

Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

Greetings from the Campus of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge where spring is in full bloom.

The office is very busy planning for the opening of campus. I am pleased to report that many of the staff have now been fully vaccinated and all others have scheduled appointments for their first shots. Along with preparing the campus and ourselves for the arrival of teachers and students this summer, we are looking to expand our staff. We are currently conducting searches for an Associate Director of Education and a Foundations Manager & Grant Writer. Both job descriptions can be found on the website under [job opportunities](#). Please feel free to share with anyone you think might be interested in joining our team.

Virtual Spirit of America

We are rolling out our virtual Spirit of America program starting this Wednesday and continuing each Wednesday at 7pm EST through June 9th. The first segment is **The Declaration** with Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Adams of American Historical Theater. The program will premiere on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00PM EST. The session will last approximately one hour. To register for the program, [please click here](#). You can direct all those interested in participating in the virtual program to the Spirit of America page on the website (<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/students/high-school/spirit-of-america/>). All the sessions with links to register can be found there. Each segment will be available after the premiere via a special link to YouTube that will be provided to each chapter. Please share with members, teachers, and any interested students.

Reminders

- Please complete the attached Best Practices Survey. We are starting to compile the best practices document with the responses we have received to date. This is going to be a great resource for current and future chapters. Thank you to all who have already submitted their input.
- If you are currently updating your chapter's by-laws/standing rules and need any assistance, please feel free to reach out. I know many of you are already hard at work making updates. Thank you. All updates are due to headquarters for approval by September 30th.
- As you begin planning for students to attend Spirit of America this fall and next spring, think about lining up your chaperones and having them complete the online training on preventing child abuse. We can set them up at anytime for this free course. Contact me with the names and emails of your chaperones to get started.

Finally, I am pleased to share a video for this week. We return to our graduate teacher program and Dr. Allen Guelzo. In this clip, he talks about how our Constitutional system is working just as the founders had envisioned. In this era of executive orders and partisanship in Congress, this video is very timely.

Dr. Allen Guelzo - <https://youtu.be/PpylzajJeS4>

Thank you all for your hard work. I know many of you are working on programming, award submissions, and opening back up for meetings and we are very thankful and excited for the rest of the year.

Be safe and stay healthy

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