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# CONGRESS to CAMPUS

*"They were able to have real conversations with the former Members, rather than just hear a lecture or speech."*

THE INSTITUTION at the heart of our democracy is the Congress of the United States. The men and women who served there answered the call of and dedicated their life to public service. In fact, the driving force of our organization is the hundreds of former Members whose desire to serve extends beyond the halls of Congress and into classrooms around the world.

Many former Members are disturbed by the rise of "Red State vs. Blue State" partisanship, and wish to demonstrate that respectful cooperation is key to a healthy democracy. Others are concerned about present trends of declining civic literacy among the nation's youth. Most simply wish to continue to give back to a nation and an institution that means so much to them.

For these and many more reasons, for over three decades, former Members of Congress have donated – pro bono – their time and energy in a nationwide and international initiative to promote public service and leadership among college students.

## SPONSORS

The United States Association of Former Members of Congress was founded in 1970 as a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational, research and social organization.

It has been chartered by the United States Congress and has approximately 550 members who have represented American citizens in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

The purpose of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress is to promote public service and strengthen representative democracy domestically and abroad. FMC utilizes its membership's unique skills and experience in bipartisan programs which educate, disseminate information, and create dialogue, while also serving its membership by creating opportunities to stay connected following service on Capitol Hill.

The Stennis Center for Public Service is a federal, legislative branch agency created by Congress in 1988 to promote and strengthen public service leadership in America. The Stennis Center is located adjacent to the U.S. Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The Stennis Center's mandate is to attract young people to careers in public service, to provide training for current or potential leaders in public service, and to offer development opportunities for senior congressional staff. To learn more about the Stennis Center's programs, please visit their website at [www.stennis.gov](http://www.stennis.gov).



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- Sean Q Kelly, Associate Professor of Political Science,  
California State University Channel Islands



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**THE U.S. ASSOCIATION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (FMC)** established the Congress to Campus program over thirty-five years ago as a way for former Members to interact with and educate college students about the U.S. legislative branch. Since 1996, FMC has partnered closely with the Stennis Center for Public Service to strengthen and expand the program.

## EVENTS

*These events have proved popular on campuses in the U.S. and abroad:*

- Q&A sessions with students in political science and government classes, as well as discussions with those in advanced foreign policy, political theory, and legislative policy classes
- Roundtable sessions with specialized groups such as honors programs or student government leaders
- Engagements in campus speakers series or open forums
- Meetings with Young Republicans and Young Democrats
- Joint leadership sessions with students from local high schools
- Visits with local civic organizations
- Interviews with local/campus media
- Conferences with faculty and school administrators



**THROUGH THE PROGRAM**, bipartisan pairs of former Members are sent to college campuses across the country and around the world to facilitate discussions on the importance of the role of Congress and to encourage young citizens to become involved in their government and in public service. While on campus, the former lawmakers offer students unique opportunities to learn about the legislative branch by discussing the inner workings of Congress and relating their experiences as political leaders in casual and formal class settings. During discussions, the Democrat and Republican team presents their opinion on issues in a respectful way. This illustrates to students that while political dissent is inevitable and important, it can be healthy and productive.

**YOUNG AMERICANS** have taken a keener interest in the challenges facing our nation and our political process. They are concerned not only about the issues that affect their everyday lives, but also the trajectory of the nation as a whole. America's youth are cynical about the motivations and capabilities of their elected officials, and are disillusioned about their own participation in our representative democracy.

However, the Congress to Campus program, through person-to-person interactions, dispels myths and informs about the role of the U.S. Congress. Former Members give an "insider's view" about the Congress, illustrating how the process can (and does) work. The bipartisan former Member team encourages public service and teaches about the legislative process, all the while demonstrating that productive dialogue can occur across the aisle.

A Congress to Campus visit encourages, reengages, and empowers young voters, many of whom have just recently gained the power to vote. To date, the program has reached over 250 college, university, and high school campuses in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, Germany, and China.

## PLANNING A VISIT

The former Members donate their time and receive no honoraria. Each participating school plans a schedule of classes and events. The Congress to Campus program staff works with each school to maximize the interaction of students with the former Members, which is the key to a successful program. Each school covers on-site expenses for the visiting former Members, such as accommodations, meals, and local transportation. Host schools also are expected to provide a small contribution toward the administrative costs of the program based on the school's financial resources.

With the guidance and involvement of faculty and students in planning the program, a visit by a pair of bipartisan former Members can inspire students to careers in public service and deepen their understanding of the important role that Congress plays in our democracy.

For additional information about hosting a Congress to Campus event at your school, or to request an application, please visit our website at [www.usafmc.org](http://www.usafmc.org).

*“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 (C1C) David Nugent, U.S. Naval Academy