



EDUCATE HONOR CHALLENGE

Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

This year is flying by at record speed. The Spring season went by in a flash and now summer is upon us. I want to express my personal thanks to all of you and your members for a very successful first quarter of the year. Our Spirit of America programs were strong. The number of participants and more importantly the quality of the students was exceptional. This is all because of you and your chapter's hard work. While we have been busy here with Spirit of America, History Encounters, and special events like [History Camp](#), we know you have been just as busy with student recognition events, fundraisers, and award ceremonies. Thank You!

I just finished sending out to all presidents and vice presidents of youth/education the thank you notes and pictures from this past program season. As we close the books on the chapter sponsored Spirit of America programs for 2023, we start looking towards 2024. We are currently working on the schedule. If you received an email with potential dates, please help us by responding with the rankings for each date. We want to make sure to have the best dates possible for our chapters. Your input will go a long way to make that happen. If you did not send students in 2023, but are looking to do so in 2024, you can also help by letting us know your best dates. See the potential dates below. We hope to have the 2024 schedule announced by June 9th.

Potential 2024 Spirit of America Dates

February 29-March 3, 2023

March 7-10, 2023

April 4-7, 2023

April 11-14, 2023

April 18-21, 2023

April 25-28, 2023

The National Awards submission date is next week – June 1st. We have been receiving a steady stream of nominations. Please note that if you or your members have any issues with submitting online, please do not hesitate to email me and send the material directly to csantangelo@ffvf.org. If you need an extension, we are happy to grant extensions to June 16th. Just please advise if you will need the extra time. Our jury will review submissions over the summer and chapters will be notified as to their nominees' status by Labor Day.

I hope you have seen the latest issue of the *Printing Press* highlighting all of the recent and ongoing campus improvements. The biggest news is the sewer project is now complete. We are finally connected to the public system. Our plant has been sealed and is in the process of being demolished. If you have not seen pictures and notes of all the other great projects [please click here](#) to see the newsletter.

Finally, thank you to all who attended the Presidents' Zoom Meeting on May 10th. If you were unable to attend, hopefully you were able to watch a portion of the recorded meeting. Things continue to move forward with the Union League Legacy Foundation merger. Decisions and discussions remain on the board level and we will send you all official updates when they are available. We have our next scheduled Presidents' Zoom meeting on June 14th at 2pm ET. Please mark your

calendars. Meeting information will be sent a week prior. This will be an opportunity to bring any questions or concerns you may have about the merger to Freedoms Foundation and Legacy Foundation leadership. We will also have further updates on Spirit of America schedules, 2024 essay topic, and 75th Anniversary plans during the Zoom meeting.

I want to once again thank all of you for your continued support. I wish you all a meaningful Memorial Day weekend.

Take care and be safe!

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