

VOICES FOR A NEW DECADE

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**CHRISTIAN STUDENT
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**JAN. 27-31, 2020
WASHINGTON, DC**

FROM THE NAE VICE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Christian Student Leadership Conference, an event of the National Association of Evangelicals.

We hear a lot of voices today. Some are harsh and shrill. Others are civil and gracious. And some voices we don't hear at all. What does your voice sound like?

At the Christian Student Leadership Conference, we hope you'll be inspired and empowered as you engage in some of today's top public policy issues; hear from government officials, public policy leaders and thinkers; express your values; and speak on behalf of those who have no voice. We know that it's your voice — raised with other advocates — that leads to lasting change.

We have invited a wide variety of experts — from across the political spectrum — to the table this week to help us think about how we engage in the political sphere.

Christians do not always agree, with others or even among ourselves, about the details of policy proposals or the best strategies for reform. With this in mind, we invite you to join in conversation with each other and the speakers in a spirit of humility and civility.

The concerns we face in this nation are great, but they are not greater than God. Just and compassionate governance is part of our calling in creation. Let us claim that calling.

For the glory of God,

Galen Carey
@GalenCarey

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. **Conference Registration** – Hyatt Regency, Capitol Room B on Lobby Level
6:00-9:00 p.m. **Voices for a New Decade** – *Dinner*, Hyatt Regency, Capitol Room B
Chaplain Barry Black, U.S. Senate (p. 8-9)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 8:30 a.m. **Arrival for Security at Russell Senate Office Building**
8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Morning Session** – Russell Senate Office Building, Room 325
The Trump Administration (p. 10-11)
Emilie Kao, The Heritage Foundation
Jennie Lichter, The White House
The Judiciary and the First Amendment (p. 12-13)
Tim Goeglein, Focus on the Family
Creation Care Opportunities and Challenges (p. 14-15)
Sen. Mike Braun, U.S. Senate
Trade Agreements and the Economy (p. 16-17)
Sen. Chuck Grassley, U.S. Senate
Next Steps in Criminal Justice Reform (p. 18-19)
John Koufos, Right on Crime
12:00-1:15 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
1:15 p.m. **Arrival for Security at Hart Senate Office Building**
1:30-5:00 p.m. **Afternoon Session** – Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902
Upholding the Sanctity of Life (p. 20-21)
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, U.S. House of Representatives
Religious Freedom & Civil Rights (p. 22-23)
Rep. Chris Stewart, U.S. House of Representatives
Creation Care Opportunities and Challenges (p. 14-15)
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Senate
Mitch Hescox, Evangelical Environmental Network
Advocacy Training Session (p. 24-25)
Galen Carey, National Association of Evangelicals
Eric Teetsel, Office of Sen. Josh Hawley
5:00-6:30 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own**
6:45 p.m. **Arrive at back steps near the South Entrance of U.S. Capitol Building**
7:00 p.m. **Tour of the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Capitol**
Rep. Gary Palmer, U.S. House of Representatives (p. 26-27)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:30 a.m. **Arrival for Security at Dirksen Senate Office Building**
9:00-11:30 a.m. **Morning Session** – Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 106
Joint Session With CCCU Presidents (p. 28-29)
Shirley Hoogstra, Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
Justin Giboney, AND Campaign
Robert Eitel, U.S. Department of Education
Amb. Sam Brownback, U.S. State Department
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
12:30-5:30 p.m. **Congressional Visits and Free Time** – Senate appointments will be given out during the week. Each student is responsible for scheduling an appointment with their House of Representative's office.
5:30-9:00 p.m. **Service Night** – *Dinner*, Hyatt Regency, Thornton Room, 11th Floor
Faith and Working in Washington Panel (p. 30-31)
David Crane, National Republican Senatorial Committee
Daniel West, Susan B. Anthony List
Sarah Bylsma, Office of Sen. Dan Sullivan
Westin Jablonowski, Office of Sen. James Risch

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. **Morning Session** – Hyatt Regency, Thornton Room, 11th Floor
The Judiciary and the First Amendment (p. 12-13)
Carl Esbeck, University of Missouri School of Law
Immigration Reform (p. 32-33)
Jacinta Ma, National Immigration Forum
10:30-11:15 a.m. **White House Tour** – 15th Street and Hamilton Place NW
12:00-3:30 p.m. **Lunch and Afternoon Session** – American Enterprise Institute, 1789 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Poverty and Religion in America (p. 34-35)
Robert Doar, American Enterprise Institute
Daniel Cox, American Enterprise Institute
7:00-9:00 p.m. **Closing Dinner** – Carmine's Restaurant, 425 7th St. NW (p. 36-37)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Sightseeing and Tours on Your Own**
9:30-10:30 a.m. **U.S. Supreme Court Tour** (*optional*)

INFORMATION

Conference Etiquette

-Arrive 10 minutes before the start of each session, and be sure to account for security lines.

-Electronic devices should be silenced during all of the sessions.

-Please wear your name tag throughout the conference. The NAE staff will collect your name tag at the dinner on Thursday night.

-The dress code for each event will be business attire (no jeans!). There is substantial walking during the days and waiting in lines outside while getting through security in government buildings. Please come prepared for this.

A Caveat

-Speakers represent their own views, not necessarily the views of the NAE. Non-NAE materials included in the packets or sessions do not imply NAE endorsement.

Metro Cards

-Use the Metro card (which is loaded with \$10) in your registration packet for transportation to various site locations.

-The NAE reuses the cards each year. At the end of the conference, please give your card to an NAE staff member or leave it at the hotel front desk.

Food Service

-All scheduled meals are included in your registration costs. You are responsible for covering your lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday.

-In your registration packet, you will find 2 breakfast vouchers for the hotel restaurant for use on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The hotel restaurant opens at 6:30 a.m.

-You also received \$15 for the two remaining breakfasts.

Security

-Please carry a current government-issued photo ID to all off-site locations.

-Refrain from making jokes during the security process.

-Most buildings have metal detectors. Do not bring anything that would be considered a weapon, including pocket knives. Food and beverages are not permitted.

-No purses or bags of any sort are allowed on the White House tour on Thursday morning.

Internet Access

-Standard internet access is included in your room rate. You will not be charged extra for this. Please select the standard option. Contact the hotel front desk if you have trouble connecting.

Hotel Check-out

-It is your responsibility to check out by noon on Friday. The hotel will hold your luggage in a private room in the lobby lounge if you plan on sightseeing afterward.

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THINGS TO DO IN D.C.

-The main **Smithsonian museums** are conveniently located on the National Mall, between the Capitol and the Washington Monument, and have free admission.

-While near the Capitol, check out the **Library of Congress**. You can even get your own library card — a great D.C. souvenir. Open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

-Check out **Museum of the Bible**, located at 400 4th St. SW. Open from 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

-Enjoy some tropical weather at the **National Botanical**

Gardens, located at 100 Maryland Ave. SW and open from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

-The **Arlington National Cemetery** is a highlight to many. The Changing of the Guard can be seen every hour on the hour. The cemetery is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and is located at the Arlington Cemetery Metro stop.

-The **Holocaust Museum** is south of the National Mall. It is open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., but they do not admit anyone into the building after 4:30 p.m.

TIPS FOR YOUR CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

During the conference, you will have the opportunity to experience one of the blessings of democracy by meeting with your senators and representative or members of their staff. Members of Congress represent you, and you are performing an important public service by helping them know what issues are important to you, and why. You don't have to be a policy expert, just an informed voter.

-You can reach the offices of any member of Congress or the Senate by dialing the main switchboard at 202-224-3121.

-Arrive around 10 minutes early wearing business attire, even if Congress is out of session and staff is dressed more casually.

-Address the member as “Representative” if in the House of Representatives, or as “Senator” if in the Senate. If not meeting with member directly, sir and ma'am would be appropriate for staff members.

-Include where you are from and your reason for being in Washington.

-Do not overwhelm staff with a myriad of issues. Stick to two if meeting with a member directly or maybe three if meeting with staff. More questions may be asked depending on the time it takes to answer the question.

-Be versed in the topics you plan to discuss and know the voting record of the senator or representative that you are meeting with. Check **VoteSmart.org** for the voting record.

-Overall, be respectful of the person and their position, even if you may disagree with things they say.

-Make sure to thank everyone in the office, grab some business cards, and send some form of thank you to the office. A letter is preferred, but an email is a nice gesture as well.



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COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) is a higher education association of 178 Christian institutions around the world. The 115 member campuses in North America are all regionally accredited, comprehensive colleges and universities with curricula rooted in the arts and sciences. If you enjoy the CSLC, you should consider a semester in Washington, D.C., with CCCU's American Studies Program. Here you will connect with the institutions and leaders who are impacting issues in public policy and strategic communication. **CCCU.org @cccutweets**



For more than 20 years, the Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN) has educated Christians on a biblical approach to creation care and climate action. During the past five years, over 2.3 million conservative pro-life Christians have been organized by EEN to tell policymakers to reduce pollution and shift to clean energy. **CreationCare.org @CreationCare**



The EJUSA Evangelical Network promotes a justice system centered on redemption and healing. Equal Justice USA is a national organization working to transform the justice system by promoting responses to violence that break cycles of trauma. We have worked with evangelical leaders across the nation since 2011, leading the way in engaging evangelicals to speak out against the death penalty. Our Evangelical Network unites evangelicals under a bold vision of justice transformation, so that violence is rare and every community is safe and healthy. **Evangelical.EJUSA.org @EJUSA**



Focus on the Family is a global Christian ministry dedicated to helping families thrive. It provides help and resources for couples to build healthy marriages that reflect God's design, and for parents to raise their children according to values grounded in biblical principles. Focus supports families as they teach their children about God and his beautiful design for the family. With practical resources — like the 1-800 Family Help line, counseling and websites — they're committed to providing trustworthy, biblical guidance and support. **FocusOnTheFamily.com @FocusFamily**



Prison Fellowship is the nation's largest Christian nonprofit serving prisoners, former prisoners and their families, and a leading advocate for criminal justice reform. The organization was founded in 1976 by Charles Colson. Today Prison Fellowship brings restoration to those affected by crime and incarceration nationwide by facilitating prisoners' transformation, supporting prisoners' families and returning citizens, and advocating for a criminal justice system that reflects the God-given dignity and potential of all individuals. **PrisonFellowship.org @prisonfellowship**



Regent University School of Law is a Christ-centered law school located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The school offers a Juris Doctor (J.D.) in three-year and part-time formats, an online M.A. in law, and an on-campus and online LL.M. in human rights and LL.M. in American legal studies. Regent alumni are distinguishing themselves as judges and judicial clerks, partners and associates in law firms, mayors and legislators, and in positions with government agencies and public interest organizations. With first rate faculty and an exceptional academic program, Regent School of Law produces high levels of student satisfaction. **Regent.edu/school-of-law @RegentLaw**



The 2020 Census is coming soon. By mid-March, everyone in the country will be able to respond to the Census. The U.S. Constitution requires a complete count of the nation's population every 10 years. Census data impact decisions at the national, state, tribal and local levels — from congressional representation to the annual allocation of more than \$675 billion. These resources are essential to the well-being of neighborhoods, supporting schools, hospitals, fire departments, and more. The Census Bureau is asking outside partners to help spread the word about the importance of responding in order conduct a full and accurate count. **2020census.gov @uscensusbureau**



Wheaton College Graduate School is a part of Wheaton College, a Christian, interdenominational, four-year, liberal arts school founded in 1860. Drawing on the values of our Christian liberal arts heritage, we offer 18 degree programs in the areas of psychology, education, biblical and theological studies, ministry, and leadership. Our mission is to form servant scholars and leaders through exceptional graduate programs for Christ and his kingdom. **Wheaton.edu/grad @wheatoncollege**



Chaplain Barry Black @chaplain_black

Barry Black is the 62nd chaplain of the U.S. Senate, a position he's held since 2003. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, Black served in the U.S. Navy for over 27 years, ending his distinguished career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains. He received the 1995 NAACP Renowned Service Award for his contribution to equal opportunity and civil rights, among many honors. He holds doctoral degrees in psychology and ministry, in addition to master's degrees in divinity, counseling and management.

Reflection Questions

- What voices are you most excited to hear from this week?
- In what forum is your voice presently or potentially most influential?
- How do you plan to use your voice now and in the future?

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Emilie Kao @EmilieTHF

Emilie Kao serves as director of the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation. As an attorney, she has worked on behalf of victims of religious freedom violations in East Asia, the Middle East, Europe and South Asia at the State Department's Office of International Religious Freedom and at Becket Law. She earned an A.B. degree in Near Eastern Civilizations and Languages at Harvard-Radcliffe College and a J.D. at Harvard Law School.



Jennie Lichter @WhiteHouse

Jennie Bradley Lichter is deputy director of the Domestic Policy Council at the White House, where she coordinates the council's work on religious liberty, life issues, human trafficking, and regulatory and administrative state reform. Prior to the White House, Lichter was counsel in the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. She holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge, and B.A. from the University of Notre Dame.

Reflection Questions

- What policies pursued by the Trump administration are most likely to have long-term impact on the nation?
- Which policies do you most strongly support or oppose?
- Have you personally advocated for or against any Trump administration policies?

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Tim Goeglein @FocusFamily

Tim Goeglein is vice president of external and government relations for Focus on the Family. He served as special assistant to President George W. Bush, and was the president's principal outreach contact for faith-based groups. Goeglein also served as senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation and as communications director for Sen. Dan Coats and for Gary Bauer at the Campaign for Working Families. He is author of "The Man in the Middle" and "American Restoration." Goeglein has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University-Bloomington.



Carl Esbeck

Carl H. Esbeck is R. B. Price Professor and Isabelle Wade & Paul C. Lyda Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Missouri. He also serves as NAE legal counsel. Esbeck publishes widely in the area of religious liberty and church-state relations. While directing the Center for Law & Religious Freedom, he was a central part of the congressional advocacy behind the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000. Esbeck graduated magna cum laude from Cornell University School of Law.

The Judiciary and the First Amendment

Reflection Questions

- In what public policy areas is the influence of judges particularly consequential?
- To what extent do you take the appointment and confirmation of judges into account when considering which congressional and presidential candidates to support?
- Which Supreme Court cases have had the greatest impact on religious freedom for all Americans?

Notes



Sen. Mike Braun @SenatorBraun

Senator Mike Braun represents Indiana in the U.S. Senate, previously serving in the Indiana House of Representatives. He currently serves on the Aging Committee, Agriculture Committee, Budget Committee, Environment and Public Works Committee, and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Sen. Braun holds an economics degree from Wabash College and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.



Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse @SenWhitehouse

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse is the junior senator from Rhode Island, serving since 2007. Whitehouse is a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee where he has sponsored legislation to reduce carbon pollution and protect the environment. Whitehouse also sits on the Budget, Judiciary, and Finance committees. He is a graduate of St. Paul's School and Yale University, and received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.



Mitch Hescoc @mitch_at_EEN

Mitch Hescoc is president and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network where he speaks nationally about the importance of protecting creation and restoring the environment. Prior to joining EEN, Hescoc pastored a local church for 18 years, and before that served as director of fuel systems for Allis Mineral Systems in the coal and utility industry. He holds an M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Creation Care Opportunities and Challenges

Reflection Questions

- Earth Day and the Environmental Protection Agency turn 50 this year. What can we learn from the successes and failures of the conservation and environmental movements?
- What impact do you think climate change will have on your prosperity and security?
- How do you plan to use your voice to address creation care opportunities and challenges?

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Sen. Chuck Grassley @ChuckGrassley

Senator Chuck Grassley serves as the senior senator from Iowa, entering the Senate in 1981. In January 2019, Grassley became the president pro tempore of the senate, the second highest ranking official in the Senate. In addition, Grassley is the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and also sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He has brokered legislation on such matters as antitrust and immigration reform. Grassley holds a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Northern Iowa.

Trade Agreements and the Economy

Reflection Questions

- What is the relationship between Free Trade and Fair Trade? Which is more important to you?
- What impact do you expect our growing national debt to have on your future prosperity?
- Do you support proposals to increase taxes on the wealthy? What should the top income tax rate be? (For 2019, a married couple earning more than \$622,051 will pay 37 percent in income tax, unless they have a good accountant.)

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John Koufos @JGKoufos

John Koufos is the national director of Reentry Initiatives at Right on Crime and the executive director of Safe Streets & Second Chances. He was previously certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a criminal trial attorney and has tried complex jury trials to verdict. Koufos holds a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and an M.A. and a B.A. from John Jay College.

Next Steps in Criminal Justice Reform

Reflection Questions

- Most observers, left and right, agree that our criminal justice system is profoundly broken. How did we get into such a mess?
- What areas do you think are most in need of reform?
- Do you expect to have any involvement in crime prevention, prison ministry, or interaction with ex-offenders?

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Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers @cathymcmorris

Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers has represented Washington state in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2004. She served as chair of the House Republican Conference from 2012 to 2018. McMorris Rodgers is currently on the Energy and Commerce Committee and on the Health Subcommittee. She holds a B.A. from Pensacola Christian College and an M.B.A. from the University of Washington.

Upholding the Sanctity of Life

Reflection Questions

- What restrictions or prohibitions on abortion do you support?
- What should prospective parents do when they learn that their baby is likely to be born with a serious disability?
- Should doctors be allowed to help patients who want to end their lives to do so?

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Rep. Chris Stewart @RepChrisStewart

Congressman Chris Stewart represents Utah's Second Congressional District. He is a New York Times best-selling and national award-winning author, record-setting Air Force pilot, and the former owner/CEO of a small business. He graduated from Utah State University, where he earned his degree in economics. Upon graduation, Rep. Stewart joined the U.S. Air Force where he was the distinguished graduate (top of his class) in both Officer Training School and Undergraduate Pilot Training.

Religious Freedom and Civil Rights

Reflection Questions

- How should the conflicting interests and rights of some LGBTQ and religious persons be resolved?
- Do you agree with your college's current policies and practices concerning sexual orientation and gender identity issues? If not, what changes would you make?
- What impact do you think nondiscrimination laws and policies will have on the ability of religious colleges and charities to operate consistent with their mission?

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Galen Carey @GalenCarey

Galen Carey, NAE vice president of government relations, is responsible for representing the NAE before Congress, the White House and the courts. He is co-author of “Faith in the Voting Booth: Practical Wisdom for Voting Well.” Before joining the NAE staff, Carey was a longtime employee of World Relief, the NAE’s relief and development arm. He received an M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary.



Eric Teetsel @EricTeetsel

Eric Teetsel is legislative director to Sen. Josh Hawley. He has served in various roles in politics and public policy, including president of Family Policy Alliance of Kansas, director of Faith Outreach for Sen. Marco Rubio’s 2016 presidential campaign, and program manager of Values & Capitalism at the American Enterprise Institute. He is the co-author of “Marriage Is: How Marriage Transforms Society and Cultivates Human Flourishing.” Teetsel is a graduate of Wheaton College.

Reflection Questions

- How can you most effectively use your voice as a college student and young professional? For what changes or goals would you most like to use your voice?
- Effective change requires the coordinated actions of many individuals and groups. Do you hope to influence the advocacy priorities and actions of others? In what direction?
- What do you hope to learn and achieve through your congressional visits tomorrow?

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Rep. Gary Palmer @USRepGaryPalmer

Representative Gary Palmer was first elected to Congress in 2014, having never served in political office or government before. He represents Alabama's Sixth Congressional District and serves on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Republican Study Committee. Prior to being in Congress, Rep. Palmer worked in the private sector for engineering construction companies and nonprofit organizations. He holds a B.S. in operations management from the University of Alabama.

Tour of the Floor of the House of Representatives and the U.S. Capitol

Reflection Questions

- Of what aspects of our nation's democratic history are you most proud? Most ashamed?
- What feelings do you have as you tour the Capitol? Can you picture yourself working in the U.S. Capitol or in a state legislature some day? In what role?
- What insights have you gained that will help you more effectively pray for your legislators?

Notes



Shirley Hoogstra @HoogstraShirley

Shirley Hoogstra became the seventh president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities in September 2014. In this role, Hoogstra combines her zeal for the rule of law and her passion for Christian higher education as she promotes the value and purpose of high quality, Christ-centered liberal arts education that shapes the heart, soul and mind. She earned a bachelor's in education at Calvin University and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.



Justin Giboney @JustinEGiboney

Justin Giboney is co-founder and president of AND Campaign, as well as an attorney and political strategist. He has managed successful campaigns for elected officials in the state and referendums. In 2012 and 2016, Georgia's 5th congressional district elected him as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention. He also served as the co-chair of Obama for America's Gen44-Atlanta initiative. He holds a B.S. and J.D. from Vanderbilt University, where he also played football.



Robert Eitel @usedgov

Robert Eitel serves as senior counselor to the Secretary of Education and Regulatory Reform Officer of the U.S. Department of Education. Previously, Eitel was vice president for regulatory compliance matters for several postsecondary institutions. Before that service, he practiced law at Talbert & Eitel, PLLC. He earned his A.B. from Georgetown University and his law degree from Tulane University Law School.



Amb. Sam Brownback @IRF_Ambassador

Amb. Sam Brownback serves as ambassador-at-large for International Religious Freedom at the U.S. State Department. He previously served as governor of Kansas (2011–2018), a U.S. senator (1996–2011) and a U.S. representative (1995–1996) from Kansas. While a member of the Senate, he worked actively on the issue of religious freedom in multiple countries and was a key sponsor of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. He earned a B.S. from Kansas State University and a J.D. from the University of Kansas.

Joint Session With CCCU Presidents

Reflection Questions

- What are the major threats to the survival and strength of Christian colleges in the coming decade?
- What role does the U.S. Department of Education play in American higher education?
- How has your Christian education prepared you to bless our nation and the world?

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David Crane @David_Crane10

David Crane was a student at the Christian Student Leadership Conference in 2017 and returned in 2018 and 2019 as an NAE intern. Since moving to Washington, D.C., in December 2018, he has done internships in both the House of Representatives for Rep. Jim Hagedorn and the Senate for Sen. Ben Sasse. He is now the scheduler and assistant to the executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Crane graduated from Bethel University in 2018 with a degree in political science.



Daniel West

Daniel West serves as government affairs assistant for Susan B. Anthony List. In this role, he provides direct support to the federal and state policy teams with research and capacity-building responsibilities and special projects. He has previously served as a legislative fellow, legislative assistant and legislative correspondent in the U.S. House of Representatives. West earned a B.A. in political science and government from Baylor University.



Sarah Bylsma

Sarah Bylsma started out in Washington D.C. as an intern for Sen. Dan Sullivan in the summer of 2018. She graduated from Bethel University in 2019 with a degree in political science and reconciliation studies. She also studied in Northern Ireland through the Higher Education Consortium of Urban Affairs (HECUA), and served as an intern at a human rights NGA, the Pat Finucane Center. After graduation, Bylsma accepted a full-time position as a staff assistant with Sen. Sullivan's office.



Westin Jablonowski @jablonows

Westin Jablonowski was a student at Asbury University in Kentucky and attended the Christian Student Leadership Conference in 2019. Since then, he has worked for a few nonprofits in Washington, D.C., including Americans United for Life and Alliance Defending Freedom. He also interned for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Jablonowski now serves as a correspondence specialist for Idaho Sen. James Risch.

Reflection Questions

- What type of public service would you enjoy most?
- How do you envision your future career contributing to public service?
- Compared to your parents, do you expect to devote more or less time and energy to public service throughout your lifetime?

During this evening program, you will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from different organizations about opportunities they have for young adults like you.

Participating Organizations

CCCU's American Studies Program
 Equal Justice USA
 Evangelical Environmental Network
 Prison Fellowship
 Regent University School of Law
 U.S. Census Bureau

Questions for Organizational Representatives

- How did you get your current job? What prepared you both to be hired and to be able to do the work?
- How do you balance direct service and advocacy in your organization? Why does your organization take that approach?
- If I volunteered with you, what could I expect to learn?



Jacinta Ma @JacintaMa1

Jacinta S. Ma brings more than 20 years of experience in law, policy and civil rights to her role as director of policy and advocacy at the National Immigration Forum. Prior to the Forum, she served as deputy director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, senior advisor to Commissioner Stuart J. Ishimaru of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and legal policy associate at The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law.

Reflection Questions

- What do you know of your family's immigration history? Has your family contributed to the well-being and prosperity of our nation?
- What principles should guide U.S. immigration policy toward a) prospective immigrants; and b) those already here, but without status?
- On balance, do you think immigrants help to make the United States a better, stronger and more prosperous nation? Do you think you personally benefit from the presence of immigrants in our country? Why or why not?

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Robert Doar @RobertDoar

Robert Doar is the president and Morgridge Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, which is one of the nation's oldest and most respected public policy think tanks. Doar joined AEI in 2014 to create a new body of work on poverty studies after serving for more than 20 years in leadership positions in the social service programs of New York State and New York City under Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University.



Daniel Cox @dcoxpolls

Daniel Cox is a research fellow in polling and public opinion at the American Enterprise Institute, where he specializes in survey research, politics, youth culture and identity, and religion. Before joining AEI, he was the research director at PRRI (Public Religion Research Institute), which he cofounded and where he led the organization's qualitative and quantitative research program. Cox holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in American government from Georgetown University.

Poverty and Religion in America

Reflection Questions

- Why are so many people in America still poor, when the economy is strong?
- What public policies offer the greatest promise for reducing the number of people living in poverty, and for creating the most opportunities to escape poverty?
- What can churches learn from surveys and data such as has been presented today?

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Closing Dinner

Reflection Questions

- What is the most important thing you learned this week?
- What question has arisen this week that you would like to explore more deeply in your academic studies?
- What kind of leader do you hope to be, and in what sphere of influence?

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MAP & DIRECTIONS

1 Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

Take Red Line to Union Station; walk southwest to the Hyatt.

2 Russell Senate Office Building

3 Hart Senate Office Building

4 Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives South Capitol Entrance off of Independence Ave

5 Dirksen Senate Office Building

6 The White House 15th Street and Hamilton Place NW

Take the Red Line to Metro Center; walk west to on G St NW, then walk south on 15th St NW.

7 American Enterprise Institute

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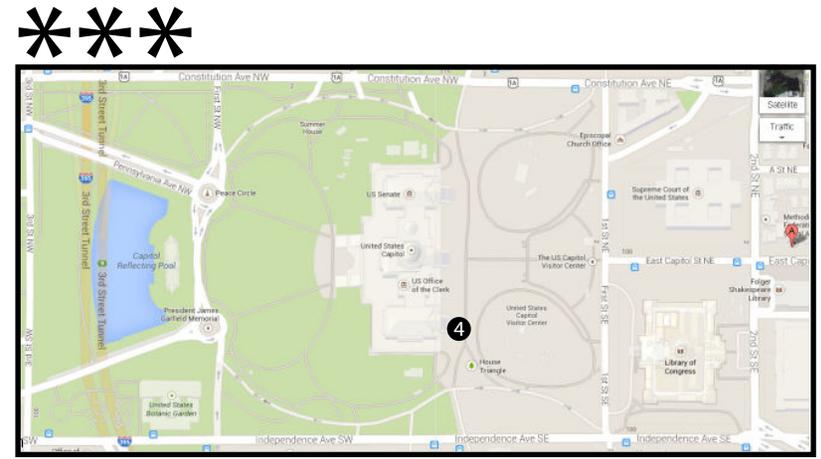
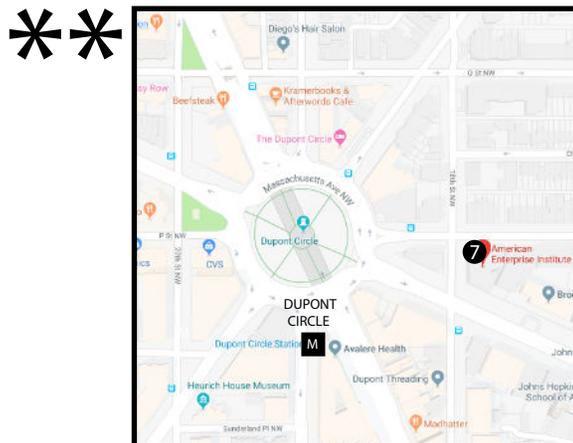
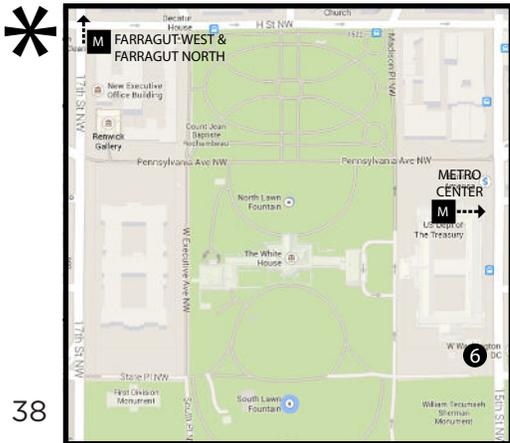
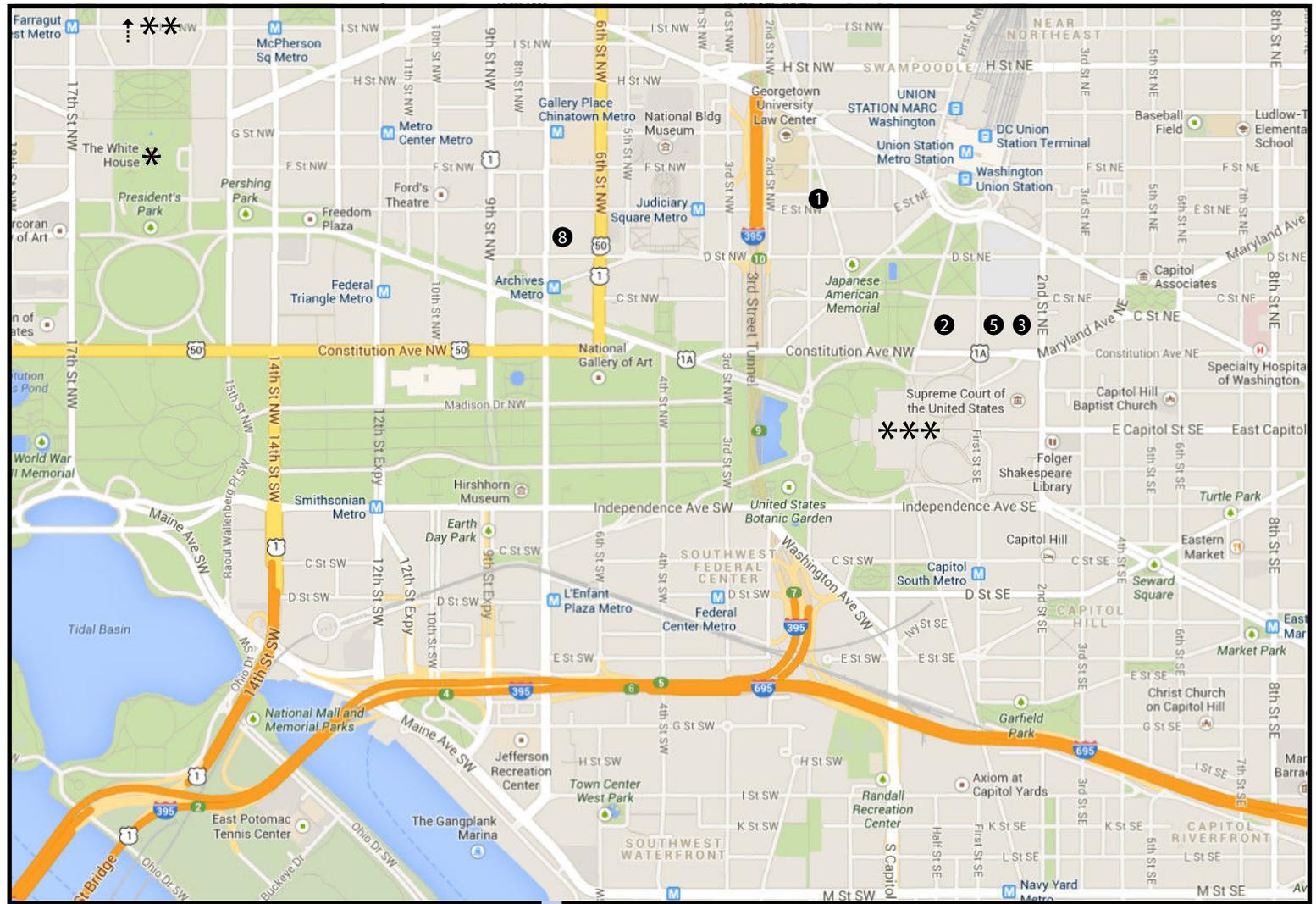
Take the Red line to Dupont Circle; walk east on P St to the American Enterprise Institute.

8 Carmine's Restaurant

425 7th St NW

Option 1: Take the Red/Yellow/Green line to Gallery Place/Chinatown; walk south on 7th St to Carmine's, which will be on the left.

Option 2: Take the Yellow/Green line to Archives; walk north on 7th St to Carmine's, which will be on the right.



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