

***We the People: The Citizen
and the Constitution***

36th Annual

New Jersey State

Simulated Legislative Hearings

for High School Students



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Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Busch Campus Center

Piscataway, NJ

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The New Jersey Center for Civic Education

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Schedule of Events

8:30-9:00 a.m.: **Registration**

Fireside Lounge

(outside Multipurpose Room)

9:00-9:15 a.m.: **Opening Ceremony**

Multipurpose Room, Busch Campus Center

Welcome

Arlene Gardner, President, Board of Directors
New Jersey Center for Civic Education

Guest Speaker

Dr. Benjamin Dworkin, Director
Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship
Rowan University

9:30 a.m.-11:50 p.m.: **Simulated Legislative Hearings**

Busch Campus Center Meeting Rooms

Bayonne High School.....Center Hall

East Brunswick High School.....116

Marlboro High School.....120

Montclair High School.....122

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School....117

Judges Conference Rooms.....115 and 118

12:00–1:30 p.m.: **Lunch and Awards**

Multipurpose Room, Busch Campus Center

Keynote Address

Dr. Elizabeth Matto
Director, Center for Youth Political Participation
Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University

Panels of Judges

UNIT ONE: *What were the philosophical and historical foundations of the American political system?*

Noel Baxter

Social Studies Supervisor, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

Dr. Benjamin Dworkin

Director, Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship, Rowan University

Christine Hladky.

Teacher, Madison High School, Madison

UNIT TWO: *How did the framers create the Constitution?*

Hank Bitten

Executive Director, New Jersey Council for the Social Studies

Dr. James Masschaele

Executive Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University

Viola Lordi, Esq.

UNIT THREE: *How has the Constitution been changed to further the ideals contained in the Declaration of Independence?*

Peter Mazzagatti

New Jersey Department of Education

Shea Richardson

Social Studies Supervisor, East Orange Public Schools

William Robertson, Esq.

DiFrancesco Bateman law firm

UNIT FOUR: *How have the values and principles embodied in the Constitution shaped American institutions and practices?*

Nicole Ferrante
Social Studies Supervisor, Mount Laurel Public Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Matto
Director, Center for Youth Political Participation, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University

Patricia Supplee
Monmouth County League of Women Voters, Energizing Young Voters

UNIT FIVE: *What rights does the Bill of Rights protect?*

Jesse Burns
Executive Director, New Jersey League of Women Voters

Louis Miron, Esq.

John Terry
Social Studies Supervisor, Bernards Township Public Schools

UNIT SIX: *What challenges might face American constitutional democracy in the 21st century?*

Gordon Golum, Esq.
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer law firm

Jonathan Miller
Teacher, J.P Stevens High School, Edison

Ashley Woolsey-Greene
New Jersey Department of Education

Participants

Bayonne High School, Bayonne Patricia Wyskowski, Instructor

Azzer, Joyce
Baig, Iman
Bebawi, Jomana
Bekiet, David
Bernardo, Mia
Bessady, Mehraail
Chen, Jason
Crispino, Brandon
Davis, Giselle
Dosouki Mohamed, Mariam
D'Rozario, Elizabeth
Gadalla, Farida
Gerges, Mariam
Ghaly, Jerom
Gridniev, Bogdan
Gu, David
Guirguis, John
Hadiouche, Selmaan

Jones, Anastasia
Kadir, Abigail
Kaur, Mahekdeep
Keronche, Melissa
Martin-Moore, Tyla
McCullough, Erin
Mechti, Meriem
Mejia Matos, Eithan
Naeim, Jessica
Safner, Justin
Salib, Viroun
Sarran, Disha
Shousha, Fatimah
Sobhy, Mariam
Wang, Muyang
Williams, Camisha
Young Freire, Jordan

East Brunswick High School, East Brunswick Marc Mondry, Instructor

Barai, Twinkal
Bhardwaj, Shreya
Blivaiss, Helena
Burghli, Ziad
Chen, Avery
Cuomo, Bailey
Danish, Burhanuddin
Emmanuel, Simon
Fang, Xuheng (Leo)
Flax, Tiffany

Katoch, Chahel
Kelly, Caroline
Mehta, Jasmine
Miller, Ethan
Nishanth, Dhihita
Ockun, Justin
Parikh, Tanmay
Seaver, Riley
Sun, Amanda
Woodard, Olivia

Marlboro High School, Marlboro

Eric Yang, Instructor

Bodner, Benjamin	Patel, Chandni
Bono, Jake	Richardson, Miles
Carter, Josiah	Robinson, Aaran
Casale, Nicholas	Salygin, Roman
Dutta, Ishan	Syed Ali, Haaniah
Glozman, Elizabeth	Velazquez, Gaby
Gundersen, Michael	Vinod, Nanditha
Guzzardo, Gen	Vitale, Leana
Hegarty, Christian	Vrlaku, Sika
Hussain, Ariyana	Zisel, Juliana
Hussein, Ali	

Montclair High School, Montclair

William Wingren, Instructor

Adeyeye, Lola	Keys, Jaimee
Aishton, Georgia	Kloiber, Justin
Barker, Gael	Kuzyk, Alec
Barrack, Zoe	Linietsky, Benjamin
Benson, Charlie	MacDonald, Matthew
Blaine, Liz	Moreno, Bella
Broduer, Alex	Peniel, Belay-Ejigu
Brubaker, Anna	Pittman, Eric
Callum, Cavallaro	Shelley, Juniper
Dreifach, Daniela	Spoor, Jasper
Foroughi, Roxana	Stanton, Thomas
Harris, Thaddeus	Traore, Salif
Hojegian, Will	Troeller, Zachary
Kapila, Kaira	Wassermann, Levi

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro

Albert Paulsson, Instructor

Anupuru, Sruthi	Kantamaneni, Vrinda
Baloyi, Masingita	Lu, Andrea
Chatterjee, Tanya	Sheth, Naomi
Denuto, Mackenzie	Suryarao, Taksheel
Goudar, Dhriti	Thiberge, Julien
Gupta, Jahnavi	Varnavas, Alex

Facilitator

Robert O'Dell
Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Civic Education

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Scot Guempel, CPA

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Scot Guempel
Jessica Han
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Aabir Rashid
Craig Uplinger

	Bayonne High School Center Hall	East Brunswick High School Room 116	West Windsor-Plainsboro North Room 117	Marlboro High School Room 120	Montclair High School Room 122
9:30-9:45	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 1
9:50-10:05	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
10:10-10:25	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5
10:30-10:45	Unit 6	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
10:50-11:10	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:15-11:30	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
11:35-11:50	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 1	Unit 2



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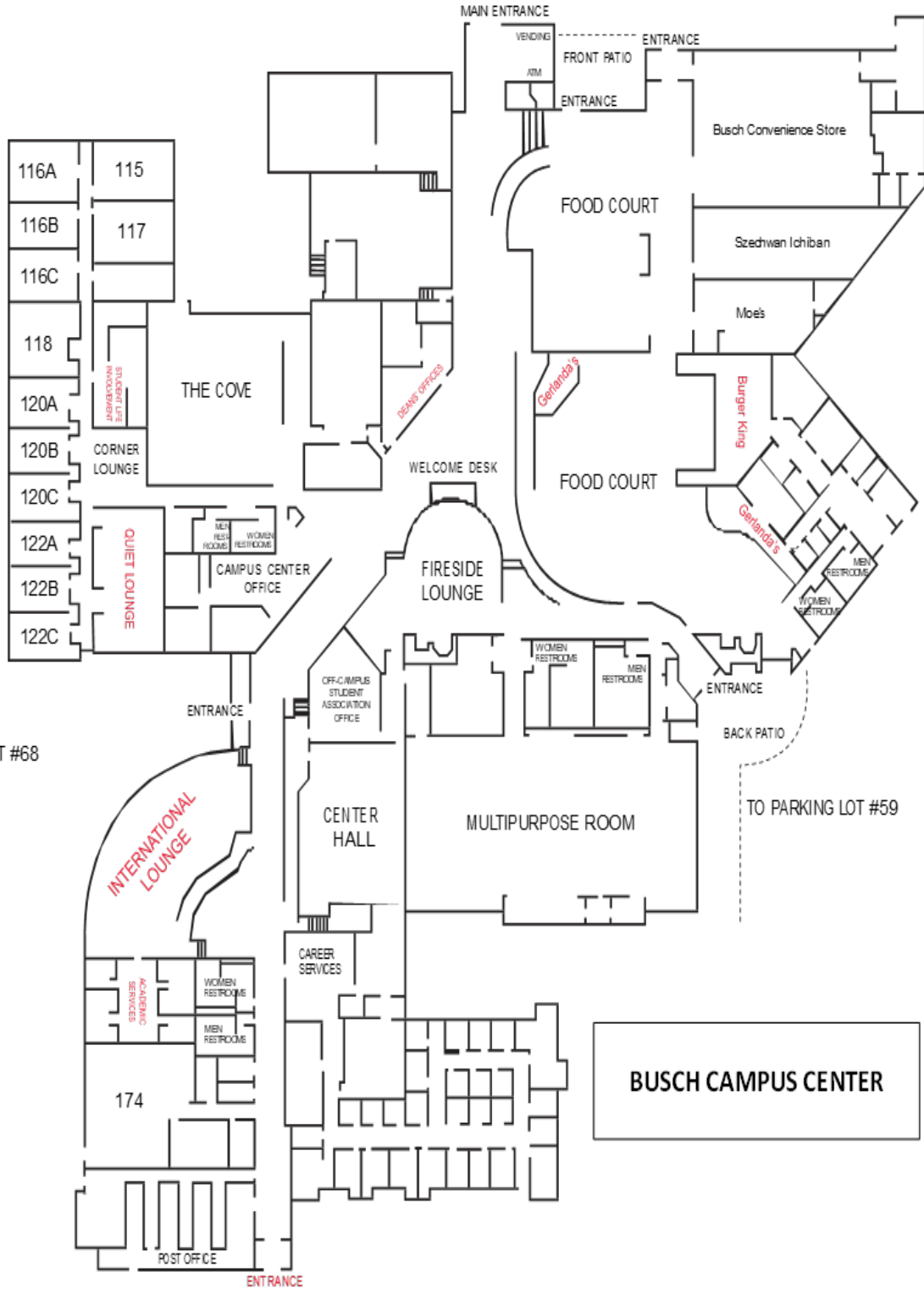
Students throughout the state prepare for the state hearing by completing a semester instructional program using the We the People text. Each student then becomes fully conversant with one of the six units in the text and testifies at simulated legislative hearings on each unit. Each class competes within the school, school district, and/or congressional district. During the state hearings, students are assessed on the following criteria: understanding, constitutional application, reasoning, supporting evidence, responsiveness, and participation.

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