

The United States Association of Former Members of Congress



The Congress to Campus program (CtC) for over thirty-five years has allowed former Members to interact with and educate college students about the legislative branch.

Bipartisan pairs travel to college campuses across the country and around the world for three-day visits to facilitate discussions on the importance of Congress and to encourage young citizens to become involved in their government and involved in public service.

Connect

- Connects young voters—who have a keen interest in the challenges facing our nation and the political process—with those who have been part of the process.
- Hundreds of former Members who can participate.
- Bipartisan pairs at every visit.
- To date more than 250,000 students reached.

Strengthen

- Encourages, re-engages and empowers young voters.
- Increases civic literacy and participation.
- An insider's view of how the process can and does work.
- Powerful force in promoting bipartisanship and civility.
- Involves students in bipartisan discussions about the issues of the day.

Inspire

- Inspires participation in public service.
- Provides inspiration for greater democratic participation.
- Re-engages citizens in their government.
- Demonstrates that political dissent is inevitable and important and is healthy and productive.

What they are saying about Congress to Campus

"The Congress to Campus visit was outstanding. Congressmen Browder and Kuykendall provided tremendous insight into the lives and roles of elected officials. It was one of the best academic opportunities I have had as an undergraduate."

-Cadet First Class (CaC) David Nugent, U.S. Naval Academy

"The classroom visits, the interactions with students and faculty over meals and the campus forum helped students to understand the real world of legislative politics, the ability of people from different parties to disagree without rancor and hostility, and that public service is honorable."

-Dr. Joyce Baugh of Central Michigan University

The former Members "were personable, well-informed, and able to evoke a lot of political discussion on our campus. They met with classes and with small groups of student leaders, led lively political discussions at group meals, spoke at a session on Capitol Hill internships, and spoke at a community event about the current state of political discourse in Washington. Our students were enthusiastic about the event before, during, and after the visit."

-Robert Speel of Penn State University

"I believe this program is an excellent way to improve the image of Congress and to encourage public Service."

-Former Member of Congress Richard Stallings (D-ID, 1985-1993)

Plan a Visit

- ❖ Complete the application found at www.usafmc.org.
- ❖ FMC will contact you and help you with the planning process.
- ❖ Create a schedule that includes: i.e. roundtables; Q&A; meal-time discussions; meetings with campus groups; and open forums.
- ❖ Involve local high schools, and civic organizations.
- ❖ Set up interviews with school and local media.
- ❖ Arrange for meals and lodging.
- ❖ Meet with classes and student groups.



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