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Exchange Guide

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11:00am Take metro from hotel to Capitol Hill

11:30am **Congressional internship walkthrough**

Christina and Ashley will drop each of you off at your congressional offices. After greeting the staff briefly, please meet up outside of the US House of Representatives gift shop in the Longworth House Office Building

12:45pm Lunch at Longworth Cafeteria

1:30pm Depart for next meeting

2:00pm Meeting with **Mr. Chris Toth**
Executive Director, National Association of Attorneys General
[Turkey 2008]

Topic: Federal judiciary, role of the State Attorneys General
Location: 1850 M Street NW – 12th floor
Contact: Ryan – (202) 326-6262

3:00pm Depart for next meeting

3:30pm Meeting at **MALDEF**
Regional Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Topic: Judiciary system overview
Location: 1016 16th Street NW #100

5:00pm Return to hotel

Free evening; please use your per diem for dinner

Friday, September 6
Washington, DC

Attire: **Business**
Breakfast: **Available in hotel restaurant**
Additional: **You will need your passports today**

9:00am Meet in hotel lobby

9:15am Depart for first meeting

10:00am Meeting with **Ms. Dalal Aboulhosn**
Deputy Legislative Director, Sierra Club

Topic: Advocacy, lobbying, and environmental policy
Location: 50 F Street, NW, Eighth Floor

11:00am Depart for lunch

11:15am Lunch at Corner Bakery Cafe

12:45pm Depart for next activity
1:15pm Afternoon prayers at **Islamic Center of Washington, DC**

Location: 2551 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Students and staff not participating in prayer can take a walk down Embassy Row.

2:00pm Depart for next activity
2:30pm Meeting with representative(s) of the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

In attendance will be:

Ms. Laura Caliguiri

Associate Commissioner, Office of External Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

[Jordan & Egypt 2005]

Mr. Kenneth Callahan

Policy Advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Topic: Role of the department
Location: 200 Independence Avenue, SW

4:00pm Depart for next activity
4:30pm Tour of **Washington, DC Monuments and Memorials**

Highlights include: the **Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial** and the **Martin Luther King Junior Memorial**

6:00pm Depart for hotel

Free evening; please use your per diem for dinner

Saturday, September 7
Washington, DC/New York City, NY

Attire: *Casual*
Breakfast: *Available in hotel restaurant*
Lunch/Dinner: *Please use your per diem*
Additional: *Please bring your passport and small overnight bag with toiletries and a change of clothing*

8:00am Meet **Christina** in hotel lobby and load luggage into taxis
8:20am Depart for train station
9:00am Arrive at **Union Station (WAS)**
10:10am **Amtrak Northeast Regional 82** departs Washington DC

- 1:46pm Arrive at **New York-Penn Station (NYP)**
 2:00pm Walk to hotel
- 2:15pm Arrive at and check in at hotel:
- Hotel Henri New York City**
 37 W 24th St
 New York, NY 10010
 Tel: (212) 243-0800
- 3:45pm Meet in hotel lobby and depart for first activity
- 4:15pm Meeting with **Ms. Monique Carswell**
 Director, Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility, NBCUniversal
 [Argentina 2019]
- Topic: Corporate social responsibility
Location: Birch Coffee – 21 E 27th St
- 5:30pm Optional sightseeing activities based on interest of the group/free time

Sunday, September 8
New York City/Washington, DC

Attire: *Casual*
Meals: *Please use your per diem*
Additional: *Please pay for any incidentals and check out of hotel. The hotel will store your luggage until the afternoon*

- 7:00am Meet in hotel lobby
- 7:30am Per diem breakfast at **Luna Coffee Shop** (optional activity)
- Location: 121 W 29th St
- 8:30am Optional sightseeing activities based on interest of the group/free time
- 3:00pm Meet in hotel lobby to collect luggage
- 3:15pm Walk to train station
- 3:30pm Arrive at **New York-Penn Station (NYC)**
- 5:05pm **Amtrak Northeast Regional 149** departs New York City
- 8:42pm Arrive at **Union Station (WAS)**
- 9:15pm Depart for hotel

Monday, September 9
Washington, DC

Attire: *Business*
Breakfast: *Available in hotel restaurant*

Lunch: Please use your per diem

Internship Day

7:30am Meet up with **Ashley & Christina** in hotel lobby

8:00am Depart for internships

After your internships conclude for the day, please use your Metro card to travel from the US Capitol to the hotel

6:15pm Meet in hotel lobby

6:30pm Depart for dinner

7:00pm Group dinner at **Sakina Grill**

Topic: First day check-in
Location: 1108 K St NW

8:30pm Return to hotel

Tuesday, September 10

Washington, DC

Attire: Business

Breakfast: Available in hotel restaurant

Lunch/Dinner: Please use your per diem

Internship Day

Wednesday, September 11

Washington, DC

Attire: Business

Breakfast: Available in hotel restaurant

Lunch/Dinner: Please use your per diem

Additional: September 11th is "Patriot Day" in the United States

10:15am Meet **Christina** at the Longworth gift shop

10:30am Depart for activity

11:00am Meet and greet with **Senator Tim Scott (R-SC)**
Member, US Senate

11:20am Attend a tour of the **US Capitol**

12:30pm Return to internships

Thursday, September 12

Washington, DC

Attire: Business

Breakfast: Available in hotel restaurant

Lunch/Dinner: Please use your per diem

Internship Day

Friday, September 13
Washington, DC

Attire: Business
Breakfast: Available in hotel restaurant
Lunch/Dinner: Please use your per diem

12:45pm Meet Ashley and Christina in front of the US Supreme Court

1:00pm Tour of **US Supreme Court**

Saturday, September 14
Washington, DC

Attire: Casual
Breakfast: Available in hotel restaurant
Additional: Please pay for any incidentals and check out of hotel. The hotel will store your luggage until the afternoon

11:00am Meet in hotel lobby

11:30am Depart for lunch

12:30pm Farewell lunch at **Luna Grill & Diner**

Location: 1301 Connecticut Ave, NW

For those delegates who are not extending their time in the US

2:00pm Return to hotel and collect luggage

2:30pm Load luggage into van and depart for airport

3:00pm Arrive at **Dulles International Airport (IAD)**

Please check into flight and proceed through security

5:20pm **Austrian Airlines flight #0094** departs Washington, DC

Sunday, September 15
Frankfurt, Germany/Cairo, Egypt

8:25am Arrival at **Vienna International Airport (VIE)**

11:05am **Austrian Airlines flight #0863** departs Vienna

2:35pm Arrival at **Cairo International Airport (CAI)**

****End of Program****

Schedule Notes

Monday, September 2

The **Newseum** is a 250,000-square-foot museum of news and offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. The exterior's unique architectural features include a 74-foot-high marble engraving of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects freedom of the press, and an immense front wall of glass through which passers-by can watch the museum fulfill its mission of educating the public about the value of a free press in a free society and tells the stories of the world's important events in unique and engaging ways. The Newseum features seven levels of galleries and theaters.

Elliot Bell-Krasner joined the Junior State of America Foundation in May of 2019 as Program Director for the Northeast and Southeast. In this capacity, Elliot is responsible for supporting the JSA chapters, student leaders, teachers/advisers and programs in his regions. He also serves as the Deputy Campus Director of the JSA Summer School at Princeton University. Prior to joining the JSA team, Elliot spent six years working with ACYPL, as a Program Officer, Senior Program Officer, and Program Manager, and facilitated several Model American Congress cohorts. He also worked on President Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns and with Summer Discovery UPenn, a pre-college program for high school students. Elliot received his bachelor's degree in political science from The George Washington University, where he was active in student government and Model UN. He also studied abroad at the Royal Holloway University of London. He has his master's degree in public policy from American University, where he served as the President of the graduate student body. Outside of JSA, Elliot is a Sunday school teacher with Temple Rodef Shalom Religious School and serves on the American University Alumni Association Board. He traveled to China and Taiwan with ACYPL in 2014.

Tuesday, September 3

Libby Rosenbaum serves as the Chief Executive Officer overseeing the ACYPL's fundraising, communications, grants management, new business development, and strategic planning. Libby previously served as the Vice President of Programs and Communications. Prior to this, Libby served as the Education Partnerships Manager at the British Council where she promoted and established US-UK university research collaborations and planned international summits devoted to higher education best practice. She also served as the Major Gifts Officer at the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank, and as a fundraiser on the US Senate campaigns of Ken Salazar and Joe Hoeffel. Libby graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Political Science and received an MSc in Politics and Government of the European Union from the London School of Economics. Libby traveled on an ACYPL exchange to Timor Leste in 2017 and Argentina in 2019.

Cameron Schupp is the Development & Special Projects Director at the American Council of Young Political Leaders where she is responsible for managing fundraising initiatives, donor stewardship, corporate partnerships, and events, including the US Department of State's biannual Professional Fellow Congress. Cameron previously worked for the International Executive Service Corp and as a Program Assistant with Just Associates (JASS), a women's rights organization. Cameron received her bachelor's degree from George Mason University with a double major in global affairs and conflict analysis and resolution. She traveled on an ACYPL exchange to Indonesia and the Philippines in 2019.

Shannon Billings is ACYPL's Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Staff and handles a wide range of matters of organizational importance, including financial and strategic planning, human resources, and office operations. She has over 20 years of experience in nonprofit and political

organizations, as well as program and financial management. Prior to joining ACYPL, Shannon served as Director of Advocacy Programs at Alliance for Justice, Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer at the Sierra Club, Director of Public Affairs for the Investment Company Institute, Controller for EMILY's List, and in the controller's office at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Shannon has a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in Russian and French from Bates College. She traveled on an ACYPL exchange to Russia in 2014, India in 2015, and China in 2019.

Mara Rudman is the Senior Vice President for Policy and Projects Business Executives for National Security (BENS) as well as the Founder and Principal for Quorum Strategies. Previously, she served as Assistant Administrator for the Middle East at the US Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to this appointment by President Obama, Mara was a Deputy Envoy and Chief of Staff for the Office of the Special Envoy for Middle East Peace at the State Department. In President Clinton's administration, Mara served at the National Security Council as Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Chief of Staff where she coordinated and directed activities within the National Security Council and among the various federal departments and agencies with defense and foreign policy responsibilities, and in that capacity, played a role on Middle East peace efforts. In addition, she has been a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, focusing on national security issues, with a particular focus on the Middle East.

Gihan Elhadidy is the Third Secretary in the Political Section at the Embassy of Egypt in Washington, DC.

The U.S. Department of State is the federal executive department responsible for the international relations of the United States, equivalent to the foreign ministries of other countries. The Department was created in 1789 and was the first executive department established. The Department operates the diplomatic missions of the United States abroad and is responsible for implementing the foreign policy and diplomacy efforts of the United States. The Department is led by Secretary Mike Pompeo who was nominated by President Trump and confirmed by the US Senate in April 2018.

Kathryn (Katie) Kiser took up the Egypt Office Deputy Director position in summer 2018, moving there from her posting to the US Embassy – Tunis as the Economic Counselor. She's been Acting Director in the Egypt Office since June. Prior this, Katie served as Libya External Office Pol/Econ Chief; the Egypt Desk's Pol/Mil Officer; as Cultural Affairs Officer in Lahore, Pakistan; as Political Officer in Amman, Jordan; and as a Consular Officer in Osaka, Japan. Prior to joining the US Department of State, Katie worked as a teacher, a museum program coordinator, and a custom picture framer. She graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in anthropology and philosophy and also holds a master's degree in Japanese studies from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. She speaks Japanese and Arabic, to varying effect.

Wednesday, September 4

The Cato Institute is an American libertarian think tank. Cato was established as an organization dedicated to the "principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets, and peace. Its scholars and analysts conduct independent, nonpartisan research on a wide range of policy issues." Founded in 1977, Cato owes its name to Cato's Letters, a series of essays published in 18th-century England that presented a vision of society free from excessive government power. Using all means possible – from blogs, web features, informative direct mail, op-eds and TV appearances, to conferences, research reports, speaking engagements, and books – Cato works to present citizens with incisive and understandable analysis.

The Millennial Action Project (MAP) is a national, nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to activating millennial policymakers. Founded in 2013, MAP works to develop the next generation to overcome partisanship on future-focused challenges and democracy reforms. MAP gives young leaders the resources and support to create, introduce, and pass legislation on the issues affecting the youngest generation of Americans. Working together with lawmakers, MAP advances legislation on issues including entrepreneurship, technology, 21st century skills training, veteran's employment, immigration, and more.

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**, also known as the Health Department, is a cabinet-level agency in the executive branch of the federal government. Its mission is to enhance and protect the well-being of all Americans by providing effective health and human services and fostering advances in medicine, public health and social services. HHS is responsible for administering programs that deal with health, welfare and health information technology. HHS is run by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, who is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The United States Public Health Service (PHS) is the main division of the HHS and is led by the Assistant Secretary for Health. The current Secretary, Alex Azar, assumed office on January 29, 2018, upon his appointment by President Trump and confirmation by the Senate.

Laura Caliguiri works at the HHS, where she serves both Secretary Azar and Deputy Secretary Hargan concurrently in her role as the Associate Deputy Secretary and Counselor to the Secretary for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and the National Institutes of Health. Additionally, she manages the Deputy Secretary's strategy and execution on global health security issues through ministerial engagement, working with international organizations and non-government stakeholders and on public health issues through the WHO Commission on Non-Communicable Diseases. Laura was also responsible for coordinating and leading the Secretarial response to the Ebola outbreak, helping facilitate the Department's preparedness and response for public health emergencies, the development of medical countermeasures and strengthening the market for critical medical products. Laura traveled with ACYPL to Jordan and Egypt in 2005.

The Supreme Court is the highest federal court of the United States and was established in Article III of US Constitution in 1789. In the legal system of the US, the Supreme Court is the final interpreter of federal constitutional law, although it may only act within the context of a case in which it has jurisdiction. It is typically comprised of 9 justices who are appointed by the President and confirmed by Senate to serve lifetime appointments. The Supreme Court handles cases that affect the national interest of the country, as well as legislation's constitutional legality. The current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is John Roberts appointed in 2005, and its most recent member is Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh who was appointed in October 2018.

Thursday, September 5

Congressional Management Foundation's (CMF) mission is to increase citizen trust in an effective and responsive Congress to support a thriving democracy. CMF aims to enhance Congress' operations and interactions with constituents. Works directly with citizen groups to educate them on how Congress works, giving constituents a stronger voice in policy outcomes. The results are; a more accountable Congress, transparent and effective; and an informed citizenry with greater trust in their democratic institutions.

Bradley Joseph Sinkaus performs research and analysis, develops content, and provides writing and editing support for CMF reports, publications, and projects. He leads communications efforts for the Democracy Awards, CMF's honors program for Members of Congress and their staff, and manages and participates in the production and development of content for CMF website and social media presences, including drafting posts, tweets, releases, and blogs. He also assists in

planning and content preparation for congressional staff training programs and oversees CMF's research assistant program. He is the co-author of the Member Job Description for a Member of Congress.

The **National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)** was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfill the responsibilities of their office and to assist in the delivery of high-quality legal services to the states and territories. NAAG fosters an environment of "cooperative leadership," helping Attorneys General respond effectively to emerging state and federal issues. The Association fosters interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducts policy research and analysis of issues, conducts training, and facilitates communication between Attorneys General and all levels of government. The Association's membership is comprised of the Attorneys General of the 50 states and the District of Columbia and the chief legal officers of the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Chris Toth is the Executive Director of NAAG and also serves as Director of the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute, which provides training and support for assistant attorneys general throughout the country. He supervises the NAAG Project Areas, which include Consumer Protection, Antitrust, Supreme Court, and Cyberspace, among others. He received his bachelor's degree from New York University, and his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School. After graduating from New York University, Chris attended Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School and received his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy. He served several tours on active duty in the Navy. Chris also served both on active duty and in the reserves as an Army Officer, recently retiring from the reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has been deployed three times since 9/11 to Bosnia, Kuwait, and Iraq. His military awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Army Airborne Parachutist Badge, as well as four expeditionary medals. Chris traveled on an ACYPL exchange to Taiwan in 2002 and Turkey in 2008.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) was founded in 1968 and is now the nation's leading Latino legal civil rights organization. They are committed to protecting and defending the rights of all Latinos living in the United States and the constitutional rights of all Americans.

Andrea Senteno is the DC regional counsel at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). In this role, Andrea oversees MALDEF's legislative and regulatory work in Washington and litigation work covering the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fourth, and Eleventh Circuits. She joined MALDEF in 2012 as a Law Clerk and a year later was named Legislative Staff Attorney.

Friday, September 6

The **Sierra Club** is an environmental organization in the United States. It was founded in 1892, in San Francisco, California, by the Scottish-American preservationist John Muir, who became its first president. Traditionally associated with the progressive movement, the club was one of the first large-scale environmental preservation organizations in the world, and currently engages in lobbying politicians to promote environmentalist policies. Recent focuses of the club include promoting sustainable energy, mitigating global warming, and opposing the use of coal. The club is known for its political endorsements, which are often sought after by candidates in local elections; it generally supports liberal and progressive candidates in elections.

Dalal Aboulhosn currently serves as the Deputy Legislative Director of the Sierra Club in Washington, DC. Dalal first became interested in protecting America's natural resources while obtaining bachelor's degrees in sociology and political science from West Virginia University.

Dalal became involved with grassroots groups in West Virginia who were organizing against the destructive mining method of mountaintop removal which not only levels mountains, but desecrates the waterways and landscapes nearby. From there, Dalal moved to Washington, DC where she earned her master's degree in public administration from George Mason University.

Capitol Hill, in addition to being the home of the US Congress, is the largest historic residential neighborhood in Washington, D.C. Pierre L'Enfant, as he began to develop his plan for the new Federal City in 1791, chose to locate the "Congress House" on the crest of the hill, facing the city, a site that L'Enfant characterized as a "pedestal waiting for a monument." The name Capitol Hill is often used to refer to both the historic district and to the larger neighborhood around it.

The United States Capitol is the meeting place of the legislative branch of the United States, the House and the Senate, and also houses an important collection of American art and working offices. Construction of the Capitol began in 1793 with a design by William Thornton. Though it is not the geographic center of DC, the Capitol is the origin point by which the quadrants of DC are divided and the city was planned. In 2009, a 580,000 square foot Visitor Center was added to this historic complex. The Visitor Center was the largest project in the Capitol's history and is approximately three-quarters the size of the Capitol itself. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the Capitol, so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol and its grounds.

The **Islamic Center of Washington, DC** is a mosque and Islamic cultural center in Washington, DC. It was officially opened in June of 1952. The Islamic Center's mission is to promote a better understanding of Islam in the United States. In addition to the mosque, the center contains a library and classrooms where courses on Islam and the Arabic language are taught.

White House Visitor Center features interactive exhibits, a large-scale model of the White House, numerous tactile exhibits, museum galleries, a temporary exhibit area and the White House Historical Association retail shop. Nearly 100 artifacts are on display, some for the first time such as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's desk. The Visitor Center provides a window into the Executive Mansion and its history.

The Lincoln Memorial is a national monument built to honor Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States (1860-1865). In 1861, the US was sharply divided on the issue of slavery and the rights of individual states to enforce that practice. The Northern and Southern states worked to formulate a compromise and when none could be reached, the South seceded and plunged the US into the Civil War. President Lincoln not only saved the Union, preserving the government and the national boundaries, but also emancipated all Southern slaves in 1863. In both his life and death, Lincoln has been an inspiration for many and is considered one of the greatest Presidents in American history. He was assassinated in 1865, a month before the Civil War ended.

The Jefferson Memorial is a presidential memorial dedicated to Thomas Jefferson, a Founding Father and the third President of the United States (1801-1809). One of the most prolific Founding Fathers, Jefferson is best known as the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. The Memorial not only memorializes the man himself, but also pays homage to his contributions to the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Inside the memorial are five Jefferson quotes that best represent these principles and a 19 ft. tall bronze statue of Jefferson looking out toward the White House. The memorial was dedicated in 1943.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial was dedicated in 2011 in honor of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. who is considered one of the great leaders of the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He preached the use of non-violent protests to propel the Civil Rights Movement

forward, and thousands of African-Americans and whites participated in sit-ins, boycotts, and marches throughout the 1950s-1960s. He was also a renowned writer and orator who delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington in 1963, and was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated on a hotel balcony in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968 at the age of 39.

The Korean War Memorial commemorates the 5.8 million Americans in the US armed services who died during the Korean War from 1950-1953. The memorial was dedicated on July 27, 1995.

The **Vietnam War Memorial** honors the more than 58,000 US service members who died in Vietnam War from 1959-1975. It was designed by Maya Lin in 1981, then an undergraduate at Yale University, who won a public design competition beating 1,441 other submissions. The black cut-stone masonry wall, with the names of fallen soldiers carved into its face, was dedicated on November 13, 1982.

Saturday, September 7

Monique Carswell is currently the Director of Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility at NBCUniversal where she is responsible for ideating and developing innovative programs to solve social issues in communities nationwide, inclusive of leading NBCUniversal's Emmy Award - winning public service campaign The More You Know. Monique also advises others through her agency Myles Ahead Consulting and as an adjunct professor at New York University teaching digital marketing and integrated marketing to graduate students. She is the founding Director of the Leadership Council for WorldofMoney.org, a non-profit that teaches kids financial literacy, a founding officer of the New York Urban League Young Professionals, and a former youth advisor and officer of the Mid-Manhattan Branch of the NAACP. Monique traveled on an ACYPL exchange to Argentina in 2019.

NBCUniversal is an American worldwide mass media conglomerate owned by Comcast and headquartered at Rockefeller Plaza's Comcast Building in Midtown Manhattan, New York City. NBCUniversal is primarily involved in the media and entertainment industry; among its most significant divisions are the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), one of the United States' "Big Three" television networks, and the film studio Universal Pictures. Via its Universal Parks & Resorts division, NBCUniversal is also the third-largest operator of amusement parks in the world.

Monday, September 10

Senator Roy Blunt was elected to the United States Senate in 2010. He serves on the Appropriations Committee, the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Rules Committee, which he chairs. He is also the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation. The people of Southwest Missouri overwhelmingly elected Senator Blunt seven times to the U.S. House of Representatives where he also served as the Majority Whip. Before serving in Congress, he was a history teacher, a county official, and in 1984 became the first Republican elected as Missouri's Secretary of State in more than 50 years. Senator Blunt traveled with ACYPL as a delegate seven times between 1983-1989. His final exchange was to Belgium in 1989.

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke represents New York's Ninth Congressional District. She was first elected to the House in 2006 and previously represented the 11th Congressional District. Congresswoman Clarke serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Committee on Small Business, and the Ethics Committee. Prior to being elected to the House, Congresswoman Clarke served on the New York City Council, representing the 40th District in Brooklyn. Additionally, she serves as Co-Chair of the Black Women and Girls Caucus, which develops programs to support the aspirations of African American women of all ages.

Congresswoman Clarke attended the New York City public schools and graduated from Oberlin College.

Senator John Cornyn has been a member of the US Senate from Texas since 2002 and is the Senate Majority Whip. He serves on the Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee on Finance, and the Committee on the Judiciary. He has also served as Chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Prior to this election, Senator Cornyn was the Attorney General of Texas and served as an Associate Judge of the Texas Supreme Court. Senator Cornyn received his bachelor's degree from Trinity University and his law degree from St. Mary's University.

Congressman Jim Costa represents California's 16th Congressional District, having been first elected in 2005. Congressman Costa is a member of the Committee on Agriculture where he serves as a Ranking Member on the Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee, and Chairman of the Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research Subcommittee. He also serves on the Committee on Natural Resources, working with the Water, Power and Ocean Subcommittee and the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee. In addition to that, Congressman Costa is a co-chair of the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus and the Blue Dog Coalition. Prior to his election, Congressman Costa served for 24 years in the California State Legislature. He received his undergraduate degree from California State University, Fresno. Congressman Costa traveled on an ACYPL exchange to Germany in 1982 and again in 1987.

Congressman Ron Estes is a 5th generation Kansan and has served Kansas' 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2017. A member of the Republican Party, he previously served as the 39th Kansas State Treasurer from 2011 to 2017 under Governor Sam Brownback. He is the only former state treasurer serving in the House and as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Congressman Lance Gooden was first elected in 2018 and represents Texas' 5th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The 5th District stretches from Dallas County to Cherokee, Henderson, Kaufman, Anderson, Van Zandt and Wood Counties. In the 116th Congress, Congressman Gooden is a member of the House Committee on Financial Services where he serves as the Vice Ranking Member on the Housing, Community Development, and Insurance Subcommittee. Prior to joining the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gooden served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives and worked in the insurance industry for 10 years. He traveled on an ACYPL exchange to Argentina in 2011.

Congressman Hank Johnson represents Georgia's 4th Congressional District. In 2017, he began working on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He also has a seat on the House Judiciary Committee and was elected by his peers to lead the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet with jurisdiction over administration of U.S. Courts, federal rules of evidence, judicial ethics, and information technology. Prior to taking his seat in Congress in 2006, Congressman Johnson practiced criminal defense law in Georgia for twenty-seven years.

Congressman Gregory Meeks represents New York's 5th Congressional District. He previously represented the 6th district since 1998. He is presently on the Committee on Financial Services and Foreign Affairs. Additionally, he serves as the Co-chair of the Middle East Economic Partnership Caucus and a member of the Congressional Black Caucus. Prior to his role as a congressman he worked as an Assistant District Attorney and for the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York before joining the Investigations Commission on official misconduct and organized crime.

Wednesday September 11

Senator Tim Scott has served as the junior United States Senator from South Carolina since 2013. Appointed by then-Governor Nikki Haley to replace the retiring Jim DeMint, he later won a special election in 2014 and was elected to a full term in 2016. Prior to his appointment, Senator Scott represented South Carolina's 1st congressional district in the US House of Representatives from 2011 to 2013. Since January 2017, Scott has been one of three African-Americans in the U.S. Senate, and the first to serve in both chambers of Congress. Following the announced resignation of Will Hurd, the sole African-American Republican in the House of Representatives, Senator Scott will be the only African-American Republican in Congress.

Delegate Biographies

Mr. Basem Alaaaldin Yousef Alnawawy

Faculty of Mass Communications, Cairo University

Basem will soon be in his fourth year at Cairo University, where he is studying journalism and media.

For the past four years, Basem has been a participant in Model American Congress and has served as a delegate on the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. In his third year, he sat as Head of the Committee on Newsletter and, in his fourth year, he served as the Vice Chairman for the Committee on Judiciary.

Basem has volunteered with organizations such as Resala and Al Exba, working with children in impoverished communities through enrichment and donation programs. In addition, Basem is an avid writer, having interned at various newspapers in his hometown in the hopes of becoming a war journalist someday.

Ms. Eman Moustafa Ismail Alsayaad

Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University

Eman is in her fourth year at Cairo University studying biomedical engineering.

She has been a part of Model American Congress for two years, representing Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut in the Committee on Near Eastern and Central Asian Affairs. In the following year, Eman represented a ranking member in the same committee.

Eman also participates in the STP marketing program at Cairo University. She also volunteers at the Resala charity, collecting medicine to distribute to the underprivileged and coordinating activities.

Ms. Sherry Assaad Shafik Faltas

Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Sherry is in her third year at Cairo University, studying political science and economics.

This will be her second year in Model American Congress, previously representing Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia in the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Sherry is active in many community-oriented organizations, including volunteering as a scout team leader, Sunday school instructor, and translator for the HerStory Initiative. At Cairo University, Sherry helped organize a TEDx event, as well as The Great Debate Initiative last year.

Ms. Waad Mohamed Ali Ahmed Hegazy

Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Waad is entering her fourth year at Cairo University, studying economics and statistics.

She has participated in Model American Congress for two years and will be the Chair of the Academic Committee for the upcoming session. Previously, Waad was a party consultant for the Committee on Finance in addition to being Secretariat for the Academic Committee. In her first year, she represented Senator Richard Burr of North Carolina in the Committee on Finance.

Waad has interned with the Ministry of Planning, as well as the Central Agency of Public Mobilization and Statistics in Cairo. Waad has also worked with the FEPS Business Incubator, as well as the Peace for Development Forum in Sharm El-Shiekh.

Ms. Hagar Ramadan Moustafa ElShabrawy

Faculty of Law, Ain Shams University

Hagar is a third-year student at Ain Shams University studying law.

She has participated in Model American Congress once before, representing a delegate in the Committee on Judiciary.

Hagar has participated in many other forums, including the Nuremberg Moot Courts in Nuremberg Germany, the Price Media Law Moot Court at Oxford University, and Model United Nations at Ain Shams University. Hagar also volunteers for HerStory, acting as a team leader for editing and translating Wikipedia pages.

Mr. Mostafa Ahmed Asaad Abdelmegeed

Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University

Mostafa is entering his fourth year at Cairo University, where he is studying biomedical engineering and systems engineering.

He has participated in Model American Congress for two years, first representing Senator Mitch McConnell in the Near East, South Asia, and Central Asia Committee on Counter Terrorism. Mostafa then became Chairman of the NESAC Committee last year.

In addition, Mostafa was the External Public Relations Committee Head for an engineering organization by the name of K-Vector. He has also acted as a PR member for the International Students Leadership Conference.

Ms. Reem Hisham Abdulmoneam Askar

Faculty of Pharmacy, Ain Shams University

Reem is a third-year student at Ain Shams University studying pharmacy.

In Model American Congress, Reem has served in multiple roles for the Judiciary Committee, acting first as a Leader of the Democratic Party, Vice Chairlady, and most recently, Chairlady.

Reem is active in her community volunteering with organizations such as the post-January Revolution street cleanup and Super Muslims Iftar Saa'm. In addition, Reem is an organizer for Growing Grassroots, a German-Egyptian environmental exchange that focuses on sustainability in Cairo and Berlin.

Mr. Talal Hussein Mohamed Hussein El Naggar

Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Talal is in his second year at Cairo University, where he is studying economics and political science.

He has been a participant in Model American Congress for the last several years in which he represented a delegate on the Committee on Foreign Relations his first year and he sat as Secretariat on the same committee during his second year.

Talal is involved in organizing conferences at Cairo University. He is a member of the organizing team for the Government Excellence Award each year. He is heavily interested in economics, business, and math and hopes his leadership skills will advance him in a career in one of these fields.

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Dr. Osama Saleh

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Osama is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. Osama teaches a range of courses in the field of comparative politics in the undergraduate and post graduate levels. This includes the theories of comparative politics, political science methodology, quantitative political science, western political systems, and research seminars. Osama also supervises senior students' graduation projects and co-supervises master's and PhD theses.

Osama has held his current position since 2012. Before that, and since his graduation, he was a teaching assistant and then an assistant lecturer at the University of Cairo. Osama has several locally published articles in the field of democracy and political systems. He has attended academic and cultural exchanges in Lebanon, Germany, Denmark, and the US.

Osama graduated from Cairo University in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in political science and earned his master's and PhD degrees from the University's Department of Economics and Political Science in 2006 and 2012, respectively.

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**Sunday,
September 1**

United Airlines #9025

**CAI Cairo, Egypt
FRA Frankfurt, Germany**

Depart: 3:55am
Arrive: 8:20am

United Airlines #8832

**FRA Frankfurt, Germany
IAD Washington, DC**

Depart: 10:30am
Arrive: 1:45pm

**Saturday,
September 14**

Austrian Airlines #0094

**IAD Washington, DC
VIE Vienna, Austria**

Depart: 5:20pm
Arrive: 8:25am (+1)
Arrive on **Sunday, September 15**

Austrian Airlines #0863

**VIE Vienna, Austria
CAI Cairo, Egypt**

Depart: 11:05am
Arrive: 2:35pm