

SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JULY 8-11, 2026



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 6:00PM **Welcome Dinner & Orientation**
Alice Siu, Stanford University
Deliberative Democracy Lab
Mia Charity, Close Up Foundation
Cyrus Beschloss, Generation Lab
James Fishkin, Stanford University
Deliberative Democracy Lab
Thavish Sindwhani, America in One
Room: The Youth Vote
- 8:30PM **Opening Workshop:**
What are the biggest issues we face
in our democracy today?
- 9:30PM **Student Lounge & Games**
- 10:30PM Room Check

DELIBERATIONS: Students will engage in moderated, small-group discussions with peers and evaluate the pros and cons of selected policy proposals.

PANELS: Students will have the chance to question and gain insight from policy experts representing diverse perspectives.

ROOM CHECK: Close Up will arrange night security in the hotel hallways and provide supervision between 10:30pm-6:00am.



THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 7:15AM **Hot Breakfast**
- 9:00AM **Deliberation #1: AI & Our Society**
- 10:30AM **Expert Panel**
Peter Chandler, Internet Works
Paul Lekas, Software Information
Industry Association
Carolyn Smith, Working America
(AFL-CIO)
Patrice Willoughby, NAACP
Jake Morabito, American Legislative
Exchange Council
- 11:45AM **Group Photo & Lunch**
- 3:00PM **Deliberation #2: America's Role in
Immigration & Around the World**
- 4:30PM **Expert Panel**
Diana Pliego, National Immigration
Law Center
Eddy Acevedo, National
Endowment for Democracy
Helena Coric, National Immigration
Forum
Helder Toste, The LIBRE Initiative
Lindsey Warburton, Niskanen
Center
- 5:45PM **Dinner & Neighborhood Visit**
- 7:45PM **An Evening at the Memorials
(Lincoln, Korea & Vietnam)**
- 10:30PM Room Check



FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 7:15AM **Hot Breakfast**
- 9:00AM **Deliberation #3: Democracy &
Elections**
- 10:30AM **Expert Panel**
John Fortier, American Enterprise
Institute
David Griffith, Thomas B. Fordham
Institute
Walter Olson, Cato Institute
Amari Fennoy, NAACP
Zaid Zaid, Orange Court Strategies
- 11:45AM **Student Survey**
- 12:45PM **Lunch & Neighborhood Visit:**
Explore the city's vibrant character in
areas such as Eastern Market and U
Street.
- 2:45PM **Smithsonian Museum Exploration**
- 5:45PM **Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial**
- 6:45PM **Washington Nationals Game
& Dinner:**
Have a memorable evening watching
the Washington Nationals take on the
New York Yankees!
- 10:30PM Room Check



SATURDAY, JULY 11

- 7:30AM **Hot Breakfast**
- 8:30AM **Civic Profile:**
Complete the Civic Profile, the
Hoover Institution's new tool to
measure civic knowledge, values,
and engagement.
- 9:00AM **Hoover Institution Presentation**
Tom Schnaubelt, Center for
Revitalizing American Institutions,
Hoover Institution
- 9:45AM **Facilitation Training &
Reflection:** How will you stay
engaged and bring deliberative
dialogue back to your
community?
- 11:15AM **Closing Remarks & Student
Reflections**
Alice Siu, Stanford University
Deliberative Democracy Lab
Mia Charity, Close Up Foundation
- 12:00PM **End of Program: Lunch &
Depart for Home**

Sample schedule subject to change.

