The background of the entire page is a faded, light blue-tinted image of the Statue of Liberty. She is shown from the waist up, holding the torch in her right hand and the tablet in her left. The background behind her is a stylized American flag with red and white stripes and white stars on a blue field.

“Spring State was my first JSA overnight convention and I had the best experience ever. I came away from that weekend with new friendships, new ideas, and a new passion for getting involved in this organization.”

– Jessie Kuo '10, Dublin Jerome High School

“Spring State allows me to embrace the political process while enjoying the company of hundreds of the most intellectual, charismatic students in my area.”

– Jay Moody '11, Alameda High School

“Spring State’s elections epitomize student involvement in democracy by having us elect and serve in our own government. This government is the best student leadership training program for high school students and includes everything from our chapter leaders to our student governors.”

– Sabrina Philipp '12, Naples High School

“Spring State is the culmination of a year of hard work. After students have diligently practiced public speaking and have thoroughly researched many current issues, they have the forum to actively engage in debate with their peers and see their improvement. Beyond just the debates, Spring State is an unbelievable convention because of the opportunities to make new friends and to vote for leadership for the following year.”

– Matt Saunders '11, The Buckley School

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Junior State Conventions

At Junior State conventions students engage in a variety of activities, including debates, student-led thought talks, mock trials and other simulations which critically examine the political landscape. Students learn about today's important issues and have the unique opportunity to express their opinions and challenge the opinions of others in a tolerant, supportive atmosphere. Delegates raise the level of political discourse with their thoughtful, yet often controversial, remarks. Politically engaged and interested students from diverse backgrounds share their perspectives, learn from each other and have fun as they discuss, debate and socialize together.



Convention Activities

The main convention activities are held during "Activity Blocks" which last 50 minutes to 1 hour. During these blocks of time, student delegates and teachers will have a choice of between four and ten different activities to attend. A variety of topics will be discussed in each activity block – politics, foreign policy, social issues, economics, legal issues and many more are offered. Different activity formats give the delegates multiple ways to explore the topics. The main activity formats are debates, thought talks and simulations. Spring State conventions also feature dramatic and exciting "political convention style" elections for Junior State offices.

High Profile Speakers

Distinguished politicians, statespersons, journalists and public policy experts enjoy the chance to speak at Junior State conventions. Delegates gather for opening and closing general sessions where these high profile speakers address the students. JSA convention delegates have met and posed questions to key personalities from across

the entire political spectrum. Recent speakers have included governors, congressmen, mayors, cabinet members and journalists like Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressman Ron Paul, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Governor Ted Strickland of Ohio, Governor Rick Perry of Texas, former presidential candidates Ralph Nader and Rev. Pat Robertson, former Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Madeline Albright, CBS News Anchor Katie Couric and columnist Robert Novak among many others.

Evening Activities

Junior State conventions combine the stimulation of intense political dialogue with some activities that are just plain FUN. Students also get a chance to relax in less formal settings including dances, quiz bowls, talent shows, political 'pictionary' and other evening activities. JSA conventions let students meet others with similar interests and diverse talents. The chance to meet and mingle with the student leaders of today and tomorrow is unparalleled.

Debates

Debates serve as the cornerstone of the Junior State by giving delegates a forum to express their views and persuade their peers in an orderly fashion. Using parliamentary debate style, delegates develop political awareness, attitudes, and public speaking skills through participation. The Junior State is a leader in raising the level and tone of political discourse in our society.

Students of all public speaking skill levels participate both as main speakers and by delivering “subsequent speeches.” JSA helps students find their voice and become confident, articulate advocates for their opinions and engaged listeners and learners of the opinions of others.

Sample Debates

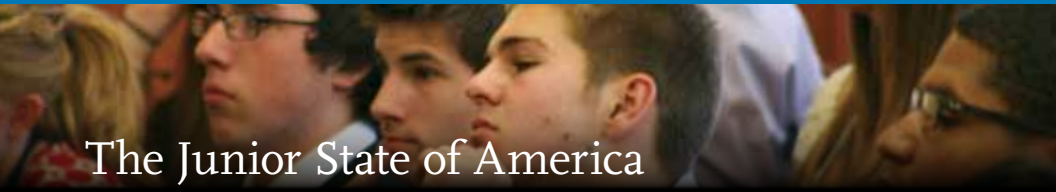
- Resolved, access to health care is a human right.
- Resolved, a college education is necessary to pursue the American Dream.
- Resolved, that *Roe v. Wade* was unconstitutional.
- Resolved, the U.S. should ease its immigration policies.
- Resolved, gambling be made legal in all states.
- Resolved, drug testing at all public high schools be mandated.

Thought Talks

Thought talks are student-led discussions on pressing issues or questions. A moderator will guide delegates by posing questions regarding the topic giving students in the audience an open opportunity to express their thoughts. The less structured format allows students to freely explore many facets of the topic being discussed. Often, students looking for a non-competitive atmosphere and an open discussion on complicated issues find thought talks to be the most stimulating activities that the Junior State offers.

Sample Thought Talks

- In the U.S., have diverse cultures combined in the form of a “salad bowl” or a “melting pot”?
- How has the 24-hour news cycle changed politics?
- To what extent can the Federal Government compromise civil liberties in pursuit of counter-terrorism intelligence?
- Beyond money, what do the bailed-out banks owe to Americans?
- Are operations by unmanned drones an acceptable means of combating terrorists?



The Junior State of America

On high school campuses across the nation, there are students concerned with what is happening around them – students interested in politics and government, foreign affairs, the law and education. The Junior State of America is designed for these students.

Junior State of America Chapters serve as the center of political awareness and activity on their high school campus. On over 750 high school campuses throughout the nation, JSA chapters conduct debates and current events discussions, voter registration drives and political guest speaker sessions. The activities of JSA chapters engage students and spark a robust exchange of ideas and opinions while providing an enlightened place for political discourse. The Junior State of America, a non-profit, nonpartisan, student-run organization has encouraged political awareness and involvement among high school students for seventy-five years.

Contact The Junior State of America for information about us, our other programs, or how to start a Junior State Chapter at your high school, or for more information on JSA conventions, or registration information. Visit us also on the web at www.jsa.org.

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How to Register

JSA conventions are open to approved delegations from any high school. All high school students and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Register Online

Online registration for Spring State 2010 will be available beginning February 15 and can be accessed from www.jsa.org/springstate10. Please visit this page for instructions on registering a delegation online. Through the "Chapter Management" features online, teacher/advisors and student delegation leaders or chapter presidents can add students to their delegation and submit registration.

Registration Packet

Schools and students interested in attending these conventions need to obtain a registration packet available for download online at www.jsa.org/springstate10 or from the Junior State offices by e-mailing jsa@jsa.org, calling (800) 334-5353 on the West Coast or (800) 317-9338 on the East Coast. The packet includes information on how to register, student permission slips, housing forms, and other important details on the convention. For delegations that are unable to register online, please include a \$25 administrative processing fee when you submit your registration materials by mail or fax.

Teacher/Advisors

Teachers lend guidance to students and are essential to the educational aspect of the organization.

Teacher/Advisors are also responsible for supervision and enforcing school rules. Due to their commitment to better a student's education, teacher/advisor registration is free. These conventions are a great opportunity for teachers to network with their colleagues and relax while immersing themselves in an intellectual atmosphere. A teacher/advisor must accompany each delegation to a convention.

Transportation and Meals

Delegations arrange their own transportation to conventions. Student-driven cars are strictly prohibited. Delegations are encouraged to form carpools with teachers/parent drivers or arrange transportation through their schools. Delegates are also on their own for meals during the convention. The Junior State of America often works with our host hotels to offer reasonably priced meals on the hotel property.

Registration Fees

Registration fees cover overnight hotel accommodations, educational materials, exciting seminars, and recreational activities including a dance at night. Registration fees should be collected by chapter presidents or teacher/advisors and sent to the Junior State of America offices. For complete registration instructions, go to www.jsa.org/springstate10.

City	Hotel	Date	Registration Fee	Teacher Registration Fee	Teacher Private Room Fee	Registration Deadline
Tucson, AZ	Tucson Radisson Suites	March 27 – 28	\$100 \$50*	FREE	\$80	March 9
Stamford, CT	Holiday Inn Stamford	April 10 – 11	\$100	FREE	\$80	March 16
Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles Airport Hilton	April 16 – 18	\$135	FREE	\$150	March 23
Columbus, OH	Hyatt on Capitol Square	April 17 – 18	\$100	FREE	\$80	March 23
Oakbrook, IL	DoubleTree Chicago/Oakbrook	April 17 – 18	\$100	FREE	\$80	March 23
Santa Clara, CA	Santa Clara Marriott	April 23 – 25	\$135	FREE	\$150	March 30
Redmond, WA	Marriott Redmond Town Center	April 24 – 25	\$100	FREE	\$80	March 30
Princeton, NJ	DoubleTree Princeton	April 24 – 25	\$100	FREE	\$80	March 30
Houston, TX	JW Marriott Hotel	April 24 – 25	\$100	FREE	\$80	March 30
Orlando, FL	Orlando Marriott Lake Mary	April 24 – 25	\$100	FREE	\$80	March 30

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