

2026 Henry Clay Center College Student Congress

LEXINGTON/UK WEEK

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Monday, May 18			
	12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Arrivals and Check-in	Jewell Hall Lobby
	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Casual Gathering & Dinner	Jewell Hall Lobby
Tuesday, May 19			
	7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Travel to Ashland Estate	Jewell Hall Lobby
	8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Welcome & Week Overview	Ashland Estate
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HCC Co-Chairs, Bill Giles & David Adkins</i> • <i>Univ. of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy, Director, Dr. Spiro Maroulis</i> 	
	8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Breakfast & Speaker	Ashland Estate
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jim Clark, Henry Clay Estate Exec. Director</i> 	
	9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Travel to Council of State Governments	
	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	CSG Program & Workshop	CSG
	12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Lunch	CSG
	1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Speaker Session	CSG
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>David Adkins, CEO and Director of Council of State Governments, HCC Co-Chairman and Board Member</i> 	
	1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Program Orientation	CSG
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Policy Mentors (James Kessler, Tyler Kibbey, Bobby Simmons, David Stephens) & HCC Interim Director, Dr. Merl Hackbart</i> 	
	2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Travel to Kentucky Horse Park	
	3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Horse Park Tour & Dinner	Kentucky Horse Park
	6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Travel to UK	
	6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Cont. Policy Project Work	Jewell Hall Lobby
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Policy Mentors</i> 	

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Available	Jewell Hall Lobby
8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Overview of the Policy Process	Gatton Room 191
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Cory Curl, Martin School, Director of Undergraduate Studies</i>	
9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Policy Work Groups (<i>Breakouts</i>)	Gatton Study Rooms
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Student Center
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Speaker Session	Gatton Room 191
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Jim Gray, KY Secretary of Transportation, Former Lexington Mayor, HCC Board Member</i>	
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Policy Work Groups (<i>Breakouts</i>)	Gatton Study Rooms
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Supreme Court Documentary	Gatton 191
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Jewell Hall Lobby
7:00 p.m. to -	Continue Project Work	Jewell Hall

Thursday, May 21

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Available	Jewell Hall Lobby
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Project Status Session	Gatton Room 191
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Cory Curl, Martin School, Director of Undergraduate Studies</i>	
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Policy Work Groups (<i>Breakouts</i>)	Gatton Study Rooms
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Break	Student Center
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Speaker Session	Gatton Room 191
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mark Birdwhistell, Univ. of Kentucky, Senior VP for Health & Public Policy</i>	
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Policy Work Groups (<i>Breakouts</i>)	Gatton Study Rooms
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Break	
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Networking Reception	King Alumni House

- ***Co-Hosted by UKY Martin School of Public Policy & Administration/Patterson School of Diplomacy/Rosenberg School of Law***

7:00 p.m. to - Finalize Policy Proposals Jewell Hall Lobby

Friday, May 22

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Breakfast Available Jewell Hall Lobby

8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. "The Art of Compromise" Gatton Room 191

- ***Sannie Overly, Lawyer and former Kentucky State Representative & HCC Board Member***
- ***Angela Evans, Fayette County Attorney***

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Speaker & Topic Session Gatton Room 191

- ***Rob Givens, U.S. Senator Rand Paul State Director, HCC Board Member and Previous Exec. Director***

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Compromise Sessions Gatton 191/131/127/323J

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch Student Center

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Speaker & Topic Session Gatton Room 191

- ***Dr. Joe Young, Univ. of Kentucky Patterson School Director***

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Compromise Sessions Gatton 191/131/127/323J

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Break & Travel to Spindletop Jewell Hall Lobby

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner at Spindletop Spindletop Club

- ***Keynote Speaker: Univ. of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy, Director, Dr. Spiro Maroulis***

8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Travel to UK

8:30 p.m. to - Prepare Presentations Jewell Hall

Saturday, May 23

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Available Gatton Room 191

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Student Policy Presentations Gatton Room 191
(Livestreamed)

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch Jewell Hall Lobby

1:00 p.m. to -

Free Time/Dinner on Own/Prep for DC

Sunday, May 24

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Available

Jewell Hall Lobby

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Checkout and Load Bus

Jewell Hall Lobby

9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Travel to DC

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dorm Check-in at AU

Federal Hall Lobby

7:30 p.m. to -

Free Night/Dinner on Own

DC/AMERICAN U. WEEK

Sunday, May 24

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Available

Jewell Hall Lobby

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Checkout and Load Bus

Jewell Hall Lobby

9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Travel to DC

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dorm Check-in at AU

Federal Hall Lobby

7:30 p.m. to -

Free Night/Dinner on Own

Monday, May 25 – MEMORIAL DAY/FREE DAY TO EXPLORE DC!

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

AU Breakfast Available

Terrace Dining Room

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Travel to National Mall

Federal Hall Lobby

10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Free Time & Explore DC

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Travel to Dinner

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Hosted Dinner

Andy's – Navy Yard

7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Travel to American U.

Tuesday, May 26

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

AU Breakfast Available

Terrace Dining Room

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Travel to U.S. Supreme Court

Federal Hall Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

U.S. Supreme Court Visit

East Conference Room

- ***Scott Harris, Chief Clerk of Supreme Court***
- ***Roman Martinez, Partner Latham & Watkins***

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Walk to Hall of the States

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Break	Hall of the States 285
1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Travel to Federal Reserve	
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Federal Reserve Visit	Federal Reserve
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christopher Waller, Governor, Federal Reserve System</i> 	
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Travel to BPC	
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Bipartisan Policy Center Visit	BPC
4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Travel to American U.	
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	AU Dinner Available	Terrace Dining Room

Wednesday, May 27

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.	AU Breakfast Available	Terrace Dining Room
8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Travel to Hall of the States	Federal Hall Lobby
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	National Gov. Assoc. Session	Hall of the States 285
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>LeAnne Wilson, Chief Operating Officer</i> 	
10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Speaker Session	Hall of the States 285
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Robert Costa, National Correspondent for "CBS News Sunday Morning"; Chief Washington Analyst for CBS News covering the Trump administration; #1 NYT Best Selling Author</i> 	
12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Lunch	Hall of the States 285
12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Travel to German Embassy	
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	German Embassy Visit	German Embassy
3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Travel to Greenberg-Traurig LLP	
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Lobbying Panel	Greenberg-Traurig
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Robert Mangas, Federal Government Law & Policy group</i> • <i>Former Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen</i> 	
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Hosted Reception	Greenberg-Traurig
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Co-Sponsored by Greenberg-Traurig, Kentucky Business Council, and UKY Martin School</i> 	
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Travel to American U.	

Thursday, May 28

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	AU Breakfast Available	Terrace Dining Room
8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Travel to Hall of States	Federal Hall Lobby
9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	FFIS Session	Hall of the States 285
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(Federal Funds Information for States)</i> • <i>Andrew Olson, Chief Analyst</i> • <i>Marcia Howard, Executive Director</i> 	
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Break & Lunch	Hall of the States 285
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Walk to Capitol	
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Capitol Tour & Visit	Capitol Building
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sen. Mitch McConnell Office</i> 	
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Travel to American U.	
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Prep. for Evening Event	American U.
4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Travel to Evening Event	Federal Hall Lobby
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Closing Reception & Dinner	Congressional Country Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Student Policy Project Awards</i> 	
8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Travel to American U.	

Friday, May 29

Student Departures!