



The Congressional Seminar

Presented In Partnership With:

The National Society of the Colonial
Dames of America (NSCDA)

June 20 – 26, 2015

DRAFT SCHEDULE: June 1, 2015
PROGRAM LOCATION: American University – Washington, DC
PROGRAM DATES: June 20-26, 2015
PROGRAM TITLE: THE CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR

Saturday, June 20th, 2015: Welcome to Washington DC!

Dress Code: Casual

9:00am-5:00pm Individuals arrive in Washington D.C and check-in at American University

Students will be met by members of the NSCDA and Washington Workshops to welcome students and facilitate taxi and shuttle arrangements to campus

6:00pm Dinner in American University Cafeteria

7:00pm Welcome and Introduction to the Washington Workshops - Tom Crossan, President of the Washington Workshops Foundation

8:00pm Program Overview and Model Congress Review

8:30pm Break into Model Congress Groups, Elect Chairman and Secretary

9:30pm Floor Meetings

11:00pm Curfew and Security Checks

Sunday, June 21st, 2015: The Origins of a Capitol City and Honoring the Past

Dress Code: Business Casual

7:00am Breakfast in AU Cafeteria

7:30am Depart for Mount Vernon

8:15am Visit Mount Vernon – The Life and Legacy of George Washington

- **Mansion Tour**
- **The Washington Family Tombs**
- **Colonial Farming Exhibits and Education Center**

11:15am Lunch in Mount Vernon Cafeteria

12:00pm Bus Departs for Lincoln Memorial

12:45pm Visit Our National Memorials

- **The Lincoln Memorial**
- **The Korean War Memorial**
- **The Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial**

2:00pm Depart for Arlington National Cemetery

2:15pm Arlington National Cemetery

- **The Kennedy Gravesites**
- **Arlington House**
- **The Challenger, Columbia, Mast of the Maine Memorials**
- **The Tomb of the Unknowns**

3:15pm Full Honor Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns

4:45pm Bus departs Arlington for Iwo Jima Memorial

5:00pm Visit Iwo Jima Memorial

5:15pm Bus departs for American University Campus

6:00pm Dinner in AU Cafeteria

7:00pm Speaker- James Lark, Professor at the University of Virginia and Former National Chairman of the Libertarian Party, “Third Party Politics in the U.S.”

8:00pm Model Congress Committee Meetings

10:00pm Quiet Hours Begin

10:30pm Floor Meetings

11:00pm Curfew

Monday, June 22nd, 2015: The Intricacies of Policy Making

Dress Code: Professional

- 8:00am Breakfast in AU Cafeteria
- 9:00am **WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD – THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**
Policy Briefing with Experts in Model Congress Committees
- Committee on Energy and the Environment- Sustainability**
- Committee on the Budget- Creating a Balanced Budget**
- Committee on Foreign Relations- Non-proliferation**
- 11:15am Depart for Lunch
- 12:00pm Lunch in Reagan International Trade Building
- 12:45pm Walk to the Wilson Center
- 1:00pm Visit the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars**
- 2:00pm Depart for the National Mall
- 2:30pm Visit the National Mall and the Smithsonian Museums**
- **The National Air and Space Museum**
 - **The Natural History Museum**
 - **The American History Museum**
 - **The National Museum of the American Indian**
 - **The National Gallery of Art**
 - **The Smithsonian Castle**
- 5:30pm Depart for University Campus
- 6:15pm Dinner in AU Cafeteria
- 7:00pm Evening Speaker on Energy and Sustainability**
- 8:15pm Review Parliamentary Procedure
- 9:00pm Model Congress Committee Meetings**
- 10:30pm Floor Meetings
- 11:00pm Curfew

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2015: Special Guest Lectures and Dumbarton House Reception

Dress Code: Professional

- 8:00am Breakfast in AU Cafeteria
- 9:00am Morning Speaker on Creating a Balanced Budget**
- 10:00am Break
- 10:15am Morning Speaker on Non-Proliferation**
- 11:30am Depart for Lunch
- 12:00pm Lunch at Eat! at National Place
- 12:45pm Tour of Classical Washington**
- **The World War II Memorial**
 - **The Jefferson Memorial**
 - **The FDR Memorial**
 - **The MLK Jr. Memorial**
- 2:30pm Students Depart for Dumbarton House
- 3:00pm The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America – Annual Tea to Honor Essay Winners**
- **Welcome by Tom Crossan and Introduction of Patriotic Service Chair**
- 5:00pm Depart for University Campus
- 6:00pm Dinner in AU Cafeteria
- 7:00pm Speaker- Doug Brattebo, Professor of Political Science at Hiram College and Director of the Garfield Center for the Study of the American Presidency, “Exploring the U.S. Executive Branch”**
- 8:00pm Model Congress Committee Meetings**
- 10:30pm Floor Meetings
- 11:00pm Curfew

Wednesday, June 24th, 2015: A Day on Capitol Hill- Meet WW Alumni and Independent Research Time

Dress Code: Professional

- 7:30am Breakfast in AU Cafeteria

- 8:15am Bus Departs for Capitol Hill
- 9:00am **Group Photographs in front of the Capitol Building**
- 10:00am **CONGRESSIONAL SPEAKER: - The WW is Proud to have alumni actively serving in the US House of Representatives. Each year our alumni kindly speak to our Congressional Students to provide perspectives on how they made it to the US Congress and current policy.
Congressman Tom Price (R-GA) TBD**
- 11:00am **Independent Committee Time on Capitol Hill – Students are required to travel in their committee groups to attend Committee Hearings, Visit the House and Senate Galleries, Visit the Library of Congress, The US Supreme Court, Meet with their individual Senate and House members and conduct research for their Model Congress Debates**
- Washington Workshops Staff are posted at designated areas on Capitol Hill to act as resources for students.**
- 12:50pm **Capitol Tour Scheduled** (*If students can't make this time, you will be able to get walk-up tickets for other tour times*)
- 3:45pm All WW Staff and Students Meet at the Peace Arch for Departure
- 4:00pm Bus to the National Archives
- 4:15pm **Visit The National Archives**
- **The Declaration of Independence**
 - **The Bill of Rights**
 - **The Constitution**
 - **Copy of the Magna Carta**
- 5:00pm Walk to Reagan International Trade Building for Dinner
- 6:00pm Depart for Joint Base Fort Myer
- 6:30pm **Twilight Tattoo –An hour-long, live-action military pageant featuring Soldiers from The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own"**
- 8:15pm Depart for Campus
- 9:00pm **Model Congress Committee Meetings, Prepare Final Bills**
- 10:30pm Floor Meetings
- 11:00pm Curfew

Thursday, June 25th, 2015: The National Mall and the Main Event: The Final Model Congress Debates

Dress Code: Professional In the morning, Casual in the evening

- 7:30am Breakfast in AU Cafeteria
- 8:00am Committee Meetings and Final Preparation for Model Congress**
- 8:45am The Model Congress Full Session – Model Congress Committees Debate Their Bills**
- 12:00pm Depart for the Newseum
- 12:30pm Lunch in Newseum Cafeteria
- 1:00pm Visit the Newseum – The Interactive Museum dedicated to the News**
- 2:30pm Bus to the Holocaust Museum
- 3:00pm Visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum**
- 4:45pm Bus to American University to Change for Evening Activities
- 6:30pm Bus to Southwest Waterfront
- 7:00pm Evening Dinner and Dance Cruise Aboard the Spirit of Washington**
- 10:30pm Hall Meetings
- 11:30pm Curfew

Friday, June 26th, 2015: Farewell and Best Wishes!

Dress Code: Casual

- 6:00am Check Out and Departures Begin
- 7:00am Breakfast begins in AU Cafeteria
- 6am-4pm Student Departures

Departures will take place throughout the morning and into the afternoon. WW Program Managers will be on site to help facilitate departures and meet family members picking up students

**Thank you for attending the Congressional Seminar
Best Wishes In Your Future Endeavors!**

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