
**THE WASHINGTON SYMPOSIUM ON
LEADERSHIP & POLITICS
August 11-14, 2008
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

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THE JUNIOR STATESMEN FOUNDATION
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ORIENTATION PACKET

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Washington Symposium on Leadership and Politics. This packet contains important information on when to arrive, what to expect and how to prepare for the program. Please read it carefully and write or call us if you have any questions. We look forward to your participation in this unique educational experience!

PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM WITHIN 10 DAYS. Your tuition payment will guarantee your place in the Symposium. If you will not be attending, please notify us as soon as possible so that we may offer your space to another interested student.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Symposium is an exciting exploration of power and politics in Washington. It begins at the University of Washington on Monday, August 8, with an orientation on the issues and personalities that dominate state-level decision making. From Tuesday through Friday of the Symposium week, you will have an opportunity to meet and question powerful leaders from politics, government, and the media who make things happen in Washington. These sessions will be held in Olympia's downtown Capitol Building, Seattle's Jackson Federal Building and on the U.W. campus. The program will conclude with a brief Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, August 14.

Topics of discussion and debate vary during each session, depending upon the current events and questions challenging Washington. Issues we anticipate examining this year include:

- * Prominent Women in Washington Politics
- * Revitalizing the Northwest Economy
- * Solving Washington's Education Woes
- * Reuniting a Divided Washington
- * Activism: How Can You Get Involved?

Each evening Symposium staff lead small group discussions on the speakers and topics of the day. These sessions help draw educational lessons from the day's events and prepare students for the next day's speakers. You will also probe the opinions of your peers in lively discussions and debates on current issues in the news.

TUITION & FUNDRAISING

Please mail your \$370 tuition fee and Registration Form to The Junior Statesmen Foundation, 400 South El Camino Real, Suite 300, San Mateo, CA 94402. Checks should be made payable to The Junior Statesmen Foundation. **In order to hold your place in the Symposium, we must receive these items within 10 days.**

The Symposium tuition includes housing in a student residence hall at the University of Washington, breakfast and dinner on campus, transportation to and from Speakers Forum locations in Olympia and Seattle, and all academic activities and materials. You will need to buy three lunches during the week, and there are many inexpensive restaurants in the area.

Some students, through their own fundraising efforts, receive partial or full scholarships from local donors. Contributors should send donations to the Foundation office in San Mateo, CA with an accompanying letter or memo naming the student who raised the funds. Checks should be made payable to The Junior Statesmen Foundation. For more information on how to raise money in your community, please request and read the **Fundraising Manual**.

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

Registration will take place Monday, August 11, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the lobby of McCarty Hall at the University of Washington. Campus maps are available on the University of Washington website, <http://www.washington.edu/>. Please eat lunch before arriving on campus, as we will be launching right into an orientation about Washington politics. Attire for Monday is business casual.

Students are responsible for arranging their transportation to U.W. Students traveling by adult driven car (or by shuttle from the airport) should arrive at U.W. on Monday, August 11 between 1:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. **Students may not drive a car to the Symposium or have a car at the Symposium - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

GRADUATION & DEPARTURE

The Symposium will conclude on Thursday, August 14, around 1:00 p.m. Students traveling by plane should not book flights departing before 4:00 p.m. Students being picked up at the University should be picked up between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Students leaving campus at the conclusion of the program with someone other than their parents or guardian must provide written permission from their parents to do so. This permission must be received prior to the program.

HOUSING

Symposium students will be housed two to a room in McCarty Hall. Male and female students will be housed on separate floors. The Symposium staff are housed on each floor and are responsible for the supervision of the students. **McCarty Hall is not air-conditioned, but rooms have box fans.**

Roommate selection is done in advance and cannot be changed. If you would like to share a room with someone you already know, both students must return the enclosed Roommate Request Form to the Junior Statesmen Foundation Office by **July 18, 2008**.

Students will be responsible for leaving their room in the same condition in which they found it and will be charged for any damages that occur. There is a significant replacement charge for lost

keys and meal cards. ***Please make sure to bring a key chain so you will not lose your meal card, key or access card.***

WHAT TO BRING

You should pack clothing that is appropriate for daily sessions in government buildings and for the Graduation Ceremony. When meeting public officials, you should dress as if you were going to a job interview. *Jeans, shorts, T-shirts, and tennis shoes are not appropriate attire for meeting with our speakers.*

Remember to pack comfortable shoes as we will be doing a good deal of walking. Consider bringing a sweater; the meeting rooms we use are air-conditioned and get very cool. Also, be sure to bring comfortable informal clothing to wear on campus in the evenings. There will be some time for informal recreation during the week and a social event on Thursday night.

The following lists of clothing and other important items will help you get started packing:

Females

business attire (dress or pant suit, dress slacks & jacket)
blouses, skirts or dresses (knee-length or longer)
comfortable dress shoes & nylons
shorts
jeans
tee-shirts
underwear
nightgown or pajamas
sandals or tennis shoes
light jacket or sweater

1. An umbrella
2. Hand towels, wash cloths, soap
3. A notebook and pens
4. An alarm clock
5. Key chain (recommended)
6. A fan (optional)
7. Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)

Males

business attire (suit, dress slacks & sports jacket)
dress shirts & ties
comfortable dress shoes & socks
shorts
jeans
tee-shirts
underwear
pajamas
sandals or tennis shoes
light jacket or sweater

8. Hangers
9. A camera (optional)
10. A watch
11. Spending money (for lunches, snacks, & souvenirs)

Students should not bring valuable items to the Symposium. While the dormitory is staffed 24 hours a day, we will be off campus during the day. Neither the University of Washington nor The Junior Statesmen Foundation can assume responsibility for your personal belongings.

EXPERIENCE THE JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA!

Throughout the Symposium, you will participate in lively discussions and debates on current issues with your peers. These debates are an excellent introduction to the **Junior State of America**, the largest, student-run political education organization in the country! Founded sixty-seven years ago by high school students, JSA today involves over 10,000 participants across the country.

After attending the Symposium, we hope that you will found or join a JSA chapter at your high school. Typical chapter activities include student debates of controversial issues, bipartisan speakers programs, mock trials, candidate nights, voter registration drives and school-wide assemblies on campus issues. JSA chapters are the center of political activity and awareness in their high schools. Members across the state also meet at three overnight weekend conventions each year. *So, come prepared to get the tools you'll need to join the most exciting and political student-run organization in the country!*

SYMPOSIUM RULES

1. Students must reside in Symposium housing during the week. Under no circumstances can they commute to the program.
2. Students must attend all Symposium functions unless excused by a staff member.
3. Students are not permitted to leave campus without permission. They may not leave with a relative (other than their parents) or any other adult unless specific written permission is received from their parents in advance.
4. Students may not drive a car during the week or ride in a car unless it is driven by a staff member.
5. Students are to be in their own room and quiet at 11:00 p.m. each night.
6. No use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or cigarette smoking will be permitted.
7. Housing is segregated by gender, and students may not be on the floor of the opposite sex.
8. Harassment, sexual or otherwise, of any other student, or staff person, will not be permitted.
9. Other common sense rules may be announced by the Symposium Director, as the need arises.

Violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action and may result in dismissal from the program without a refund.

VISITORS

Because the Symposium is a short, intensive immersion in state politics and government, no visitors are allowed during the week. Parental visits, if necessary, should be limited to a few minutes in the evening and should not conflict with any scheduled event.

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WHAT TO DO IN ADVANCE

Symposium students are encouraged to read the Seattle Times and watch the local news during the weeks prior to the Symposium. Look for coverage of the issues previously mentioned, and keep in mind that the program will be shaped by the topics that interest you and your peers.

IN CONCLUSION

Get ready for an exciting educational adventure that offers:

- ◆ a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of state politics and government in action.
- ◆ an opportunity to polish your speaking, analytical, and leadership skills so that you can play a more active role in your school and community.
- ◆ a front row seat for the deliberations of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.
- ◆ an opportunity to exchange ideas with powerful state leaders.
- ◆ a chance to discuss and debate some of the major issues facing your region with high school students from throughout the state.
- ◆ a week experiencing college life.
- ◆ an opportunity to make new friends as you experience first-hand the drama, politics and excitement of the world of government and politics.

If you are interested in reviewing a sample daily schedule, please visit the Symposium portion of the Junior Statesmen web site, www.jsa.org. While the speakers, topics and activities will vary, the program will be similar to this schedule.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Arceneaux, Symposium Director, if you have any questions about the Symposium. Call, toll-free, 800/334-5353.

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REGISTRATION FORM
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NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____

E-MAIL: STUDENT _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

MALE__ FEMALE__ AGE__ BIRTH DATE __/__/__

HIGH SCHOOL _____

YEAR YOU WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL: 2009 2010 2011 2012 (circle one)

PARENTS' STATEMENT

I have read the Orientation Packet, and I agree to allow my son/daughter to attend the 2007 Junior Statesmen Washington Symposium, subject to all rules governing conduct both on and off campus.

- I understand that my son or daughter may be sent home without a refund during the program for any serious conduct violations or for health reasons.
- Junior Statesmen staff are authorized to obtain, at my expense, any emergency medical service that my son or daughter may require.
- I also understand and agree that photographs taken of my son/daughter while at the Symposium may be used by The Junior Statesmen Foundation for future promotional purposes.

_____ My child has had a recent physical examination and is in good health. He/she is physically able to participate in all aspects of the Symposium.

_____ **Medical/Special Needs:** My son/daughter has the following health problems and/or special needs of which you should be aware. *(Please list any medications prescribed for your son or daughter. Please note that the Junior Statesmen Staff will **not** be responsible for administering medication, but will need to know a student's prescriptions or health conditions in case of a medical emergency).*

DATE

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

Do you have health insurance? _____ If so, what company? _____

Policy Number _____

Mother/Guardian's daytime phone () _____ evening phone () _____

Father/Guardian's daytime phone () _____ evening phone () _____

STUDENT'S STATEMENT

I have read the Orientation Packet, and I agree to abide by all Symposium rules. I understand that in the event of a serious violation of the rules, my parents will be notified, and I may be sent home at my own expense, with no refund.

DATE

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

**Please turn the page and fill out the reverse side of this form. Return to: The Junior Statesmen Foundation,
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YOUR NAME _____ PHONE(____) _____

TUITION FORM

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The Symposium tuition is \$370, and your tuition is due within 10 days.

Your tuition is refundable as long as you notify The Junior Statesmen Foundation, in writing, at least two weeks prior to the start of the program. However, in accordance with federal tax laws, any scholarship contributions are not refundable. If any service clubs, other organizations, or family friends are making a contribution to our scholarship fund on your behalf, please ask them to mail their check directly to the Foundation office with a note indicating that you solicited the donation.

If you have any questions about scholarships or tuition, please contact The Junior Statesmen Foundation at 800-334-5353.

____ Enclosed is my \$370 tuition.

I am paying by:

____ Check (make payable to The Junior Statesmen Foundation)

____ VISA ____ Mastercard ____ American Express ____ Discover

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Card Holder's Name _____

Card Holder's Signature _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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Roommate Request Form

The Symposium housing list will be turned in to the University in late July. Roommate selection is done in advance and cannot be changed. If you would like to share a room with someone you already know, both students must return this form to the Junior Statesmen Foundation Office by **July 18, 2008**. The tuition of both students **must be fully paid** if the roommate request is to be honored.

Please complete the following information. Both students should complete their form individually.

Symposium: TX NJ WA L.A. OH CA AZ (Circle one)

Name: _____

Address: _____

High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____

I wish to room with _____

Signature

Date