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Special Report: ASI Trip to Washington D.C.

In February 2022, 20 students from Harding University, from different majors, received an opportunity to take a trip to Washington D.C hosted by the American Studies Institute of Harding University. The American Studies Institute is an institute whose founding purpose is to “inspire lives of leadership by exposing students to people, places, and ideas that have helped shape the United States.” Students on this trip were given the unique opportunity to meet with individuals across a spectrum of careers, including history, government, and business. Students were accompanied by Dr. John Richard Duke, an associate professor of history and the director of the American Studies Institute, and Lori Klein, an associate political science and public administration professor.

The group arrived in D.C. on Thursday, and hit the ground running, visiting the African American History And Culture Museum. The group was also invited inside the Rayburn Congressional Office Building to meet with Congressman Rick Crawford’s Chief of Staff, Jonah Shumate, and Legislative Director, Ashley Shelton, who both happen to be Harding graduates. Students heard their experience working for a Congressman and got to ask questions about a variety of topics. On Friday, the group went to the Department of Justice and met with government officials who specialized in counterterrorism. The next stop had the group meeting with executives of the Boeing Co. in their D.C. headquarters, where students learned even more about where business meets government.

That night, students were treated to a dinner alongside Harding alumni from all over the D.C metropolitan area. Students engaged with these graduates and learned about all the sorts of careers that these graduates had and were inspired by the wide variety. One of these graduates

was Elinor Rennor, an editor on the first volume of *Tenor of our Times*. Along with her, were many other alumni who aimed to inspire current students heading into the job field.

On Saturday, students were given a day to explore D.C. and its wonderful history. Students went all over the city, including Georgetown, Old Town Alexandria, and the National Mall. Students also went to the Smithsonian Museums, the National Cathedral, and explored the Capital's many landmarks and monuments.

A trip to our nation's capital is an important trip for all students. Associate professor Lori Klein said that students "should be able to explore the many gems of the Smithsonian, the beautiful halls of our democracy, and gorgeous greens and parkland of that special city." Thanks to ASI and The Clifton L. Ganus fund for History and Political Science, students were given this exact opportunity.





