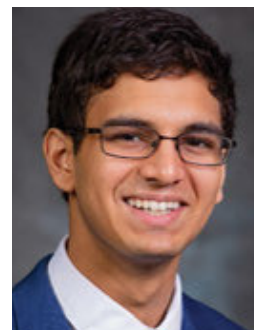
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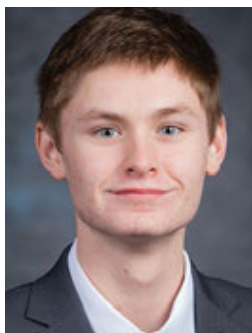
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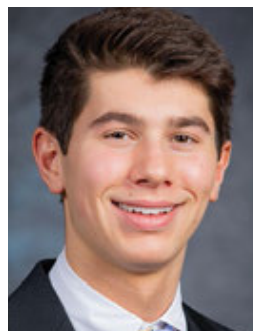
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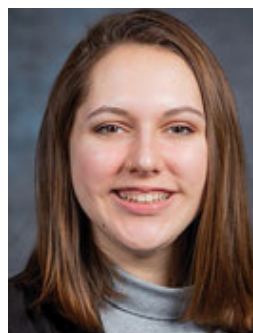
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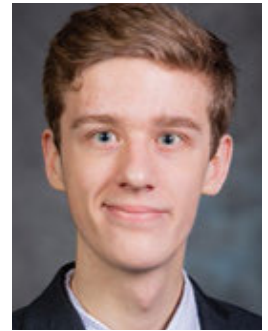
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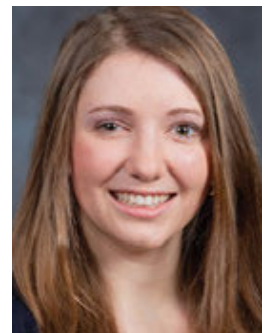
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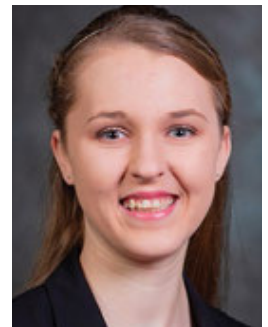
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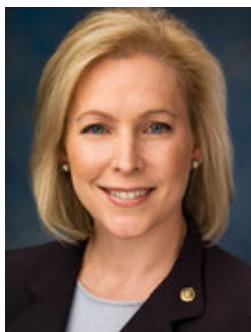
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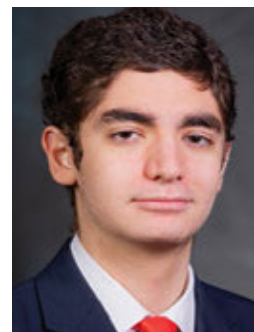
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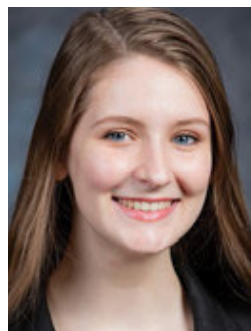
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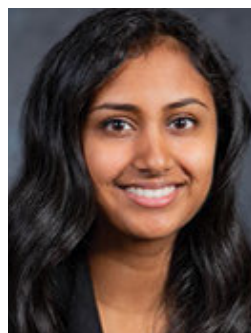
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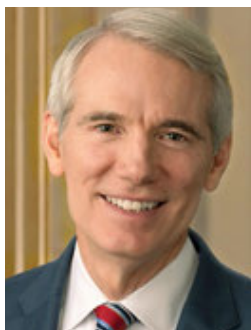
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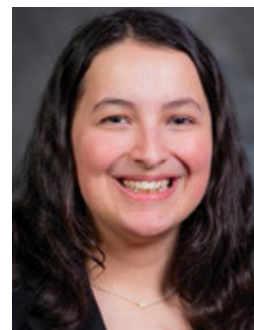
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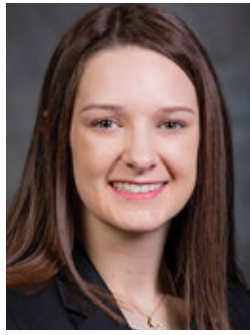
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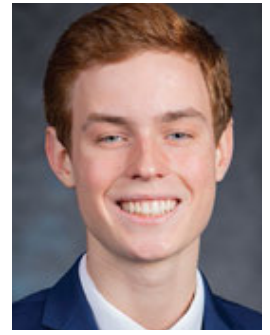
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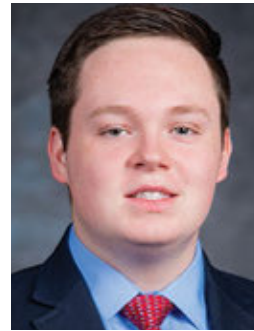
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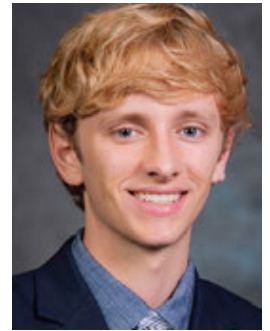
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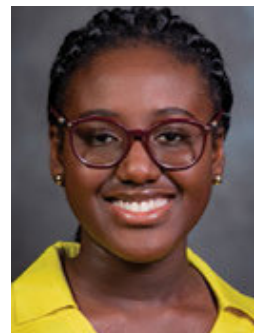
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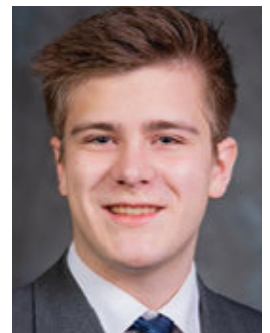
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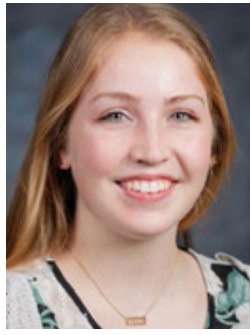
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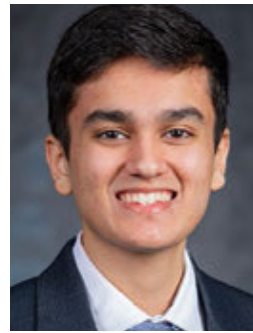
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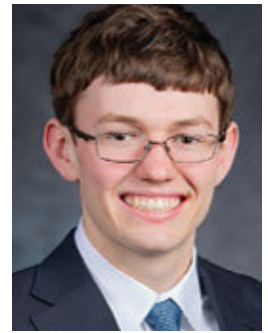
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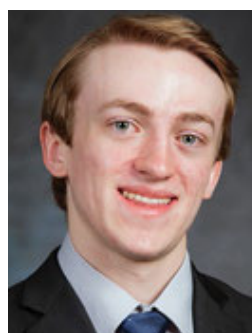
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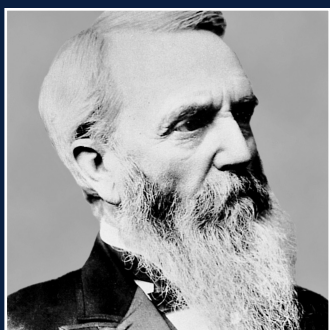
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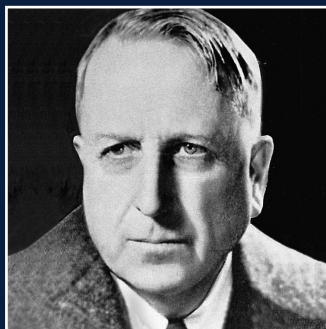
FOR 57 YEARS, the United States Senate Youth Program has brought thousands of America's brightest young leaders to Washington, where they gain insight into the history and heritage of their democracy and encouragement to be the leaders of the future. Each year the students leave with lasting impressions of their week including new friendships and bonds that many term "life-changing." The originators of The Hearst Foundations are with the USSYP delegates each year in spirit.



1820

An exemplar of American success, George Hearst, born in 1820, was raised in a log cabin on his parents' farm in Franklin County, Missouri. He went west to seek a future in mining, and through industry and acumen developed the family fortune. Answering the call to public service, he served in the California State Legislature representing San Francisco and was appointed to the U.S. Senate in 1886, won election to that seat in 1887, and served as U.S. senator until his death in 1891. His

wife, pioneering philanthropist Phoebe Apperson Hearst, distinguished herself as one of America's most accomplished women, dedicated to historic, educational and children's causes. She co-founded the National Parent Teachers Association in 1897 and was instrumental in the reclamation and rehabilitation of George Washington's Mount Vernon property. After she died one educator said, "Her charities were as broad as the sea and as silent as the quiet of the night."



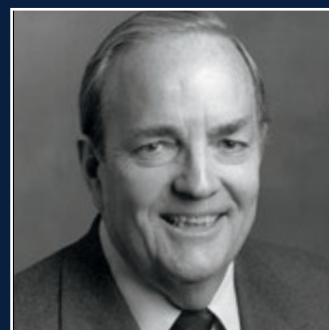
1863

William Randolph Hearst, their only child, was born in 1863 and became one of the great legends of American journalism, establishing vast media holdings at the forefront of new communications technologies, including radio, television and specialty magazines. An avid student of history and politics, he created Hearst newspapers and detailed current events of the 20th century, and his public service included two terms as a

Democratic congressman from New York. During his life he gave millions of dollars to colleges, hospitals, kindergartens and museums, and in the decade before his death he established the charitable foundations that bear his name.

1962

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. Hearst family members, including granddaughter of William Randolph Hearst, Millicent Hearst Boudjakdji, maintained strong leadership of the program through the decades, and the family continues the tradition of avid personal support to this day.



(FROM LEFT):
George Hearst
Phoebe A. Hearst
William R. Hearst
George R. Hearst Sr.
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For more than 70 years, The Hearst Foundations have continued to support numerous charitable organizations across the country in the fields of education, health, culture and social service. 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 nationwide.

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