



EDUCATE HONOR CHALLENGE

Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

Program season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to having a very busy campus starting next Monday with La Canada Elementary and our first chapter Spirit of America is just over a month away. It will be good to have activity in Valley Forge. It is also a busy time of year for you with student orientations, award ceremonies, and fundraisers on the schedule. We are all starting strong in 2023.

Starting off with some good news, CEO David Harmer continues to improve. He is making steady progress in his recovery. He greatly appreciates all of the well wishes and cards you have sent. He has been working from home and jumping on a bunch of Zoom calls with staff and supporters. We look forward to being able to welcome him back to campus in a few months.

Thank you for sending in your list of students attending Spirit of America. I hope your students and chaperones are finding the new registration process more user friendly. I just want to once again state that the COVID-19 vaccination is no longer a requirement. Students do not need to have it in order to participate in the program. Our medical form in the registration process still asks about the vaccine and there is still a place where you can upload your card, but that is not a requirement. It's there just for our informational purposes.

A reminder that the financial reports are due on February 1st. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their reports. If you need any assistance with the form, do not hesitate to contact me or Bonnie Anderson at banderson@ffvf.org. If you need an extension, please let us know right away. The President's Activity Report is also due on the 1st. This report is now a fillable form on our website. For a direct link to the form, [please click here](#).

On May 20, 2023, Freedom's Foundation is proud to be the location of the first ever **History Camp Valley Forge**. History Camp, started in 2014 in Boston, is a groundbreaking approach to bringing together people from all walks of life who have a love of history. The camp is presented by the non-profit organization The Pursuit of History. History Camp Valley Forge provides a venue for individuals to share what they've learned and learn from others. Each hour participants will have their choice of several presentations and topics to choose from related to all aspects of history. The only condition on presentations is they aren't focused on current events or recent politics. Freedom's Foundation will be participating in the presentations and are excited to be part of this venture on the ground floor. To see more details on the event, please check out the [History Camp Valley Forge website here](#).

Two major projects have been given the green light on campus. A company has been selected to install the new windows in MacArthur and also paint the building. That project will look to begin after the spring Spirit of America programs. We also got approval for the new light posts on campus. A design and type of lightening have been selected and that project will be able to start once we have the materials in place. We are all very excited for these upgrades to happen in early 2023. In the pipeline now for campus upgrades is the chapel organ. We are seeking quotes on replacing the organ with a more user friendly model for use by both adults and student participants.

Finally, this week I am sharing a clip some of you may have seen last week via a Constant Contact email, but its worth sharing again. On January 20th we had a group of 37 students from Devon Preparatory School visit Freedoms Foundation for their day of service. Not only did they complete service work in the Medal of Honor Grove, but they had a lesson from Vice President of Education, Jeff Scott, on the importance service in connection with the Medal of Honor. We also hope to welcome these students back to an upcoming Spirit of America program.

Devon Prep Day of Service – [Click Here](#)

Thank you everyone for your time and efforts.

Be safe, stay healthy, and take care.

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