

# Young Democrats of America *2010 High School Leadership Academy* July 18 - 21 in Washington, D.C.



## DAY ONE – Sunday, July 18

**Arrivals and Registration - 1:30 p.m.**

**Introduction to the Young Democrats of America - 2:30 p.m.**

Rod Snyder, President, Young Democrats of America  
Colmon Elridge, Executive Vice President, Young Democrats of America  
Chris Stergalas, Chair, YDA College Caucus

**An Inside Look at Campaigns & Elections - 4:00 p.m.**

Adam Weiss, Democratic campaign operative

**Climate and Energy Policy Panel - 5:30 p.m.**

Tony Cani, Sierra Club  
Alex Cornell du Houx, Truman Project

**Moonlight Monument Tour - 7:00 p.m.**

**Lights Out - 11:00 p.m.**

## DAY TWO – Monday, July 19

**Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.**

**Women and Politics in the 21st Century – 9:00 a.m.**

Stephanie Schriock, President, Emily's List  
Erin Cutraro, Vice President & Political Director, Women's Campaign Forum  
Atima Omara Alwala, Former Chair, YDA Women's Caucus

**Campaign Finance: The Role of Money in Campaigns and Elections – 10:30 a.m.**

Scott Dworkin, President and Founder, Bulldog Finance Group  
Meredith White, Fundraising Associate, Flanagan Fulkerson & Company  
Jennifer Paquette, Chair, YDA Finance Committee

**Lunch briefing at the Human Rights Campaign - 12:00 noon**

Candace Gingrich-Jones, HRC Associate Director for Youth Outreach  
Jeremy Pittman, HRC Deputy Field Director

**White House briefing on youth issues - 3:00 p.m.**

Matt Tranchin, Staff Assistant, White House Office on Public Engagement  
Howard Buffett, Policy Analyst, White House Domestic Policy Council  
Melissa McNeal, Director, White House Internship Program  
Rebecca Cokley, Priority Placement Director, White House Office of Presidential Personnel  
Peter Gage, Policy Analyst, White House Office of Energy and Climate Change  
Robert Fee, White House Office of Public Engagement

**Smithsonian Museum of American History - 5:30 p.m.**

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**Picnic Dinner on the National Mall - 7:30 p.m.**

**Screen on the Green: "The Goodbye Girl" – 9:00 p.m.**

**Lights Out - 11:00 p.m**

**DAY THREE – Tuesday, July 20**

**Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.**

**Young Voters in the 2010 Election Cycle - 9:00 a.m.**

Katie Naranjo, President, College Democrats of America  
Sara El-Amine, Deputy National Director, Organizing for America

**Tour of the Democratic National Committee - 10:15 a.m.**

**New Media: Using Facebook, Twitter & Other Technology in Politics - 10:45 a.m.**

Karl Johnson, New Media Director, Young Democrats of America  
Brian Devine, Senior Project Manager, New Media Strategies  
Kathy Legg, DNC Social Media Manager

**Lunch briefing: How to land a job or internship in politics - 12:00 p.m.**

Al Acker, Executive Director, Democratic GAIN

**Observing the House and Senate in session - 2:00 p.m.**

**Congressional Staff Briefing: An Inside Look at Congress - 4:00 p.m.**

Sarah Gallo, House Small Business Committee  
Kyle Chapman, Office of Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (D-IL)  
Derron Parks, Office of Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO)

**Official group photo on the steps of the Capitol - 5:30 p.m.**

**Dinner with Congressman Jim McDermott - 6:30 p.m.**

**Exploring Washington, DC: An evening on the town - 8:30 p.m.**

**Lights Out - 11:00 p.m**

**DAY FOUR – Wednesday, July 21**

**Breakfast briefing: U.S. Education Policy - 9:00 a.m.**

Donna Harris-Aikens, Director of Policy & Practice, National Education Association

**Wrap-up discussion: Young Democrats in your high school - 10:30 a.m.**

Jordan Rasmussen, Executive Director, YDA High School Caucus

**Boxed Lunch and Departures - 12:00 p.m.**

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