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The Honorable Sandra Thurman
National AIDS Policy Director
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Thurman:

As we prepare to enter the 21st century, the issues that America's youth will face become more and more challenging every day. From the war on drugs to violence in their schools, many young people are eager to address these issues and develop ideas that may foster solutions in the future. Every American has a responsibility to nurture and guide the leadership potential in our nation's youth. It is imperative that we equip the leaders of tomorrow with the knowledge and skills necessary to solve the many challenges that lie ahead. Your energy and spirit can motivate today's high school leaders to reach unprecedented heights as America's next generation of leaders.

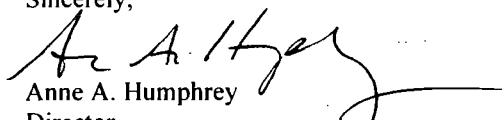
On behalf of the **Congressional Youth Leadership Council**, it is with great pleasure to invite you to address our students of the *National Young Leaders Conference*. The Congressional Youth Leadership Council is a non-profit organization that focuses on leadership development for outstanding high school students, representing almost every one of the fifty states. This summer the Congressional Youth Leadership Council is welcoming recognized high school students to Washington, DC for an 11-day stay where they will study the three branches of the government, international affairs and the media through student-run simulations and meetings with government officials, policy makers, activists and the members of the press.

As one of our country's top leaders, we hope you will take on the responsibility to challenge our young Americans to develop the needed skills to lead our nation into the 21st century. As National AIDS Policy Director, you are in a unique position to understand the challenges and responsibilities of leading others. Your accomplishments serve as a fine example to inspire the next generation of American leaders. Sharing your experiences with the students of the *NYLC* will allow you to reach and inspire the new millennium's generation of leaders.

We hope you will be able to address our students on one of the dates listed on the following reply memo. By speaking to our students you will reach young Americans across the country. We would be honored and delighted if you would be willing to speak to our future leaders.

We look forward to working with you. If you, or your staff, have any questions, please contact Mi Sun Yi, Associate Director of Programs, at 202-638-0008 or by email at myi@cylc.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Anne A. Humphrey
Director
National Young Leaders Conference

Reply Memorandum

TO: Mi Sun Yi
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FROM: The Honorable Sandra Thurman
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☐ Yes, I accept your invitation to be a speaker at the National Young Leaders Conference.

I would prefer to participate on the following date:

- ☐ ☒ Tuesday, June 26, 2000 at 9:45 am
☐ ☒ Wednesday, July 5, 2000 at 9:45 am
☐ ☒ Wednesday, July 19, 2000 at 9:45 am
☐ ☒ Wednesday, August 2, 2000 at 9:45 am

If we have not confirmed your acceptance within one week, please call our office.

Staff Contact: _____
Phone: _____



No, I cannot participate in the National Young Leaders Conference at this time but would consider a future request.

Comments: _____

☐ No, I am not interested in participating in the National Young Leaders Conference in the future.

Comments: _____

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Sharing your experiences with the students of the *NYLC* will allow you to reach and inspire the new millennium's generation of leaders. Speaking to our students would also allow you to reach young Americans from almost every one of the fifty states and many other countries.

The *National Young Leaders Conference* will be held in Washington, DC. We hope you will be able to address our students on one of the dates listed on the following reply memo. We would be honored and delighted if you would be willing to speak to our future leaders.

We look forward to working with you. If you, or your staff, have any questions, please contact Jeff Burnside, Associate Director of Programs, at 202-638-0008 or by email at Jburnside@cylc.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kara Figg
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National Young Leaders Conference

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- ☐ ⓧ Friday, January 28, 2000 at 9:45 am
- ☐ ⓧ Friday, February 4, 2000 at 9:45 am
- ☐ ⓧ Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at 9:45 am
- ☐ ⓧ Friday, March 3, 2000 at 9:45 am
- ☐ ⓧ Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 9:45 am

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FACT SHEET



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

The National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) is a unique leadership development program that provides outstanding young people from around the country and the world the opportunity to learn from today's leaders, to learn through experiences, and to learn from each other in the dynamic environment of Washington, D.C.

In keeping with the NYLC's theme—*The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today*—the program uses the resources of Washington, D.C. to give students a greater understanding of their roles in our democracy and the responsibilities of leadership. As part of the conference curriculum, students work through role-playing exercises for an international crisis, a session of Congress, and a Supreme Court case. The conference challenges participants to assess problems, contribute to group discussions, and assume roles in various situations. Through these hands-on experiences, students develop important leadership skills by learning to evaluate critical information, form and advocate positions, and make decisions.

NYLC scholars also meet the men and women who shape our laws and policies. Students gain insiders' perspectives when discussing key issues with Cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, diplomats, lobbyists, journalists, and academicians. Interaction with accomplished leaders gives students direct experience and guidance that cannot be found in textbooks.

One of the most enduring benefits of the conference is the opportunity for students to exchange ideas with their peers, who are among the brightest young minds in the country and the world. By participating in the conference, students learn about their colleagues' diverse backgrounds and perspectives and gain confidence in expressing their own views. In addition to these benefits, NYLC students now have the option of earning college credit at the American University for their participation in the conference.

ABOUT THE NYLC

Background—The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the **Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC)**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational organization founded in 1985 and located in the nation's capital. CYLC is dedicated to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. In support of our mission, 425 members of the U.S. Congress serve on CYLC's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

Participants—Approximately 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors attend each of the twenty sessions: 16 six-day sessions during the academic year and four 11-day summer sessions. Young people are selected on the basis of their scholastic merit, community involvement, and leadership experiences. To date, over 85,000 young leaders representing all 50 states, the American territories, and many foreign countries have participated in the NYLC.

Funding—The NYLC is funded through student tuition. Approximately 30 percent of conference participants conduct local fundraising with assistance from CYLC's *Guide to Community Fundraising*. CYLC also awards scholarships to financially disadvantaged students.

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The National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC), a leadership program, taking place in the nation's capital, is designed to motivate and inspire top high school students from around the country and the world. Six-day sessions are held 16 times throughout the school year, and four 11-day sessions are offered in the summer. Educators and NYLC alumni (in conjunction with school officials) nominate students to participate in the NYLC, or students apply to participate in the conference through a competitive, college-like admissions process. Acceptance into the program is based on students' outstanding qualities in academics, leadership, and citizenship.

The theme of the conference is ***The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today***. The NYLC offers young people an opportunity to discuss major issues of the day with the men and women who shape our policies and laws. Through uniquely designed group discussions and educational simulations, students learn to analyze concepts and issues presented during the conference, thus preparing them to handle situations they encounter after the conference. To help further their understanding of these ideas, carefully selected faculty advisors supervise and instruct students throughout their stay. Students also participate in small group seminars led by prominent figures from both the public and academic sectors. In addition to these opportunities, NYLC students now have the option of earning college credit at the American University for their participation in the conference.

The Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC), an 11-day program, offers students from countries all over the world the unique opportunity to interact with each other and explore global leadership issues. The theme of the program is ***The Leaders of Tomorrow Preparing for the Global Challenges and Responsibilities of the Future***. Specifically, the students focus on various global issues, including communications, diplomacy, peace and security, economics, law and human rights, and the role of the United Nations. By participating in activities that highlight these topics, GYLC participants walk away with a greater understanding of both the complexities of global issues as well as their future roles and responsibilities as leaders.

The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC), a six-day program, is held every four years, providing students with the chance to participate in the fascinating and historic events of a presidential inauguration.

In support of our mission, 425 members of the U.S. Congress serve on CYLC's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. CYLC is funded through student tuition, with many student participants securing financial support from local business, civic, community, and leadership organizations. In addition, CYLC is proud to offer scholarships, through grants from the CYLC Endowment Fund, to deserving students with a financial need.

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NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

Offering the brightest of today's high school achievers an outstanding leadership program in Washington, D.C.

NYLC students excel in academics and leadership. CYLC, the sponsoring organization, offers these talented young people the most authentic leadership laboratory in education today—testing their abilities, boosting their confidence, and charging their skills—in a dynamic, hands-on atmosphere of challenge and fun.

"The conference put me to a test by immersing me in unfamiliar territory, therefore forcing me to discover an element of myself that I never knew existed."

-Leslie K. Inamasu, Honolulu, HI

"I have never ever seen Clarence come home with such enthusiasm and excitement as he did once he returned from spending seven days with the CYLC.

What impressed him most were the positive attitudes of all the youth that he encountered. He said, 'Everyone wanted to achieve success in life.'"

-Iris Thompson, parent of Clarence Thompson, Baltimore, MD

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Every NYLC is designed to instruct, enrich, and enthuse promising students—preparing them for a lifetime of leadership with an unforgettable experience.

The NYLC offers students the opportunity to discuss current events and issues with top policy makers in Washington, D.C., analyze concepts, and then put them immediately to work! NYLC's dynamic program features creative decision-making simulations—hands-on skill sessions that challenge young minds to solve problems and lead their peers through role-playing exercises in an energy-charged atmosphere—far far from the traditional classroom experience.

Cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, diplomats, lobbyists, journalists, and scholars offer young leaders guidance, direct experience, and perspectives on hot issues. Group seminars are led by prominent figures from both the public and academic sectors—bringing more ideas to stimulate thinking. Knowledgeable faculty advisors supervise and instruct students throughout their stay. At the NYLC, students are stretched intellectually every day – learning new ways to analyze issues, process information, further their understanding, and influence good decision-making.



THE MODEL CONGRESS

The Model Congress is one of CYLC's signature simulations—creating the most authentic leadership laboratory in education today. This activity culminates with a simulation of a debate in the United States House of Representatives. Students are asked to play the role of a member assigned to a congressional committee or a particular congressional caucus and are randomly assigned a political party affiliation. In their roles, students debate, question, and write legislation on current issues such as bilingual education, the medical use of marijuana, and human rights. CYLC simulations are interactive, hands-on, and fun — they fully engage students in meaningful role-play and set CYLC's leadership programs apart from all others.

COLLEGE CREDIT

Interested NYLC students can opt to earn college credit through American University for their participation.

WHEN

Six-day sessions held 16 times throughout the school year plus four 11-day summer sessions.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Exceptional junior and senior high school students from across the

country are nominated by educators or NYLC alumni in conjunction with school officials. Interested students may also compete for admission to the program through a competitive college-like application process.

SETTING

The National 4-H Center in suburban Chevy Chase, Maryland, about five miles from downtown Washington, D.C., provides an optimal setting for peer interaction and camaraderie.

The NYLC, a program of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, inspires young people to reach their full leadership potential. Nonprofit. Nonpartisan. Unparalleled in educational excellence.

CYLC programs also include the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) and the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC). Over 425 members of the United States Congress serve on CYLC's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors and have pledged their support to help foster and inspire young people to achieve their full leadership potential. CYLC programs are tuition-based and meet the Council of Better Business Bureau's Standards for Charitable Solicitations. With the help of CYLC's fund-raising guides, students secure financial support from their local community. In addition, CYLC is proud to offer scholarships, through grants from the CYLC Endowment Fund, to deserving students with financial need.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1999

WELCOME TO OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

- 1:00-7:00 **NYLC Registration**
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room
- 1:00-5:00 **"Making the Connection Activity"**
- 2:00, 2:45 **Campus Tours**
- 3:30 **Model Congress Briefing**
Matt Castrina, *Conference Coordinator*
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Missouri Room
- 4:30 **Applying for Success: Enrollment and College Life Seminar**
Tricia Morrin, *College Consultant*
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium
- 5:30-7:30 **Dinner**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
- 7:30-7:45 **Welcome to Washington: Orientation Session**
Kara Figg, *Director*
Daniel Jolly, *Conference Coordinator*
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium
- 7:45-8:45 **A Call to Leadership: Keynote Address**
Dr. Frank Luntz, *President, Luntz Research*
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium
- 8:45 **Leadership Group Meetings: Leadership Activity**
Location: Leadership Group Meeting Rooms (LGM Rooms)
- 10:15 **Ice Cream Social**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1999

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY: AMERICA AND THE WORLD

- 7:00-8:00 **Breakfast**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
- 8:05-9:35 **Leadership Group Meetings: "If I Were President" Activity**
Location: LGM Rooms
- 9:35-10:05 **Leadership Group Meetings: Briefing**
Location: LGM Rooms
- 10:10 **Board Buses**
- 10:15 **Buses Depart**
- 11:00 **Diplomacy at Work: Embassy Visits**
Australia Indonesia
Finland Kuwait
France United Kingdom
Hungary
- 12:30 **Lunch at Union Station Food Court**
- 1:40 **Board Buses**
- 1:45 **Buses Depart**

- 2:30 **Current Issues in National Politics: American University Presentation**
Laura Efund, *Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Director of Public Liaison, White House*
Dr. Karen O'Connor, *Government Department Chair, American University*
Dr. Paula Pettavino, *Assistant Professor of Political Science, American University*
Location: Ward Circle Building - Auditorium 1
- 4:30-5:30 **Leadership Group Meetings: Debriefing/Capitol Hill Briefing**
Location: LGM Rooms
- 5:30-7:00 **Dinner**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
- 7:30-8:50 **Leadership Group Meetings: Model Congress/Judicial Activity Preparation**
Location: LGM Rooms
- 9:00 **"The Capitol Steps" Theater Group**
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

- 7:15 **Board Buses**
- 7:20 **Buses Depart**
- 8:45 **Greetings from the Floor: A Visit to the House of Representatives**
The Honorable James McGovern (*D-MA*)
Location: The Floor of the House of Representatives
- 9:30 **Tour of Capitol Hill with Faculty Advisor**
- 10:00-3:00 **Congressional Appointments and Self-Selected Tours:**
The Capitol (Tours on a continuous basis)
Folger Shakespeare Library
Library of Congress (Jefferson Building 11:30, 1:00, 2:30)
Supreme Court (10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30)

NYLC staff available all day at the Supreme Court and the Rayburn HOB - Independence Avenue Entrance

- 11:15 **Exploring the Halls of Justice: Supreme Court Tour (Great Hall)**
- 1:00 **The Role of Women in History: Tour of the Sewall-Belmont House (See tickets for location)**
- 3:15 **Board Buses (First & East Capitol Streets)**
- 3:20 **Buses Depart**
- 4:30-5:55 **Leadership Group Meetings: Debriefing/Model Congress Preparation - LGM Rooms**

- 6:00-7:30 **Pizza Dinner**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
- 7:45-8:50 **Leadership Group Meetings: "Testing the Constitution" Activity**
Location: LGM Rooms
- 8:55 **Board Buses**
- 9:00 **Tour of the Nation's Capital**
Lincoln Memorial
Korean War Veterans Memorial
U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Vietnam Veterans Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1999

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE MEDIA

- 7:15 **Board Buses**
- 7:20 **Buses Depart**
- 8:15 **Breakfast at the National Press Club**
- 8:30 **Headlines and Deadlines: Meet the Press**
Milton Jaques, *Moderator*
Eleanor Clift, *Newsweek*
Sam Fulwood III, *Los Angeles Times*
Ann McFeatters, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
Matthew Rees, *The Weekly Standard*
- 9:40 **Alumni Representative Program**
Barb Collins, *Director of Alumni Affairs, Congressional Youth Leadership Council*
Teresa Jefferies, *Alumni Affairs Coordinator, Congressional Youth Leadership Council*
- 9:50 **Enlisting the Future: Inside the Selective Service System**
The Honorable Gil Coronado, *Director, United States Selective Service System*
- 11:30 **Visit to Arlington National Cemetery: Kennedy Memorials, Changing of the Guard and Wreathlaying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns**
- 12:30 **Lunch at Pentagon City Food Court**
- 2:15 **Board Buses**
- 2:20 **Buses Depart**
- 2:45 **Visit to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial**
- 4:15-5:15 **Leadership Group Meetings: Debriefing & Caucus Preparation**
Location: LGM Rooms
- 4:30-5:30 **Leadership Group Meetings: Debriefing & Committee/Leadership Preparation**
Location: LGM Rooms
- 5:30-7:00 **Dinner**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

7:00-8:00 **Committee Hearings:**
CRIME COMMITTEE
 Location: Kellogg Hall - Kentucky Room
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
 Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
 Location: McCormick Hall - Oklahoma Room

8:00-8:30 **Leadership Group Meetings**
 Location: LGM Rooms

8:00-9:00 **Committee Reviews**
 Location: Committee Hearing Rooms

8:30-9:00 **Leadership Group Meetings:**
Rules Committee & Lobbying
 Location: LGM Rooms

8:30-9:00 **Model Congress Leadership Briefings**
REPUBLICAN PARTY
 Location: Kellogg Hall - Colorado A Room
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
 Location: Kellogg Hall - Colorado B Room

9:05-9:20 **Committee Reports**
 Location: Committee Hearing Rooms

9:25-9:50 **Leadership Group Meetings**
 Location: LGM Rooms

10:00 **Swingin' Casino Social**
 Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1999 THE MODEL CONGRESS

6:45-7:30 **Breakfast**
 Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

7:30 Bus 1 Boards
 7:35 Bus 1 Departs
 7:50 Board Buses (2-8)
 7:55 Buses Depart (2-8)
 8:15 Visit to the White House Pedestrian Plaza
 9:30 The Model Congress Convenes
 Location: Cannon Building - Caucus Room
 12:30 Visit to the Smithsonian
 (Drop off at Air & Space Museum - Mall Side)

NYLC staff available all day at the Air &
 Space and American History Museums

3:30 Board Buses
 (American History Museum - Mall Side)
 3:35 Buses Depart
 3:45 Visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial

5:15-5:45 **Leadership Group Meetings:**
Debriefing/ Evaluations
 Location: LGM Rooms
 5:45-6:45 **Social**
 Location: J.C. Penney Hall - The Recreation Center
 7:15 Board Buses
 7:20 Buses Depart
 8:00 Farewell Dinner Dance
 Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel - The Empire Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1999 ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF LEADERSHIP

6:45-8:30 **Breakfast**
 Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
 7:00-8:30 **Luggage Storage**
 Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room
 7:00-8:30 **Pay Phone Bills**
 Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Front Desk
 8:30-9:30 **Leadership Group Meetings: Final Leadership**
Discussion/Departure Information
 (BRING YOUR KEY CARDS!) - LGM Rooms
 9:30-10:00 **Commencement Address and Certificate of**
Achievement Distribution
 Daniel Jolly, Conference Coordinator
 Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium
 10:30 Departures Begin



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CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) offers leadership conferences for outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the country and around the world, providing them with exciting enrichment opportunities and authentic leadership laboratories. CYLC's programs take place in Washington, D.C. and New York City, centers of world politics and international commerce, and are designed to inspire today's outstanding youth to reach their full leadership potential—locally, nationally, and internationally.

CYLC students meet the highest criteria in academics and leadership. They are nominated by high school educators or CYLC alumni in conjunction with school officials, or compete for admission through a college-like application process.

"The organization and quality of this program is unparalleled to anything in its class."

-Daryl Muller, GYLC participant,
Chattanooga, TN

"CYLC students are the finest I have seen and I look forward to every meeting that I am involved in with them. I am always inspired by them and believe that if the future of our country depends on them, we do have a bright future indeed!"

-Rodney Fisher, Office of U.S. Senator Kay
Bailey Hutchison (TX)



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Every CYLC conference is designed to instruct, enrich, and enthuse promising students—preparing them for a lifetime of leadership with an unforgettable experience.

Conference programs include: a keynote address by a distinguished young leader; executive sessions with leaders from the president's administration; CYLC signature simulations; behind-the-scenes briefings, tours, and events; and group seminars led by prominent figures from public and academic sectors. In addition, fabulous extracurricular activities include evening socials and entertainment, as well as tours of Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.'s memorials and museums, and the landmarks of New York City.

SIMULATIONS

CYLC's signature simulations create the most authentic leadership laboratories in education today—providing experiential learning that is interactive, hands-on, and fun! They fully engage students in meaningful role-play and set CYLC's leadership programs apart from all others with this superior opportunity for enrichment. Simulations such as the Judicial Challenge, Model Congress, and the Global Summit each pose dynamic role-playing challenges with topics carefully chosen to represent issues facing legislators and world leaders today. All are made even more realistic by their settings—taking place in the heart of Washington, D.C. or an executive conference room at the United Nations in New York City.



THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE (NYLC)

Offering outstanding youth the opportunity to analyze and discuss current events and hot issues with today's top policy makers in Washington, D.C. Six-day sessions are held 16 times during the school year and four 11-day sessions are offered during the summer.

GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE (GYLC)

Challenging young leaders from countries around the world with the opportunity to explore global issues and analyze concepts with today's world leaders in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Four 11-day programs are offered during the summer.

PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH INAUGURAL CONFERENCE (PYIC)

Providing exceptional students an insider experience in Washington, D.C. during the United States presidential inauguration. In addition to observing the official swearing-in ceremony and participating in an inaugural ball, students have the opportunity to analyze issues surrounding the democratic political process with high-ranking public officials and journalists. A six-day conference is held every four years.

SETTING AND SUPERVISION

Conferences are held at the National 4-H Center in suburban Chevy Chase, Maryland, about 5 miles from downtown Washington and at the American University campus in Washington, D.C. Both provide young leaders a setting that signifies academic involvement and collegial interaction.

The dynamic professional staff instructs and supervises students throughout the conferences. With the low student to staff ratio, participants are assured individual attention and opportunities for contributing to stimulating small-group discussions.

Over 425 members of the United States Congress serve on CYLC's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors and have pledged their support to help foster and inspire young people to achieve their full leadership potential. CYLC programs are tuition-based and meet the Council of Better Business Bureau's Standards for Charitable Solicitations. With the help of CYLC's fund raising guides, students secure financial support from their local community. In addition, CYLC is proud to offer scholarships, through grants from the CYLC Endowment Fund, to deserving students with financial need. NYLC and GYLC students can also opt to earn college credit through American University for their participation.

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The Honorable Sandra Thurman
National AIDS Policy Director
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Thurman,

As we prepare to enter the 21st century, the issues that America's youth will face become more and more challenging every day. From the war on drugs to violence in their schools, many young people are eager to address these issues and develop ideas that may foster solutions in the future. Every American has a responsibility to nurture and guide the leadership potential in our nation's youth. It is imperative that we equip the leaders of tomorrow with the knowledge and skills necessary to solve the many challenges that lie ahead. As National AIDS Policy Director, you can provide unique insight into the responsibilities and challenges of leading others. Your energy and spirit can motivate today's high school leaders to reach unprecedented heights as America's next generation of leaders.

On behalf of the **Congressional Youth Leadership Council**, it is a pleasure to invite you to address the students of our fall *National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC)*. The Congressional Youth Leadership Council is a non-profit organization that focuses on leadership development for outstanding high school juniors and seniors. During their stay in Washington, DC, they will study the three branches of the government, international affairs and the media through student-run simulations and meetings with government officials, policy makers, activists and the press.

Sharing your experiences with the students of the NYLC will allow you to reach and inspire the new millennium's generation of leaders. Speaking to our students would also allow you to reach young Americans from almost every one of the fifty states and many other countries.

The National Young Leaders Conference will be held in Washington, DC. We hope you will be able to address our students on one of the dates listed on the following reply memo. We would be honored and delighted if you would be willing to speak to our future leaders.

We look forward to working with you. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Jeff Burnside, Conference Coordinator, at 202-638-0008 or by email at Jburnside@cylc.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Director
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SAMPLE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1998 WELCOME TO OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

1:00-7:00 NYLC Registration

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room

2:00, 2:45 Campus Tours

& 3:30 Location: J.C. Penney Hall - The Recreation Center

4:00 & 5:00 Model Congress Briefing

Dr. Marguerite Regan, *Director of Education and Curriculum Development, Congressional Youth Leadership Council*

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Missouri Room

5:30-7:30 Dinner

Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

7:30-7:45 Welcome to Washington: Orientation Session

Michael Lasday, *Executive Director, Congressional Youth Leadership Council*
Kara Figg, *National Young Leaders Conference Director*

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium

7:45-8:45 A Call to Leadership: Keynote Address

Jair Lynch, *1996 Olympic Silver Medalist, U. S. Men's Gymnastics*

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium

8:45 Leadership Group Meetings: Leadership Activity

Location: Leadership Group Meeting Rooms (LGM Rooms)

10:15 Evening Social

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - The Recreation Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1998 THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY: AMERICA AND THE WORLD

7:00-8:15 Breakfast

Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

8:20-9:35 Leadership Group Meetings: "If I Were President" Activity

LGM Rooms

9:35-10:05 Leadership Group Meetings: International Briefing

LGM Rooms

10:10 Board Buses

10:15 Buses Depart

11:00 Diplomacy at Work: Embassy Visits

Czech Republic	New Zealand
Denmark	Philippines
Finland	Saudi Arabia
France	Slovak Republic
Hungary	Sri Lanka
Iceland	

12:30 Lunch at Union Station Food Court

1:40 Board Buses

1:45 Buses Depart

2:30 The World of Diplomacy - An Eye on International Affairs: Briefing from the Department of State

John Sontag, *Chief of the Russian Division, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State*

Location: U.S. Department of State - Dean Acheson Auditorium

4:30-5:30 Leadership Group Meetings: Debriefing/Capitol Hill Briefing

LGM Rooms

5:30-7:00 Dinner

Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

6:45 Behind the Scenes of the United States Congress: Capitol Hill Seminar

John Blair, *Legislative Correspondent for Senator Jeff Bingaman, (D-NM)*

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room

7:30-8:50 Leadership Group Meetings: Model Congress/Judicial Activity Preparation

LGM Rooms

8:55 Board Buses

9:00 Tour of the Nation's Capital

White House Lincoln Memorial
U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Korean War Veterans Memorial

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1998 THE LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES

7:15 Board Buses

7:20 Buses Depart

8:45 Greetings from the Floor: A Visit to the House of Representatives

The Honorable Mark Foley, *(R-FL)*

Location: The Floor of the House of Representatives

9:30 Tour of Capitol Hill with Faculty Advisor

10:00-3:00 Congressional Appointments and Self-Selected Tours:

The Capitol (Tours on a continuous basis)
Folger Shakespeare Library
Library of Congress (Jefferson Building 11:30, 1:00, 2:30)
Supreme Court (10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30)

NYLC staff available all day at the Supreme Court and the Rayburn HOB - Independence Avenue Entrance

11:15 Exploring the Halls of Justice: Supreme Court Tour (See tickets for location)

1:00 The Role of Women in History: Tour of the Sewall-Belmont House (See tickets for location)

3:15 Board Buses (First & East Capitol Streets)

3:20 Buses Depart

4:30-5:45 Leadership Group Meetings: Debriefing/Model Congress Preparation

LGM Rooms

5:45-7:00 Pizza Dinner

Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

6:45 Applying for Success: Enrollment and College Life Seminar

Tricia Morrin, *College Admissions Consultant*

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room

7:45-8:50 Leadership Group Meetings: "Testing the Constitution" Activity

LGM Rooms

9:00 "The Capitol Steps" Theater Group

Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Aiton Auditorium

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1998 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE MEDIA

7:15 Board Buses

7:20 Buses Depart

8:15 Breakfast at the National Press Club

8:30 Headlines and Deadlines: Meet the Press

Milton Jaques, *Moderator*
James Carney, *TIME Magazine*
Eleanor Clift, *Newsweek*
Jessica Lee, *USA Today*
Matt Rees, *The Weekly Standard*

9:40 Alumni Representative Program

Barbara Hall Collins, *Director of Alumni Affairs, Congressional Youth Leadership Council*

9:50 Protecting the Nation: Briefing from the Secretary of the Army

The Honorable Louis Caldera, *Secretary, United States Army*

11:30 Visit to Arlington National Cemetery: Kennedy Memorials, Changing of the Guard and Wreathlaying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns

- 12:30 **Lunch at Pentagon City Food Court**
 2:15 Board Buses
 2:20 Buses Depart
 2:45 **Visit to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial**
 4:15-5:15 **Leadership Group Meetings: *Debriefing & Caucus***
Preparation - LGM Rooms
 4:30-5:30 **Leadership Group Meetings: *Debriefing & Committee/Leadership Preparation*** - LGM Rooms
 5:30-7:00 **Dinner**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
 7:00-8:00 **Committee Hearings: *The Tobacco Industry Reform Act of 1998***
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room
COMMERCE COMMITTEE
Location: Kellogg Hall - Kentucky Room
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
Location: McCormick Hall - Oklahoma Room
 8:00-8:30 **Leadership Group Meetings** - LGM Rooms
 8:00-9:00 **Committee Reviews**
Location: Committee Hearing Rooms
 8:30-9:00 **Leadership Group Meetings: *Rules Committee & Lobbying*** - LGM Rooms
 8:30-9:00 **Model Congress Leadership Briefings**
NATIONAL PARTY
Location: Kellogg Hall - Colorado A Room
FEDERAL PARTY
Location: Kellogg Hall - Colorado B Room
 9:05-9:20 **Committee Reports**
Location: Committee Hearing Rooms
 9:25-9:50 **Leadership Group Meetings** - LGM Rooms
 10:00 **Ice Cream Social**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1998 THE MODEL CONGRESS

- 6:45-7:30 **Breakfast**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
 7:30 **Bus 1 Boards**
 7:35 **Bus 1 Departs**
 7:50 **Board Buses (2-8)**
 7:55 **Buses Depart (2-8)**
 8:15 **Visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial**
 9:30 **The Model Congress Convenes**
Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building - Room G-50

- 12:30 **Visit to the Smithsonian (Drop off at Air & Space Museum - Mall Side)**

NYLC staff available all day at the Air & Space and American History Museums

- 3:30 **Board Buses (American History Museum - Mall Side)**
 3:35 **Buses Depart**
 3:45 **Visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial**
 5:15-5:45 **Leadership Group Meetings: *Debriefing/ Evaluations*** - LGM Rooms
 5:45-6:45 **Social**
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - The Recreation Center
 7:15 **Board Buses**
 7:20 **Buses Depart**
 8:00 **Farewell Dinner Dance**
Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel - The Empire Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1998 LOOKING FORWARD

- 6:45-8:30 **Breakfast**
Location: Kellogg Hall - Harder Dining Room
 7:00-8:30 **Luggage Storage**
Location: J.C. Penney Hall - Ohio Room
 9:00-10:00 **Leadership Group Meetings: *Final Leadership Discussion/Departure Information***
(BRING YOUR KEY CARDS!) - LGM Rooms
 10:30 **Departures Begin**



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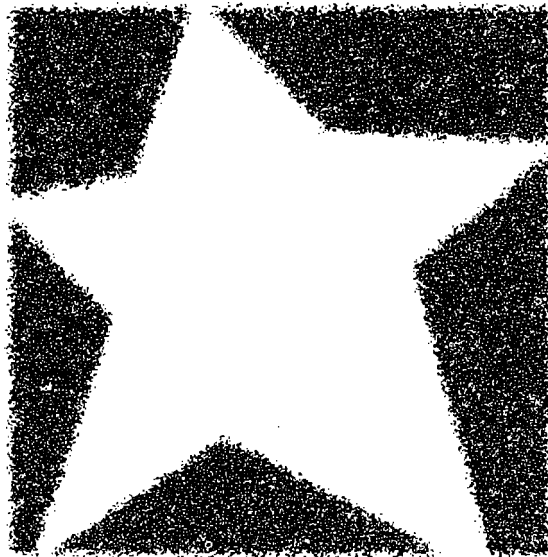
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