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2019 College Student Congress Participants

Alabama – R. Jordan Davis

Morehouse College | Irondale, Alabama

R. Jordan Davis is a Junior, English major at Morehouse College from Birmingham, Alabama. At Morehouse, Jordan is a Student Ambassador, member of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, and serves on the Conduct Judiciary Committee for the college. Jordan has worked on several political campaigns, most notably and recently, the Stacey Abrams for Governor Campaign as an At-Large Intern. This past summer, Jordan was accepted to participate in a highly selective fellowship at Duke University School of Law. Jordan aspires to attend law school, practice law, and provide counsel for political officials in various policy areas. He ultimately hopes to run for Congress in an effort to pass bipartisan legislation to better serve the American people. Jordan is ecstatic and grateful for the opportunity to represent his home state of Alabama at the 2019 College Student Congress.

Alaska – Megan Warren

University of Alaska – Anchorage | Anchorage, Alaska

Megan Warren, born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, has focused her academic career on social justice and policy. Megan's family comes from Yakutat, Alaska. She credits most of her leadership and determination to her Tlingit culture. She is Raven-Coho from her mother's side and is interested in pursuing tribal law after earning her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Megan has been involved in the Native Student Council at UAA and is a former First Alaskans Institute Policy Center intern. Megan enjoys spending time fishing, hiking, playing piano and golf in her spare time. During high school Megan won several state youth golf tournaments and spent a semester at the Junior Players Golf Association in Hilton Head, SC. After high school graduation she attended the University of Arizona in Tucson and University of Alaska Anchorage earning a GPA of 3.95.

Arizona – Joanna Jandali

University of Arizona | Tucson, Arizona

Joanna Jandali is a political science and law major with a minor in Arabic at the University of Arizona. For the past seven years, Joanna has been an active competitor on a mock trial team, both in high school and in college, travelling across the country competing against other schools and universities. From a legal internship in Dubai, UAE to a research fellowship with an international relations professor, Joanna is choosing to spend the second semester of her junior year interning full time with the Arizona Supreme Court up at the state capital. As she is most interested in the field of transitional justice, armed conflict management, and international law, Joanna aspires to be an international human rights advocate.



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Arkansas – Abby Mattingly

University of Central Arkansas | Conway, Arkansas

Abby was born and raised in northwest Arkansas and graduated from Bentonville High School with honors. Now, Abby attends the University of Central Arkansas where she is pursuing a double major in International Studies and Public Administration with a minor in French. At UCA, she is heavily involved in the Model United Nations program. During the 54th annual Arkansas Model United Nations conference in November, Abby was selected to represent the Secretary General. After graduating, she intends to join the Peace Corps and serve in the two year program. She hopes to then attend graduate school.

California – Josh Donner

California State University – Channel Islands | Moorpark, California

Josh serves as the President of the California College Democrats, the organization for all College Democratic Clubs in California. He has been an active in California Politics for the past 8 years, starting out as President and founder of the Moorpark High School Democrats. In college Josh became the Communications Director and eventually the Co-President for the CI College Democrats Club. He is active in the politics and government in his home county of Ventura as a Delegate for the California Democratic Party, Campaign manager and coordinator for 2 county wide campaigns, and as a volunteer in a number of community organizations. He has recruited and trained high school and college activists to become involved in our government and to move our country forward to a brighter future.

Colorado – Rosa Prisciliano

Metropolitan State University of Denver | Denver, Colorado

Angelica Prisciliano is a student at Metropolitan State University of Denver pursuing a degree in Political Science. She graduated with honors from the Paralegal Studies program at the Community College of Denver in 2016. She has held different leadership roles on and off campus that enhance her professional experience in working in equitable policy. She has participated in numerous immigration panels, organized resource events for immigrant families, and advocated for access to higher education for immigrant youth. Angelica currently serves as the Director for a community organization called United Leaders in Higher Education and has interned as a Colorado State Capitol Fellow in the 2019 legislative session. She is passionate about equitable public policy and believes that through compromise we can achieve that and have a positive impact.



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Connecticut – Mikael Tessema

Harvard University | Bridgeport, Connecticut

Mikael Tessema is a rising senior from Bridgeport, Connecticut studying political science at Harvard University. He plans to write a thesis exploring the evolution of political discourse surrounding equality in the United States as an undergraduate fellow at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics. As a member of the selection committee and former producer for the fellowship program at the Institute of Politics, he helps to bring distinguished public figures to Cambridge to host study groups for the Harvard community. Mikael is also a research assistant for former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu's E Pluribus Unum Fund, which hopes to find ways to unite diverse groups through local conversations across the American South. On campus, he has served as a finance director for a student legal aid organization, a communications chair for Primus, Harvard's first-generation student affinity group, and contributes to residential life in Lowell House.

Delaware – Bridget Williams

University of Delaware | West Hartford, Connecticut

Bridget is currently a junior studying Global Enterprise Management and International Business at the University of Delaware. She is originally from West Hartford, Connecticut, but is excited to be representing Delaware. Bridget is heavily involved on Delaware's campus, newly elected to the executive board of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity as the Vice President of Operations. She is also a site leader for University of Delaware Alternative Break Programs (UDaB), and will be co-leading eleven students to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice this spring. To further her involvement, she is a member of the University of Delaware Student Alumni Ambassadors (UDSAA) and is a member of the executive board for a brand new student organization, The Big Event, which unites all service organizations on campus in one big day of service for the Newark, DE, community.

Florida – Jeannie Regidor

Harvard University | Miami, Florida

Jeannie Regidor is a current Junior at Harvard University concentrating in History & Literature with a secondary in Government. She is from Miami, FL. and attended G. Holmes Braddock Sr. High School. Outside of class she is President of the Cuban-American Undergraduate Student Association (CAUSA), Co-Director of the Alternative Spring Break Programs at Harvard, and a Peer Advising Fellow. She also participates in many public service activities which include teaching English to recent immigrants in Boston and writing stories for underserved children. A fluent Spanish speaker, Jeannie is of Cuban and Costa Rican descent. She loves to read, write, and travel.



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Georgia – Mary Alex Carter

Valdosta State University | Valdosta, Georgia

Born and raised in Valdosta, Georgia, Mary Alex Carter is a junior at Valdosta State University pursuing a degree in Political Science. She is a senator and chairman of the Student Engagement committee in the Student Government Association, an active member and academic standards chairman in the Kappa Beta chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity, an author in the Creative Writing Club, and an affiliate of Valdosta State University College Republicans. Growing up with a mother as a politician, she is hoping that opportunities through the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship Student Congress will blaze the way for her own imprint in the political world.

Hawaii – Cindy Ng

University of Hawaii – Manoa | Honolulu, Hawaii

Cindy Ng was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, after her parents immigrated to America about 30 years ago. She is currently in her third year at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, pursuing a double major in Political Science and Peace and Conflict Resolution, and a minor in Chinese. As a second generation Chinese-American, Cindy has faced many unique challenges of growing up in a western society, with eastern-centered values. As a result, she has gained an appreciation for this dichotomy, and is considering a career with the U.S. Department of State. In addition to her education, she has also pursued various internships on the federal and state level. Outside of her academic career, Cindy enjoys serving as a governing member in her university's competitive debate team, hiking the diverse trails that Hawaii has to offer, and photography.

Idaho - Mary Alice Taylor

University of Idaho | Moscow, Idaho

Mary Alice Taylor is a Junior at the University of Idaho majoring in Political Science and Economics and minoring in Spanish and Climate Change. She is a member of the women's fraternity Kappa Kappa Gamma and serves as the Director of Philanthropy on her student body government (ASUI). In her free time, she enjoys working out, reading, and leading a zero-waste lifestyle. She is a fourth generation Idahoan, born and raised in Boise. She grew up loving the great outdoors, which transitioned into a passion for environmental conservation and reclamation. In the future, she plans to peruse a career that allows her to create and influence policy that will better the environment and make the world a better place for all to live.

Illinois – Ilana Dutton

University of Puget Sound | Chicago, Illinois

Ilana Dutton and is from Chicago, Illinois. She grew up on the north side of the city and in 2016 moved to Tacoma, Washington to attend the University of Puget Sound. She is currently a junior studying Comparative Politics and International Political Economy, with a minor in Spanish. On campus, she works with the Department of Experiential Learning and is currently an intern with an organization that provides legal aid to detained immigrants.



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Indiana – Angela Weaver

Purdue University | DeMotte, Indiana

Angela Weaver is currently a student at Purdue University, studying Law and Society with a minor in Communications. Born and raised in Indiana, Angela proudly advocates for Hoosier Families, such as through a Klinker-Alting Family Advocacy internship, where she is working to increase the minimum wage. Angela has also interned for the Tippecanoe County Public Defender Office and the Legislative Services Agency during the 2018 Session of the Indiana General Assembly. Outside of her studies, Angela researches policies regarding breastfeeding in foreign nations and actively volunteers at the Lafayette Urban Ministry. Angela also serves as the Executive Director of Career Opportunities for the Liberal Arts Student Council and as a Dean’s Ambassador for the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue.

Iowa – Rachel Fritz

Drake University | Wever, Iowa

Rachel Fritz is a junior at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa studying Political Science and Psychology. After graduation, she plans to attend law school on the east coast to study criminal law and further practice law, hopefully somewhere warmer than Iowa. Her passions include the Criminal Justice system and the Supreme Court of the United States. One Supreme Court Justice that inspires her is John Paul Stevens, due to his dedication and determination as seen in his dissenting opinion of *Citizens United*. In her free time, Rachel works at Drake Legal Clinic and the Department of Homeland Security to better her understanding of the US legal system.

Kansas – Faith Tuttle

Kansas State University | Gove, Kansas

Faith Tuttle, from Gove, Kansas, attends Kansas State University where she majors in Political Science and International Studies with a minor in Leadership Studies. She has served in the Student Governing Association all three years, currently serving in the capacity of State Relations Director, and is also on the College Republicans Executive Board. In addition, she is the chair of Legislative Advocates, where she leads the K-State students in advocating legislation for higher education funding at the Capitol in Topeka. She has interned for Kansas House Majority Leader Don Hineman, the U.S. House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, and worked as a field coordinator for the Kansas Office of the Majority Leader in the 2018 election cycle. She plans to continue to pursue her passion for politics with a career in public service in Washington, D.C.

Kentucky – Madison Powell

Kentucky State University | Lawrenceburg, Kentucky

Madison Paige Powell is a junior majoring in Political Science with a minor in Speech Communications, studying in the esteemed Whitney M. Young Honors College at Kentucky State University. Born in Louisville and raised in the Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, she is proud to represent the Commonwealth in the 2019 College Student Congress. Madison firmly believes that her diverse educational experience along with the small town culture she was raised in has best prepared her to serve all Kentuckians. With aspirations in law and politics, Madison looks forward to the preparation and growth that she will gain within this opportunity.



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Louisiana – Lauren Breaux

Louisiana State University | Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Lauren Breaux is currently a senior at Louisiana State University, and is majoring in History with a minor in Political Science. She is the Director of Philanthropy in LSU's Student Government and on the LSU Student Philanthropy Council. She is an active member at Living Hope Fellowship Church and is involved with LSU's Baptist Collegiate Ministry. She loves to read, hangout with friends, and play with any dog that walks past her. Lauren knows her calling is to help people: whether that be through philanthropy, policy making, community involvement, or a mixture of all three. She hopes that one day she can give back to the communities that have given her so much already.

Maine – Micaela Duran

Colby College | Pleasant View, Utah

Micaela Duran is currently a sophomore at Colby College. She will graduate in 2021 with a double major in Anthropology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. On campus, she is involved with the Feminist Alliance, the Planned Parenthood Generation Action chapter, and the Oak Committee for Human Rights. For the local and state elections of 2018, Micaela spent her weekends canvassing for Democratic candidates. She is excited for the opportunity to represent Maine in the College Student Congress and sees the program as a great opportunity for her to learn more about bipartisanship.

Maryland – Amadi Umi

Salve Regina University | Marbury, Maryland

Amadi Umi knew that the law was her passion from an early age. While still in high school, she earned her paralegal certificate from Pace University. Amadi is now in the third year of an Administration of Justice degree at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. Her ultimate plans include law school and a career in civil law. Beyond the law, Amadi finds pleasure in playing the drums and ukulele, drawing, and consuming massive amounts of pop culture news. Amadi currently lives in Southern Maryland with her parents, two siblings and opinionated Holland Lop.

Massachusetts – Timothy Southam

Amherst College | Santa Monica, California

Timothy J. Southam is a junior at Amherst College, double majoring in Political Science and Economics. Committed to diversity of thought, Timothy is a proud member of both the Democrat and Republican club at Amherst. Timothy is impassioned to solve the gross levels of economic inequality facing the U.S. and believes changes in our approach to healthcare and education is how this will be accomplished. After getting his JD MBA, he is set on a career in Washington D.C. to push for reform in these policy areas as a chief of staff. Outside of politics, Timothy is part of the Men's Rowing Association at Amherst and spends his free time playing basketball and watching the L.A. Lakers. Timothy is from Santa Monica, California where he lives with his parents, three older sisters, and dog Mocha.



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Michigan – Chiquita Jackson

University of Kansas | Detroit, Michigan

Chiquita Jackson is a senior at the University of Kansas studying Political Science, African American Studies, and Social Justice on a Pre-Law track. Her leadership experience has prepared her to be successful in many areas, especially with public speaking, professional networking, and decision making. Stepping outside her comfort zone isn't unusual for this Detroit native, traveling to various campuses as a Black Student Union Political Action Delegate; creating events; and organizing Black Lives Matters panel discussions to ensure the continuation of African American culture. After college, she plans to attend law school so she can defend and protect those who are underrepresented in society. She is thrilled to be the 2019 Student Congress Michigan Representative, and she looks forward to helping others gain awareness about the government and how politics are important for society's future.

Minnesota – Emily Gootzeit

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities | Waconia, Minnesota

Emily Gootzeit is currently a junior at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. She is double majoring in political science and history with the aspiration of going to law school. Emily is an Admissions Ambassador for the University and gives tours to prospective students. Furthermore, she was a founder of her sorority and is now the president of the organization. Emily spent the fall as an intern for the University's DFL Youth Coordinated Campaign during the 2018 midterm elections, which really sparked her interest in politics. Emily hopes to make a positive impact on the world.

Mississippi – Gabriela Wells

University of Mississippi | Pascagoula, Mississippi

Gabriela Wells is a 21 year old from Pascagoula, MS. She is a Junior at the University of Mississippi, majoring in Public Policy Leadership with a double Minor in Intelligence & Securities Studies and African American Studies. Gabriela is involved in several organizations and leadership positions on campus, including serving as a senator on the Associated Student Body, membership in the Black Student Union, and the Trent Lott Advisory Board. Gabriela is very passionate about community service. She volunteers with The Big Event every year, which is day of service the entire campus tries to get involved with. She also volunteers with setting up competitions for high schoolers at the University. Gabriela is interested in policies regarding food/water security as well as policies that hinder the progression of women. Gabriela is interested in attending law school after she graduates.



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Missouri – Halle Herbert

Missouri State University | Eldon, Missouri

Halle Herbert is an upcoming senior at Missouri State University. She grew up in Eldon, Missouri. Herbert currently is working towards receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. At Missouri State University, Herbert is active in the Inclusive Excellence Scholars Program and Student Government Association. Herbert is a proud member of the National FFA Organization where she recently received the American FFA Degree. This degree is awarded to less than one percent of FFA Members, making it one of the organization's highest honors. Herbert recently interned with U.S. Representative for Missouri's Third Congressional District, Blaine Luetkemeyer, in his Jefferson City Office. Herbert is extremely excited for the Henry Clay Student Congress where she will gain new experiences and meet several new students that are just as passionate about making a difference. Upon graduation, Herbert plans on working within government affairs.

Montana – Allison Reinhardt

Montana State University | Bozeman, Montana

A student at Montana State University, Allison Reinhardt has a passion for public service fueled by her leadership roles throughout high school and college. She received a presidential scholarship from the Honors College and serves as an ambassador for the college. She is a senator for the Associated Students of Montana State University and was one of two delegates selected to represent Montana as part of the United States Senate Youth Program. Reinhardt also took sixth place in the nation for her Voice of Democracy speech, a program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She gives tours to prospective students through the admissions office and serves on the Outreach and Engagement Council for the University. Because of her passion for public service, she is currently studying political science and global health.

Nebraska – Elsa Knight

University of Nebraska – Lincoln | Lincoln, Nebraska

Elsa Knight attends the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is a Classics & Religious Studies and Political Science double major, with a Pre-Law track. On campus, she currently is a member of the University Honors Program and the Classics Club, a policy specialist for the UNL Railway Club, and a performer with the university's show choir Big Red Singers. Off-campus Elsa has well-rounded experience from her internships, working at nonprofits (Nebraska Appleseed and Nebraska ACLU), the state government (the Nebraska Legislature), and the federal government (the House of Representatives). Elsa's passion is getting younger students involved in civics and uses her personal experiences to encourage participation through both private tutoring and through her position of Assistant Director of Education at Cornhusker Girls State. As soon as she finishes her undergraduate degree, Elsa plans to attend UNL Law.



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Nevada – Ally Krenos

University of Alabama | Las Vegas, Nevada

Alexandra “Ally” Krenos was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. After graduating high school from Northwest Career and Technical Academy in 2016, she decided to attend the University of Alabama as a member of the University Fellows Experience, a program that aims to create global citizens through a mixture of education, research, and service. She is working towards her degree with majors in Political Science and International Studies as well as minors in Italian and Social Innovation and Leadership. Ally spends her free time serving in a broad range of student organizations. After graduation, she plans on attending law school with hopes of a career in global affairs.

New Hampshire – Jacob Shairs

Plymouth State University | Danvers, Massachusetts

Jacob Shairs is a Junior Political Science Major at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. He double minors in Pre-Law and Business Administration. Jacob is currently the Speaker of Student Senate at Plymouth State, while also being the Secretary for the class of 2020. He is the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Federation of College Republicans and has worked on several political campaigns. Most recently and most notably Jacob worked for the Negron for Congress campaign in 2020 as Negron’s North Country Coordinator. Jacob is currently running for Chairman of the New Hampshire Federation of College Republicans and aspires to go to Graduate School to further his education in Political Science. His dream job is to work for a political consulting firm in D.C.

New Jersey – Satyen Gupta

University of Chicago | Short Hills, New Jersey

Satyen Gupta is a junior at the University of Chicago studying public policy, political science, and Latin American studies. He is originally from Short Hills, New Jersey. On campus, he serves as student body president. In his free time, Satyen enjoys photography and the BBC drama *Lovesick*.

New Mexico – Emily Hartshorn

University of New Mexico | Albuquerque, New Mexico

Emily Hartshorn, a junior at the University of New Mexico, was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She loves to travel, and would like to eventually visit all 50 US states. She is actively involved in her sorority, student government, the honors college, and the new student orientation process on campus. After she receives her undergraduate degree, she plans to pursue her JD. Emily’s greatest goal is to become a justice on the Supreme Court, like her role model, Justice Ginsburg.



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New York – Louis Lin

University of Pennsylvania | Amityville, New York

Louis Lin is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania majoring in Health and Societies and Political Science and minoring in Asian American Studies, Education Policy, and Environmental Studies. On campus, he is involved in the first generation, low-income student union, performing arts, Big Brothers Big Sister, Student Activities Council, among other things. Louis is passionate about addressing health and education inequalities, especially among low-income and immigrant communities, and he hopes to pursue a career at the intersection of these interests. He currently serves as Judge of Election on his precinct election board, Committee Member of his ward's Executive Democratic Committee in Philadelphia, and works at the DOT Federal Aviation Administration's Office of the Chief Counsel.

North Carolina – Justin Thompson

North Carolina State University | Stanfield, North Carolina

Justin Thompson is a Junior at North Carolina State University studying History and Sociology from Albemarle, North Carolina. In his free time, he works as a tutor for Student-Athletes, DJs for WKNC 88.1 FM, and is a research assistant for the Sociology department analyzing the language in coming out videos made by LGBTQ individuals. Hobbies of his include being a member of the university's Model UN team and Anthropology Club.

North Dakota – Matthew Brock

North Dakota State University | Fargo, North Dakota

Matthew Brock was born and raised in Fargo, North Dakota. He's a middle child, with an older brother, a younger sister, and a younger brother. He is attending North Dakota State University and is currently a junior in pursuit of a B.S. in Computer Science. Despite growing up in a small town, Matthew has a love for exploring the unknown and strives to constantly gain more knowledge. He also has a passion for foreign language and culture, mainly Korean and Japanese, history, and government. In his free time, Matthew runs, swims, golfs, and plays video games whenever he gets the chance.

Ohio – Elizabeth Baumgartner

Ohio State University | North Olmstead, Ohio

Elizabeth is a student at the Ohio State University, majoring in Political Science with minors in French and International Studies. Elizabeth has experience in the field of politics, interning at the Ohio Senate in the office of Senator Matt Dolan. Outside of work and the classroom, Elizabeth enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring Columbus, studying languages, and traveling. Her future plans include continuing her work in the public sector with focus on legislation.



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Oklahoma – Miles Francisco

University of Oklahoma | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Miles Francisco (he, him, his) is a third year student at the University of Oklahoma studying Political Science and African and African American Studies, with minors in International Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies. Miles is passionate about social justice and bringing about a more equitable world for all. After graduating from OU, he plans to attend law school before beginning a career in the political arena. Miles is both an avid reader and a staunch believer in the goat-ness of one LeBron James.

Oregon – Ana Imes

George Fox University | Oregon City, Oregon

Ana Imes is a junior studying political science and philosophy at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. She is part of the William Penn Honors Program and is a reporter for her school's newspaper. In her free time, she enjoys creative writing, singing, and experiencing Oregon's natural beauty. Ana plans to obtain a law degree and eventually become a judge.

Pennsylvania – Kevin Yang

University of Pennsylvania | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Kevin is currently a junior studying Political Science, Finance and Strategic Management in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He is passionate about using his interdisciplinary education to innovate for impact. At Penn, Kevin is the Co-President and Chief Financial Officer for two non-profits that serve first-generation, low-income (FGLI) college students. He has also consulted for social enterprises throughout China and Southeast Asia, tackling issues like rural poverty, water safety and human trafficking. Through his service work, Kevin has been recognized as a Philadelphia Mayor’s Scholar, an Elks Foundation Top 20 Most Valuable Student Scholar, an APIASF-Wells Fargo Scholar, and a Simon Youth Foundation Scholar.

Rhode Island – Tim Mentor

Salve Regina University | New York City, New York

Timothy Lionel Mentor, or just Tim, was born in Cape Town, South Africa in 1998. When he was seven years old, he and his family packed up and moved to New York City in August of 2005. He transitioned into second grade at a private school called Harlem Academy that he attended until high school. From 9th until 12th grade Tim attended an institution called Riverdale Country School in the Bronx. There, he played Football for three years on the varsity level, participated in Mock Trial, and led the Black Student Association. Along the way he ran Track, indoor and outdoor, played Rugby, was in a dance show, poetry slams, and got into Salve Regina University. At Salve, he is a Resident Advisor, football player, a tour guide for prospective students, and remains that kid from South Africa.



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South Carolina – Nicholas LeFever

Clemson University | Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Nicholas LeFever is a junior Political Science major and History minor in the Calhoun Honors College at Clemson University. He is the Chair of the Young Americans for Freedom chapter and a member of the club tennis team. He has completed internships with Marco Rubio's presidential campaign, Congressman Jeff Duncan, and Senator Lindsey Graham. He plans to attend law school upon graduation.

South Dakota – Allyson Monson

South Dakota State University | Clark, South Dakota

Allyson currently attends South Dakota State University, where she is pursuing a Political Science and Communication Studies Double Major. SDSU has provided many opportunities for Allyson. She serves as the student body President for the 12,000 plus students, an Admissions Ambassador, and a New Student Orientation Leader. Upon graduation, Allyson hopes to attend law school. Her future goals are to pursue a federal judicial clerkship and then work in the government. Specifically, she would like to concentrate on public policy advocacy. Whether it is tweaking the language on current legislation or drafting new, Allyson wants to help create positive change through law. Allyson is specifically interested in the quality and access of education and hopes to aid special interest groups focused on this same topic.

Tennessee – Zachary Pate

Clemson University | Ootlewah, Tennessee

Zach Pate is a Junior Economics and Political Science double major from Fort Worth, Texas. A Mount Vernon Leadership Fellow with an uncomfortable amount of knowledge about George Washington, Zach has aspirations for Law School and Bureaucratic Leadership. After seven years taking care of goats, Zach has turned to intellectual snobbery in the form of books, coffee, and tweed. He is very extroverted, always ready to find a good Americano and talk about politics, particularly about his research on how Evangelicals interact with politics. If you can't find him in the nearest coffee shop, you will probably see him out for a run, on his bicycle, or cheering for his Clemson Tigers football team. If you are ever bored, Zach always keeps the most recent issue of The Economist on his person and is happy to share.

Texas – Kevin Wei

Columbia University | Plano, Texas

Kevin Wei is a State of the Net Fellow at the Internet Education Foundation and an ex-Beto Senate campaign staffer/native Texan. His main policy interests are technology and innovation, national security, globalization and global governance, cybersecurity policy, and select microeconomics topics. In the past, Kevin has worked and interned in the Office of Nancy Pelosi, DigitalOcean (Growth & Demand Generation), the Techstars IoT Accelerator, the George W. Bush Presidential Library, and the Smithsonian. He is an avid Overwatch player (TeSPA) and science fiction fan (reviewer at FantasyLiterature.com) when time permits. Kevin is studying Mathematics-Statistics & Economics at Columbia (expected 2019), with some international relations background as well. You can learn more about Kevin at kevinlwei.com.



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Utah – Skye Cowdell

Utah State University | Logan, Utah

Skye Cowdell will be a senior at Utah State University, majoring in Law and Constitutional Studies and minoring in Japanese. Born and raised in Salt Lake City, she loves serving those around her, organizing and cleaning cluttered areas, and sewing. Skye's interest in a government-related career began when she was elected to Student Council her junior and senior years of high school. After graduating in 2015 and going to a year of college, she volunteered for 18 months on a religious service mission in Kobe, Japan for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Outside of school, Skye has worked a variety of jobs, including serving pizza, selling discounted clothes, and cleaning houses to save up for law school and pursue a career where she can help people every single day.

Vermont – Quinnlyn Murphy

University of Rochester | Manchester Center, Vermont

Quinnlyn Murphy is from Manchester Center, Vermont and is currently a junior studying Political Science, German, and Italian at the University of Rochester in upstate New York. She recently completed an internship in the German parliament with the Social Democratic Party's Committee for Economic Development and Cooperation. She is excited to bring her knowledge of this topic and her experience with this slice of international relations to the College Student Congress this May.

Virginia – Virginia Sun

University of Richmond | Falls Church, Virginia

Virginia Sun hails from Falls Church, Virginia and is proud to represent her namesake at the 2019 College Student Congress. Studying International Studies and English at the University of Richmond, Virginia hopes to pursue her passion for cross-cultural dialogue through a career in international diplomacy and policy-making. Virginia has served as a Department of State youth ambassador in Germany, a citizen diplomat in Japan, and interfaith pilgrimage scholar in Spain. At the University of Richmond, Virginia engages in civic dialogue initiatives through leading weekly interfaith discussions and joining a service-learning initiative in Appalachia. Through her research, community engagement, and studies, Virginia pursues diplomatic solutions that embrace peace as policy in the face of national, cultural, and religious divides.

Washington – Victory Jones

Washington State University | Pullman, Washington

Victory is an undergraduate at Washington State University in rural Pullman, WA double-majoring in Philosophy Pre-Law and Sociology, with a minor in Ethics. She plans to attend law school and become a civil rights lawyer, hopefully working for the ACLU or NAACP. She is passionate about the influence that the government and politics have on societal relationships between people and how that affects human behavior in relation to crime.



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Washington, D.C. – Charlotte Phillips

Georgetown University | New York City, New York

Charlotte Phillips is a junior at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She double majors in History and Government. The focus of her study is the development of sustainable cities and housing in the United States, research she will pursue in the spring as a member in the Government Honors Program at Georgetown. A native New Yorker, she spent the spring as a legislative intern in the office of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. At Georgetown, Charlotte is the Director-General of the North American Invitational Model United Nations Conference (NAIMUN), the country's premier high school Model UN conference, and a certified Wilderness First Responder and guide with Georgetown's Outdoor Education Program.

West Virginia – Sarah Ihlenfeld

West Virginia University | Wheeling, West Virginia

Sarah Ihlenfeld studies International Studies and Economics at West Virginia University. She is a Senator in the West Virginia University Student Government Association and a member of the Model UN Club. Sarah is also an English as a Second Language Tutor, and she researches political and economic inequality. Her plans for the future are to go to law school and pursue a career in international trade law.

Wisconsin – Alexandra Hader

University of Wisconsin | Waukesha, Wisconsin

Alexandra Hader is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Agricultural & Applied Economics and Political Science with Certificates in Environmental Studies and Leadership. She has become passionate about politics and government during her time as an undergrad. This passion has led her to work in advocacy and grassroots organizing, on campus as a student leader and off-campus within a variety of professional environments. She currently works at the Wisconsin Department of Justice as a Program & Policy Analyst as well as a Communications Coordinator for Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment, a student organization dedicated to preventing and educating on all forms of gender-based and sexual violence.

Wyoming – Stephanie Skinner

University of Wyoming | Laramie, Wyoming

Steph Skinner was born and raised in Ogallala, Nebraska, before moving to Laramie, Wyoming to attend the University of Wyoming. At the University of Wyoming, Steph is studying Political Science, with minors in Gender and Women's Studies and the Honors Program. At the University of Wyoming, Steph founded the Political Science Club in 2017, and has served as the Vice President/Event Planner for the Club since then. In this capacity, aside from regular events, Steph has planned a gubernatorial debate, the first one, in recent memory, to be held at the only four-year institution in the state. Through Steph's education in political science, she has discovered a passion for policy, and she is incredibly excited to attend the College Student Congress to meet other students with similar goals and values.