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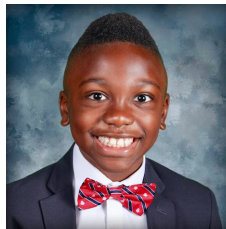
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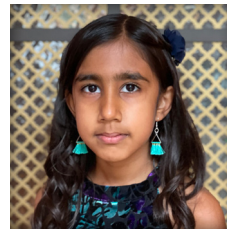
**MEET OUR
WE THE
FUTURE
WINNERS**



Cailyn White
TX, Artwork



Loren Crayton
TX, Artwork



Astha Savalia
IL, Poem



Steven Jiang
IL, Essay



Wyatt Powers
TX, STEM



Emerson Letz
TX, PSA



Honor Cassidy
GA, PSA



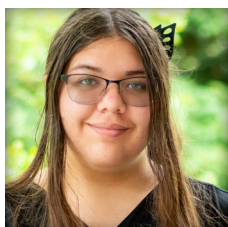
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FL, Song



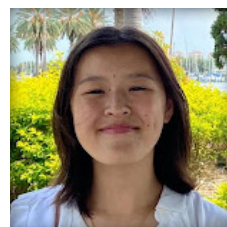
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Jayden Mann
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Alexis Coffey
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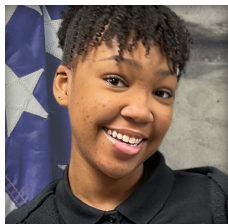
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Jalen Hill
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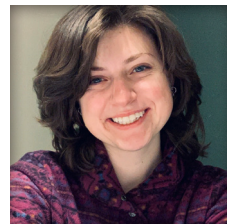
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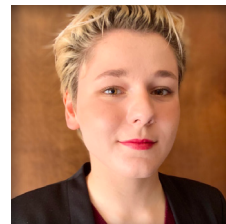
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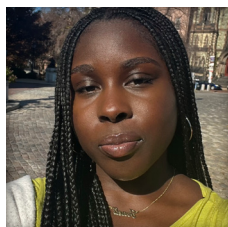
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Natalie Doelman
WA, Speech



Kristin Tokarev
MI, PSA



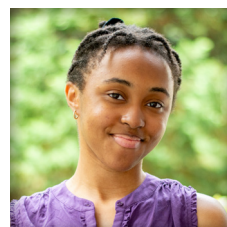
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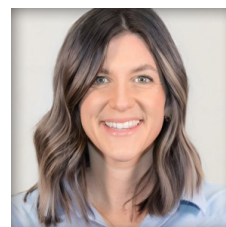
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Casey Chapter
FL, Short Film



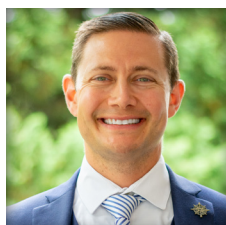
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Sam Anderson
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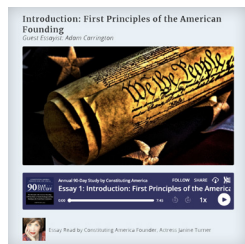
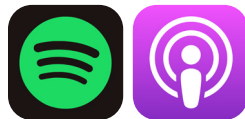
Our Impact

2010-2024

**399
MILLION**
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

123 K
SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS ACROSS
5 PLATFORMS

1 MILLION
PODCAST LISTENS ON
STREAMING SERVICES



**35.9
MILLION**
VIDEO VIEWS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA

235
PODCASTS, BOOK CLUBS
& CONSTITUTION DAY
SPECIAL EVENTS WITH
OVER 31,000 LIVE VIEWS
FROM STUDENTS &
ADULTS

1,426 ESSAYS BY
213 CONSTITUTIONAL
SCHOLARS WITH 3.4
MILLION YOUTUBE &
WEBSITE VIEWS

Our Impact

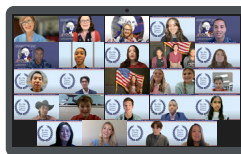
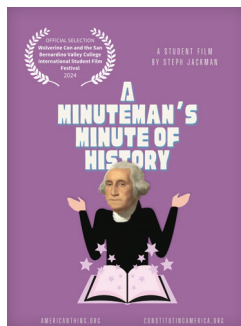


\$284,565
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
DISTRIBUTED TO 170
WINNERS

174
MILLION
SONG IMPRESSIONS
ON 81 RADIO STATIONS
ACROSS AMERICA

67 K
STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
& ADULTS REACHED
VIA 1,158 SCHOOL &
CIVIC ORGANIZATION
SPEECHES

2010-2024



138
MILLION
HOUSEHOLDS REACHED
VIA 275 TV STATIONS
ACROSS THE NATION

120
FILM FESTIVAL
ACCEPTANCES
WITH OVER 100,000
MOVIEGOER VIEWS ON
OUR DOCUMENTARY &
WINNERS' WORKS

128 K
U.S. CONSTITUTIONS
DISTRIBUTED

George Washington Speaking Initiative

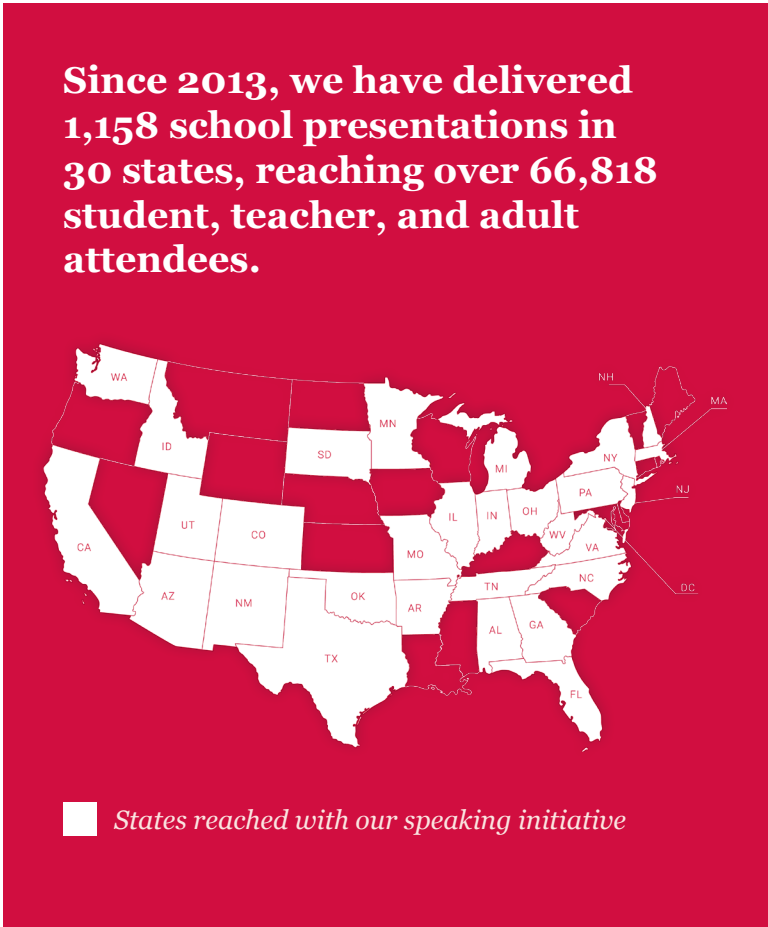
In a huge leap forward, we grew our speaking initiative by 178% this past year. In 2023, Constituting America delivered a record-setting 461 speeches in over 125 schools in 13 states, engaging and informing more than 15,000 students.

Constituting America is the only Constitution Education organization in public, private/ parochial, and home school classrooms almost daily. Over half of our school presentations are given in Title I schools. We seek to educate, inspire, and engage our audiences with our two speech options “The Relevancy of the Constitution” and “How To Have A Civil Civic Conversation,” which are available in person or through video conference. In 2023 alone, we made a record-setting **461** live, on-demand, and pre-scheduled presentations to over **15,000** students, teachers, and adults in over **125** schools across **13** states.

We now have Spanish Language United States Constitutions available upon request from schools and are speaking and reaching out to ESL classes and schools.



Key West High School students in Florida pose with Spanish Constitutions



THE CONSTITUTION

Many schools teach their students how the government works, but not about how they can get involved, or how the government is accountable to “we the people.” In the “Relevancy of the Constitution” speech, Constituting America teaches students foundational Constitutional principles and how to use their First Amendment rights to find and contact their representatives and write a petition to address issues about which they are passionate.

To measure our impact, we offer students a pre- and post-test about the Constitution. On average our Constitution presentation raises students’ scores from a **D to an A**, with students who participate in our program progressing from answering six out of ten questions correctly on the pre-test to answering nine out of ten correctly on the post-test.

Before our presentations, only 55% of students could correctly identify the Constitution as “the supreme law of the land for everyone.” (22% thought it was a document that could be interpreted in any way to further a political agenda!) After our presentations, **85%** of students could identify the Constitution correctly. Less than half of the students (48%) could correctly identify our form of government as a republic before our presentations, but **91%** could after! On the pre-test, 69% of students could correctly identify the five unalienable rights protected by the First Amendment; after our presentation – and learning our acronym RAPPS (Religion, Assembly, Petition, Press and Speech) – **91%** of students could correctly identify these five rights.

CIVIL CIVIC CONVERSATIONS

Constituting America’s speech on “How To Have a Civil Civic Conversation” provides students with the resources to synthesize information from our nation’s deeply divided and biased news sources, glean pertinent and factual information, and discuss complicated and divisive issues with their peers and fellow citizens productively and civilly. Through our Civil Civic process, students discover how to be an active part of the political future of our country, exercising their First Amendment rights, protected by the U.S. Constitution.

After our presentations, **87%** of students said they were more open to learning about and listening to a viewpoint that differs from their own. **80%** said they felt better prepared to discuss controversial issues with friends. Over half of the students said that they plan to change the way they consume news stories.

CLIPS FOR CLASSROOMS

We also offer free downloadable resources for teachers. Our popular Clips for Classrooms page is a collection of over a dozen of our very best video clips and live Constitutional Chats podcast series created by students and scholars curated in one place for teachers to download free at any time for use in the classroom.

“ We hope this program will continue to be funded so we can enjoy it year after year. Children need outside exposures, other than their teachers, to help solidify information. Thank you for taking the time to make such a positive experience for everyone.”

– 5th Grade Teachers,
Brookwood Elementary, UT

MEET OUR SCHOOL SPEAKING TEAM



Janine



Cathy



Jeanette



Aubrey



Kim



Jacob



Jill



Terry



Brandon



Jewel



Jorne

George Washington Speaking Initiative Continued



“ I appreciate Constituting America’s support in supplementing my lesson plans. Zooming nationwide with other schools and with the Constituting America staff brought my unit on the Constitution to life!”

– Karen Morrisette, McCaskey East High School, PA

“ Constituting America allowed a fantastic portal for our students to understand their rights as growing U.S. citizens. The opportunities our students had will be invaluable in their growth beyond young adulthood.”

– Trey Rickman, Current Georgia Educator



“ The presentation was appropriate and impressively adapted for each grade level. The format was simple, concise and most importantly, viewed by our students as something they could engage with successfully.”

– Velma Nora Vela, Valley View Elementary, Hidalgo, TX





“ I had a great experience with Constituting America. They bring an amazing and passionate presentation about our Constitution. They do a wonderful job of making the information presentable and accessible to students of all ages.”

– Matt Beeson, Colorado Early Colleges

“ Never in our nation’s history has it been so important to present our young people with a thorough, working knowledge and accurate interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. Constituting America is ensuring that the next generation of Americans will have the knowledge they need to keep the light of liberty burning brightly.”

– Laura A. Taylor, U.S. and AP Government Teacher, Appomattox County High School, VA



“ Constituting America exposed my students to new ways of thinking and introduced multiple Oklahoma government officials that wanted to help our students succeed. Many students are now starting pre-law courses because of this!”

– Oscar Loza Hoyos, US Grant High School, OK



Constitutional Chats Live Podcasts

Constituting America has hosted Constitutional Chats Live Podcasts ever since the COVID-19 school closures in March 2020. Our weekly podcast covers a variety of topics, including our founding documents and their historical and modern applications and meanings, as well as current hot topics and debates playing out in our government and the media. Each episode features our student panel asking questions and learning from our guest Constitutional expert. Our previous guests have included professors, lawyers, journalists, members of Congress, and more!

To date, we have held over **200** Constitutional Chats Live Podcasts, Book Club Meetings, and Constitution Day Programs reaching over **31,000** student and adult attendees, with over **300,000** more reached through podcast replays on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, and other popular podcast platforms.

2023 SERIES



“ You are doing great educating Americans on both the historical aspect as well as the current state of the Constitution.”

– Podcast Attendee

Below: Winner Natalie Doelman, Best College Essay, Washington

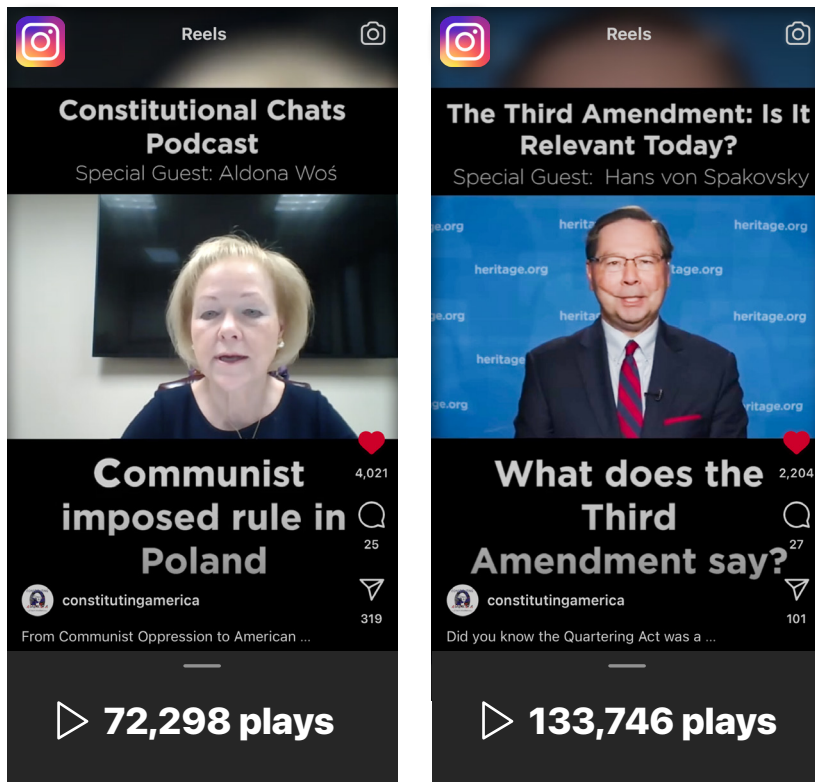


“ This was a superb program. Learning the underlying philosophies and placing them in a real-life context empowers us to participate intelligently in the conversation. This presentation should be part of a more extensive, involved, required course in all American schools.”

– Rick Maybury, Podcast Attendee, MA

VIRAL INSTAGRAM REELS

Every week after our Constitutional Chats Live Podcast, we post short teaching clips on social media. These videos reach **hundreds of thousands** of viewers across five different social media platforms.



Above: Short clips from our podcast have gone viral on social media. The clips above cumulatively reached over **200,000** people.

AVAILABLE TO STREAM ON ALL PODCAST PLATFORMS



MEET OUR 2023 PODCAST TEAM



“ I was mesmerized, learned so much, and want to learn more. The questions asked by the panel were fascinating and very informative.”

– Juliet Hoke, Podcast Attendee



We The Future Scholarship Contest

Our *We the Future Contest* provides creative outlets for students of all ages, elementary school through college, to utilize their passion – whether it is creating songs, short films, public service announcements (PSAs), social media videos, essays, STEM projects, speeches, artwork, or poems – to express themselves about the U.S. Constitution. Our contest prompts inspire students to think about the Constitution as it relates to their individual lives, and how the protections and framework set forth by the Constitution are a vital part of every American’s day-to-day life. Creating contest entries provides students with engaging “at-home” learning opportunities.

“This contest helped me to get a better understanding of the document that our country was established alongside, allowing me to be a better citizen.”

– *Scholarship Contest Entrant*

Along with winning a scholarship, our winners’ works are promoted and given national exposure. Winners also receive an all-expenses-paid Mentor Trip to a major city. In addition to the student categories, we annually award the Best Constitution Lesson Plan to a teacher. Getting teachers involved in providing improved civic learning to our country’s youth is a critical piece of Constituting America’s mission.

In a post-contest survey, **96%** of students who entered our *We the Future Contest* said they learned something new about the United States Constitution. One student who entered our contest said, *“I learned how exactly I can use my Constitutional rights to make a difference, and the steps I could take to do so.”* Another entrant named Carson said, *“The Constituting America We The Future Contest has been a life-changing experience for me. It encouraged me to interact with the Constitution, the founding fathers, and the Western philosophical tradition in ways I never could have imagined.”*

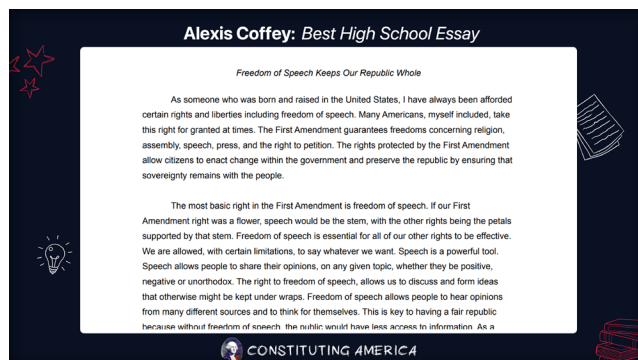
CONTEST CATEGORIES



PSA: Carson Collins, Best High School PSA, Texas



Song: Maisie Munroe, Best Middle School Song, Florida



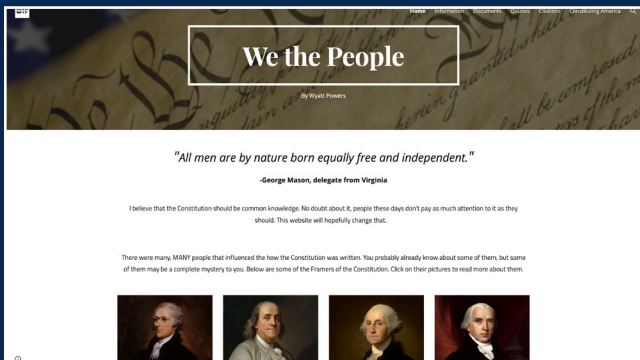
Essay: Alexis Coffey, Best High School Essay, Arizona



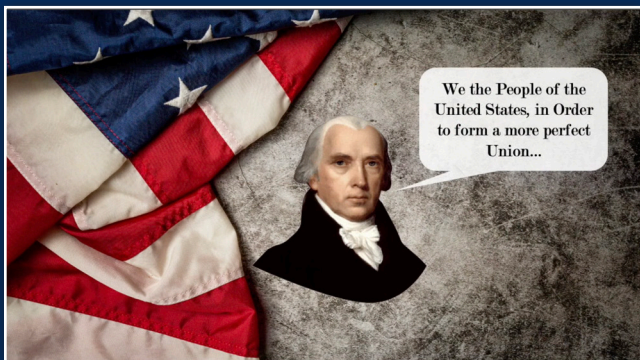
Teacher Lesson Plan: Sam Anderson, Best Constitution Lesson Plan, Texas



Artwork: Cailyn White, Conrad Ainslie Bauman Best Artwork Winner, Texas



STEM: Wyatt Powers, Best Middle School STEM, Texas



Short Film: Steph Jackman, "Maureen Quinn Best College/Grad School Short Film," Idaho

TO DATE:

- ★ **Entries From Students in all 50 States**
- ★ **\$286,465 Scholarship Funds Distributed**

HILLSDALE SCHOLARSHIP

This past year, Constituting America established a scholarship at Hillsdale College! Students who win our *We The Future Contest* in any category and attend Hillsdale, are automatically considered for a one-time scholarship prize of up to **\$5000** from the Constituting America's "We the Future" Scholarship Fund at Hillsdale College! This is in addition to their "We The Future" scholarship prize, fully funded Mentor Trip, and national exposure. Congratulations to our 2023 Constitution America Hillsdale Scholarship Recipient: Lindsey Larkin (pictured below).



★ We The Future Scholarship Contest Continued

WHY OUR CONTEST IS DIFFERENT

We are the only Constitution education foundation that promotes our students' works and propels their careers! We also take our student winners on a Mentor Trip to a Major City.

To date, our winners' films have won **Official Selection** 120 times in film festivals across the country.



To date, our winners' songs have had over 174 million impressions!

To date, our winners' PSAs have reached over 138 million households!



Screenshot from Winner Laura Leigh Hicks' 2014 Best High School PSA

Joy Frost's 2014 Best College Song "Free To Believe" professionally recorded music video



Washington D.C. Mentor Trip



In 2023, we hosted a 2.5-day trip to Washington D.C. for 17 student winners from 8 states.

In June 2023 we hosted our mentor trip in Washington D.C.! We invited our scholarship contest winners (pictured below) to explore the nation's capital with us to learn more about our country's founding documents and receive personal mentorship experiences from experts in fields corresponding to our contest categories.

After our trip, Jalen Hill, our Best High School Song Winner from Oklahoma said, *"This trip was amazing. I loved getting to see the famous sights that I have only seen in movies. I learned a lot more about the Constitution and the people behind it. I loved getting to talk to and learn more from the other winners and the mentors. This trip has inspired me to share with all my friends the new things I have learned."*

Aaron Toler, Honorable Mention Lesson Plan Winner said, *"As a teacher I felt extremely valued on this trip. I was given resources that I can use in my classroom and was treated like royalty every step of the way! Every member of the team was so kind and did all they could to make us feel special. I love how Constituting America is trying so hard to teach about our founding documents and doing so in a fun and engaging way."*

Graduate student and Short Film Winner Steph Jackman said, *"I had visited DC once before several years ago, but this trip was much more meaningful because of the elevated attention we received. Being able to tour the Capitol Building, meet Chief Justice Roberts, and watch a session of the Supreme Court was a special and unique opportunity. I also enjoyed Ford's Theatre and the National Archives. The presenters spoke with such knowledge and passion."*



★ Washington D.C. ★ Mentor Trip ★ Continued

Over the course of three days, our group toured the U.S. Capitol, the Pentagon, the Supreme Court, the Victims of Communism Museum, the National Archives, and Mount Vernon. We had the great honor to privately meet and listen to Chief Justice John Roberts. A Thomas Jefferson reenactor visited with students about the importance of Civil Conversation and we had dinner at the historic Gadsby's Tavern.



Meeting new friends



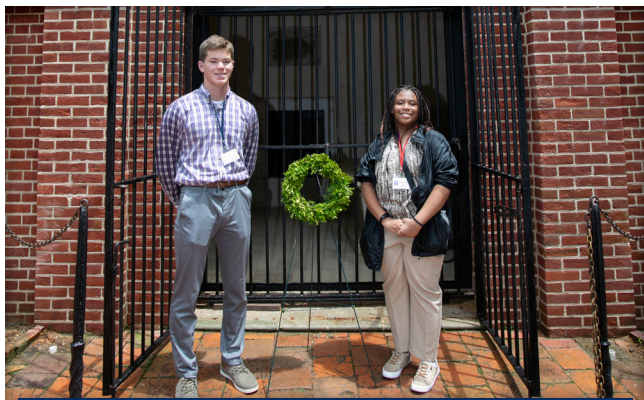
Exploring the Victims of Communism Museum



Our We The Future winners pose on the Speaker's Balcony of the U.S. Capitol Building



Watched 9 U.S. Supreme Court Justices hand down opinions



Wreath Laying at President Washington's Tomb



Sibling song winners Maisie and Colt



After-hours Ford's Theatre tour

Impacting The Culture

Constituting America is the only organization that utilizes pop culture and media made by America's students to inspire Americans of all ages to learn about the U.S. Constitution. We promote our winning students' works and other engaging and educational materials through national and social media, providing a fun and interactive approach to understanding the United States Constitution.

PROMOTING STUDENTS' WORKS

In 2023, Foundation Sound Studios in Fort Worth worked with winners Colt Jaxon and Maisie Munroe to professionally record their songs, which will be released in 2024, through Constituting America's online promotions and to radio stations through Nashville's Grassroots Promotion.

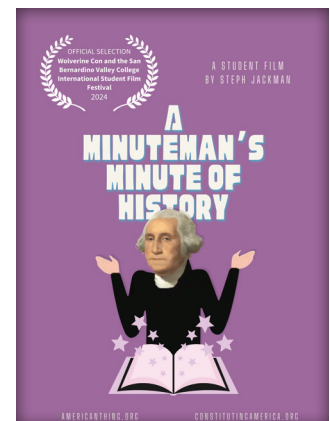


Singer/songwriter Vince Gill with winner Colt Jaxon

To date, our students' contest-winning PSAs have reached **119** million TV households across the nation and garnered over **105** million Nielsen-verified radio impressions on **20** major radio stations across the nation. 2023 was a record year for film festival acceptances for our *We The Future Contest* winners' films, PSAs, and music videos with 30 acceptances into 12 festivals: **4 award wins, 5 finalists, 2 semifinalists, 3 nominations and 1 Honorable Mention!** To date, our students' winning works have been accepted over 120 times to film festivals across the nation since 2015!

“**Constituting America motivated me to write my first song, which won first place. After my song was professionally recorded and released, it debuted at number 4 on the country streaming charts, giving me the confidence to write almost one hundred new songs and get accepted to the top music universities in Nashville.**

– *Colt Jaxon, High School Song Winner, FL*



Our students' film festival posters and accolades

SOCIAL MEDIA & ADVERTISING

“ In 2023 alone, we reached 54 million people on social media through posts and ads. This means we reached 150,000 people every day on social media for the entire year.”

– Jacob VanDerwerken, Program Director

We put effort into promoting our winners’ works, podcasts and constitutional messaging across various social media platforms. Our ever-growing social media network has helped us gain a significant following on Facebook and become one of the largest Constitution Education organizations on YouTube. In fact, we’re one of the few organizations actively using Snapchat.

As of 2024, our social media presence has expanded to **123,000** followers on various platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, X/Twitter, and Snapchat. Over the past few years, we’ve gained **14,000** subscribers on YouTube and **8,000** followers on Instagram.

Our Instagram reels and YouTube shorts have become increasingly popular, garnering over **1.1 million** views and growing daily. To build on this success, we’ve introduced a new *We The Future Contest* category called Social Media Video. This category encourages high school and college students to submit a 60-second video showcasing how the First Amendment rights can be used to effect change in the country or explaining why civil civic conversations are essential in our society today.



24.9 Million
2023 Youtube impressions
26,600 all time subscribers



27.8 Million
2023 Facebook impressions
83,200 all time followers



1.5 Million
2023 X/Twitter impressions
3,600 all time followers



278,000
2023 Instagram impressions
9,500 all time followers



214,000
2023 Snapchat impressions
2,900 ad clicks in 2023

“ We’re so pleased our winners remain involved with Constituting America for years after their first entry.”

– Cathy Gillespie, CEO



Yashica



Lindsey



Halley



Wyatt



Jonah



Tova



Jewel



Jorne



Aubrey



Jacob



Emily



Isabella



Margaret

Winner Involvement

Our winners continue to work with us long after they win our contest! They serve on our National Youth Advisory Board, co-host our Constitutional Chats Live Podcasts, work on our advertising team, provide tips to prospective contest entrants, and much more.

We have welcomed many of our former contest winners as co-hosts on our Constitutional Chats Live Podcast. Former winners Yashica Nabar, Lindsey Larkin, Halley Moak, Tova Kaplan, Jewel Gilbert, and Jorne Gilbert bring thoughtful questions and perspectives to our weekly podcasts as student co-hosts.

“ Winning the Constituting America contest changed my perception of the Constitution. I am now in my 5th year working with Constituting America. They have given me boundless opportunities to grow my talents and impact other young and aspiring contestants.”

– Jorne Gilbert, Past We The Future Contest Winner

Former STEM Winner Aubrey Jackman works as our *We The Future Contest* Director and Winner Liaison, handling our Contest entries, Winner Promotion and the Winner Mentor Trip.

Our Former Short Film Winner Jacob VanDerwerken has handled our strategy and advertising since early 2020 and has worked full-time as our Program Director since May 2022.

Former PSA and Song Winner Emily VanDerwerken works as an Art Director designing much of our digital and print promotional content.

Former Song Winner Isabella Cring is a valued member of our media team, active on our Winner Mentor Trip, and assists with entering our *We The Future Contest* winners’ films info film festivals.

Former Essay & Speech Winner Margaret Alvine works as a Social Media Specialist creating graphics, captions, and posts for our various media platforms.



The Constitution's Lasting Impact On Winners

“ Since I first won the *We The Future Contest* at age 14, Constituting America has been instrumental in providing me with the knowledge, mentorship, and confidence to see myself as an active citizen. Now in college studying government, I know firsthand the transformative power that Constituting America has on young Americans. Wherever my public service journey leads, I can point confidently to where it started: at Constituting America.”

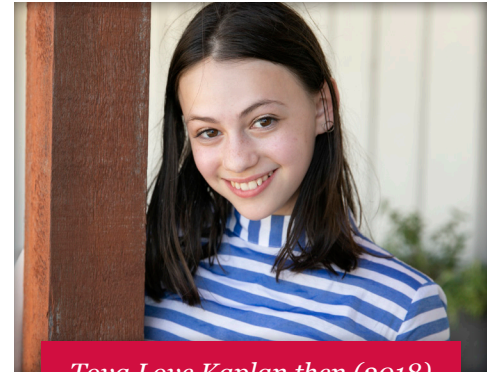
–Tova Love Kaplan, Past We The Future Contest Winner

ALUMNI NETWORK

Constituting America proudly supports our former *We The Future Contest* winners, staying connected to offer mentorship and assistance throughout their academic and professional endeavors. Our Alumni Network provides a platform for winners to engage in peer-to-peer support, encouraging and assisting each other along the way. Pictured right are Tova Love Kaplan and Halley Moak. Tova won Best High School PSA in 2018. Halley won Best Elementary School Poem in 2010.

“ My experience with Constituting America began 13 years ago. I have enjoyed four mentor trips, participated in numerous Constitutional Chats and been afforded the opportunity to meet many professionals. My service on the Advisory Board helped secure my pursuit of higher education. It was instrumental in my becoming a Daniels Fund Scholar as well as providing me with a tremendous appreciation for my rights protected by the U.S. Constitution.”

– Halley Moak, Past We The Future Contest Winner



Tova Love Kaplan then (2018)



Tova Love Kaplan now



Halley Moak then (2010)



Halley Moak now

Constitution Day Celebrations

CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM

Schools across the nation are required by law to hold Constitutional education programs on or around Constitution Day each year.

Constituting America is proud to have been a provider of this programming to over 88 schools in 39 states on Friday, September 15th, 2023 and shipped out over 10,000 free Constitutions to schools nationwide to assist them with their Constitution Day activities.

For our 2023 Constitution Day celebration, we hosted six hours of virtual video workshops. Over 5,000 students from 88 schools in 39 states attended our all-day Live Zoom program! This exciting program included nine workshops, with a variety of prominent guests giving tips and discussing the relevance of the Constitution in their lines of work. Student winners of our *We the Future Contest*, ranging from elementary school through college, received real-life advice from professionals in their fields and educated their peers about the importance of the Constitution and their winning works. Through this celebration, we helped students learn how the Constitution applies to their strengths and interests!

After our Constitution Day presentations, one of our attendees contacted us to say, *“The webinar truly blew my expectations out of the water. I loved seeing some of the projects of previous winners as well as the reading of the Constitution. This was absolutely a brilliant way of getting deeper insight into what makes the Constitution so special, and I just love the formatting*

of the event as well. The reading of the Constitution lets you get a basic understanding of what each and every article and amendment means, and then the student projects help you to get a deeper understanding of what those components symbolize.”



Above: Our Live Constitution Day Zoom for Schools Featuring Our Contest Winners!

HONORING CONSTITUTION DAY WITH SCHOOLS

9/15/23	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
Schedule of Events: Constitution Day Program For Schools	LIVE Reading of the U.S. Constitution	The Constitution & Crafts Workshop with Phil Taylor, Founder of the American Fallen Soldiers Project	The Constitution & Cinema Workshop with Actress Janine Turner	The Constitution & Science Workshop with our STEM winners

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S WASHINGTON NATIONALS



On Constitution Day Weekend, we organized 23 volunteers to help us share thousands of our pocket-sized Constitutions with Washington Nationals and Atlanta Braves fans.



To date we have distributed more than 40,000 Constitutions at Major League Baseball Ballparks on Constitution Day including:

Texas Rangers, 2018
Houston Astros, 2019
Washington Nationals, 2022

*Above: Our volunteers pose in front of the Constituting America booth at the stadium.
Left: A Constituting America volunteer hands a pocket-sized Constitution to a fan.*

HONORING CONSTITUTION DAY WITH SCHOOLS

1:00 PM

The Constitution & Citizenship Workshop with Cully Stimson of the Heritage Foundation

1:30 PM

The First Amendment Workshop with "How to Write a Petition"

2:00 PM

The Constitution & Communication with Hans Zeiger, President of the Jack Miller Center

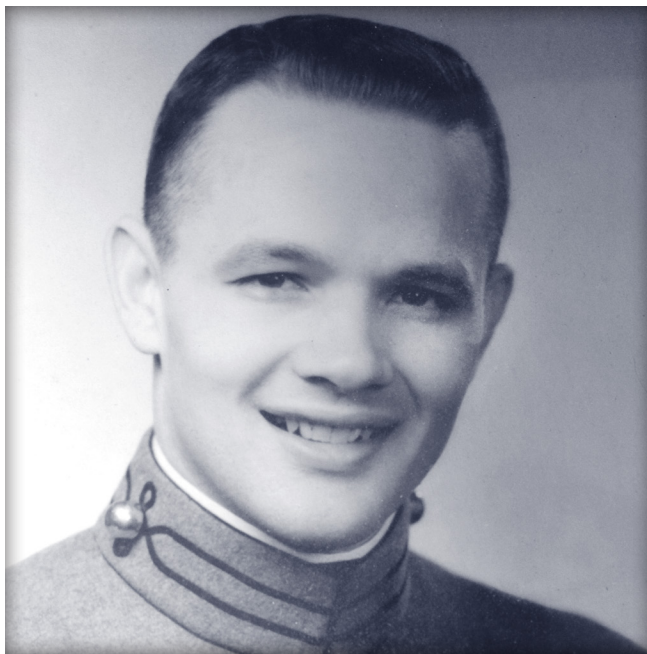
2:30 PM

How to Have a Civil Civic Conversation with former Treasurer of the U.S. Rosie Rios

3:00 PM

The Constitution & Concert Workshop with Nashville songwriter Steve Dean

Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award Scholarship



TURNER MAURICE GAUNTT, JR. (1934-2014)

Every year since 2014, Constituting America has selected an outstanding high school senior to be the recipient of the annual *Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award*. Started in honor of Janine Turner's late father (pictured above), this scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who exemplifies the qualities Turner Gauntt displayed: academic and athletic excellence, student body leadership, and community service. The scholarship provides winners with a one-time scholarship of **\$4,540** for use toward higher education.

In 2024, Constituting America selected Parthiv Varanasi (pictured right) of Plano, Texas to receive the Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award.

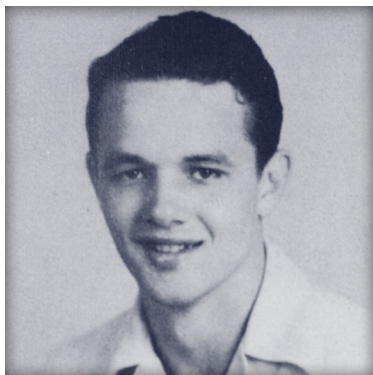
PARTHIV VARANASI (2023)

Parthiv Varanasi is an 18-year-old graduate from Plano East Senior High School in Plano, TX. He is attending the University of Texas at Austin pursuing a double major in Mathematics and Economics and wants to work in international economic policy eventually.

Outside of school, Parthiv has been playing tennis for 11 years competitively and was on his high school's varsity tennis team for four years, serving two of them as the captain of the team. He was also a leader in his high school's JROTC program for four years reaching the senior-most leadership position as the Battalion Commander. In the JROTC program, Parthiv led the Academic team and qualified for the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl International Championship. In his free time, he enjoys cooking and being active through running and rock climbing.



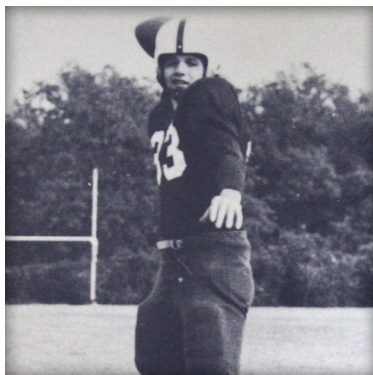
MR. GAUNTT'S FOUR CORNERSTONES



1. Academic Excellence



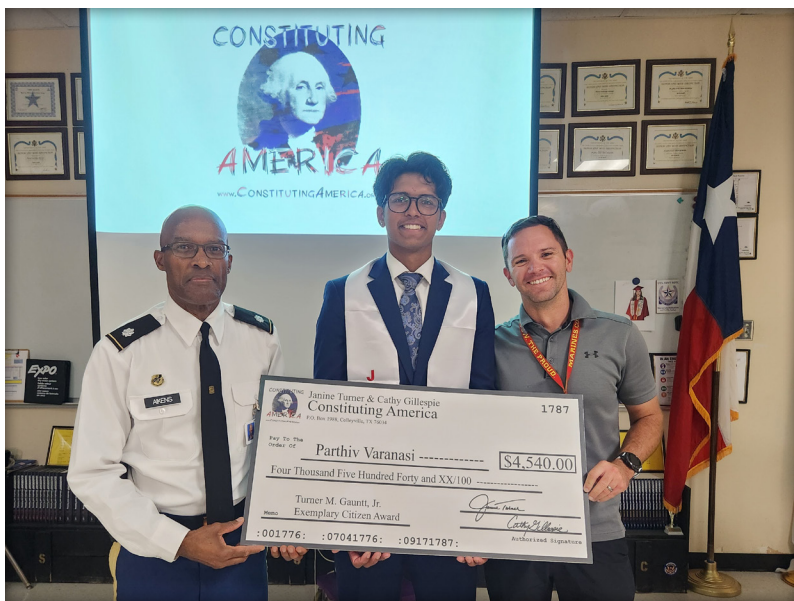
2. Student Body Leadership



3. Athletic Excellence



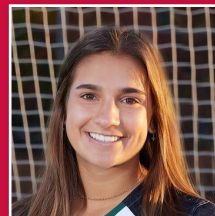
4. Community Service



Parthiv Varanasi is awarded the 2023 Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award

Parthiv Varanasi Cont. During his time in high school, Parthiv Varanasi helped collect over 15,000 pounds of food for the homeless, wrote a 4000-word essay evaluating the 17th amendment, and was selected to represent his peers and programs on the Principal's Advisory Committee and the Student-Athlete Leadership Team.

MEET OUR PAST YEARS' WINNERS



Leena Mehendale
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2022)



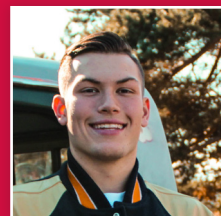
Jonah Hensley
Pittsburg State University (2021)



Carson Winkie
Harvard University (2020)



Kirk Taylor
Berklee College of Music (2019)



Gabe Maggiano
Villanova University (2018)



Miranda Chastain
Texas A&M University (2017)



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Texas A&M University (2016)



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History Holds The Key To The Future

First Principles of the American Founding: A 90-Day Study on Timeless Exchanges and Ideas Resulting in the U.S. Constitution



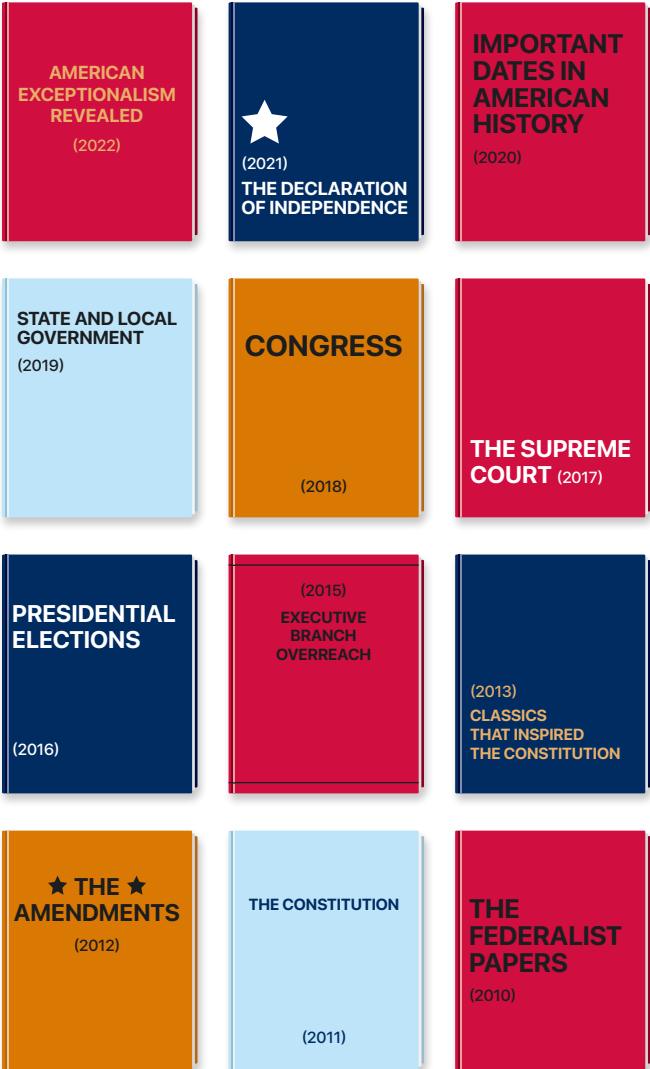
Each year for the past 13 years, Constituting America has chosen a topic related to America and America’s founding documents, recruiting as many as two dozen scholars to research and write about the topic over the course of 90 days.

Led by Emmy and Golden Globe nominated actress Janine Turner, these studies known as *History Holds the Key to the Future* have engaged the nation’s top scholars, including judges, professors, political historians, and policymakers, with professors from West Point, Hillsdale, the Heritage Foundation, and the Ashbrook Center.

In 2023, we launched our 13th annual 90-Day Study: *First Principles of the American Founding: A 90-Day Study on Timeless Exchanges and Ideas Resulting in the U.S. Constitution*. This study explores the key principles upon which our republic was founded, with 90 essays from 20 Constitutional scholars, professors, historians and public figures. **To date, we have published 1,426 essays by 213 guest constitutional scholars.**

Through the generous donation of Mr. Tom Hand, founder of AmericanaCorner.com, we promoted our 2023 essays in podcast and video form on YouTube. These essays have been viewed on YouTube over **one million** times.

ANNUAL PAST STUDIES



Throughout the course of our 90-Day Study, we received positive feedback from many of our followers. Reverend R. George Snyder said, *“The essays are excellently researched and written. I look forward to viewing the balance of this series and finding more.”*

“Excellent information.”

– 90-Day Study Participant

“Great essay. Thoroughly enjoyed reading it. Thank you very much.”

– 90-Day Study Participant

“I love your references to a wide variety of resources, e.g., Aristotle, Kierkegaard.”

– 90-Day Study Participant

“The importance of a well-rounded, traditional and classical education cannot be overstated.”

– 90-Day Study Participant

“Very impressive website. Keep up the great work.”

– 90-Day Study Participant

“So well written it should be read in every household in America. Beautiful!”

– 90-Day Study Participant

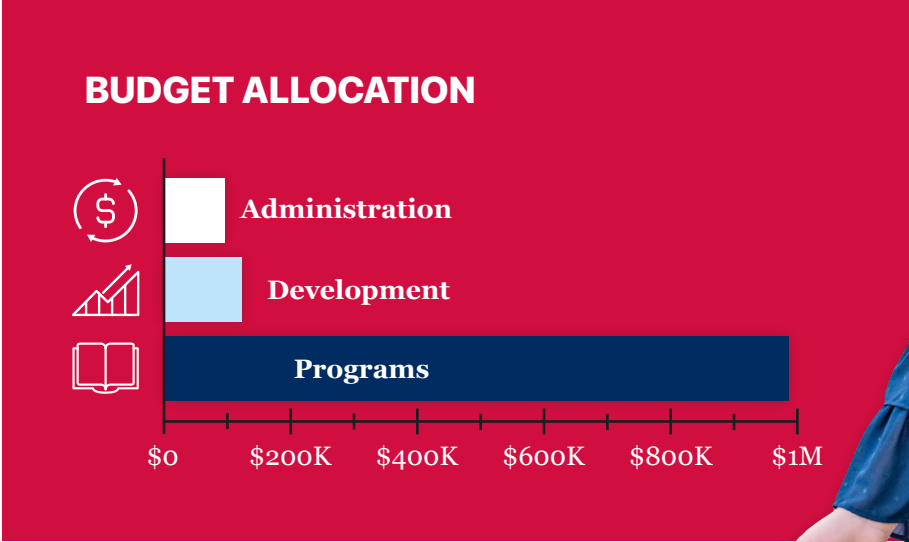
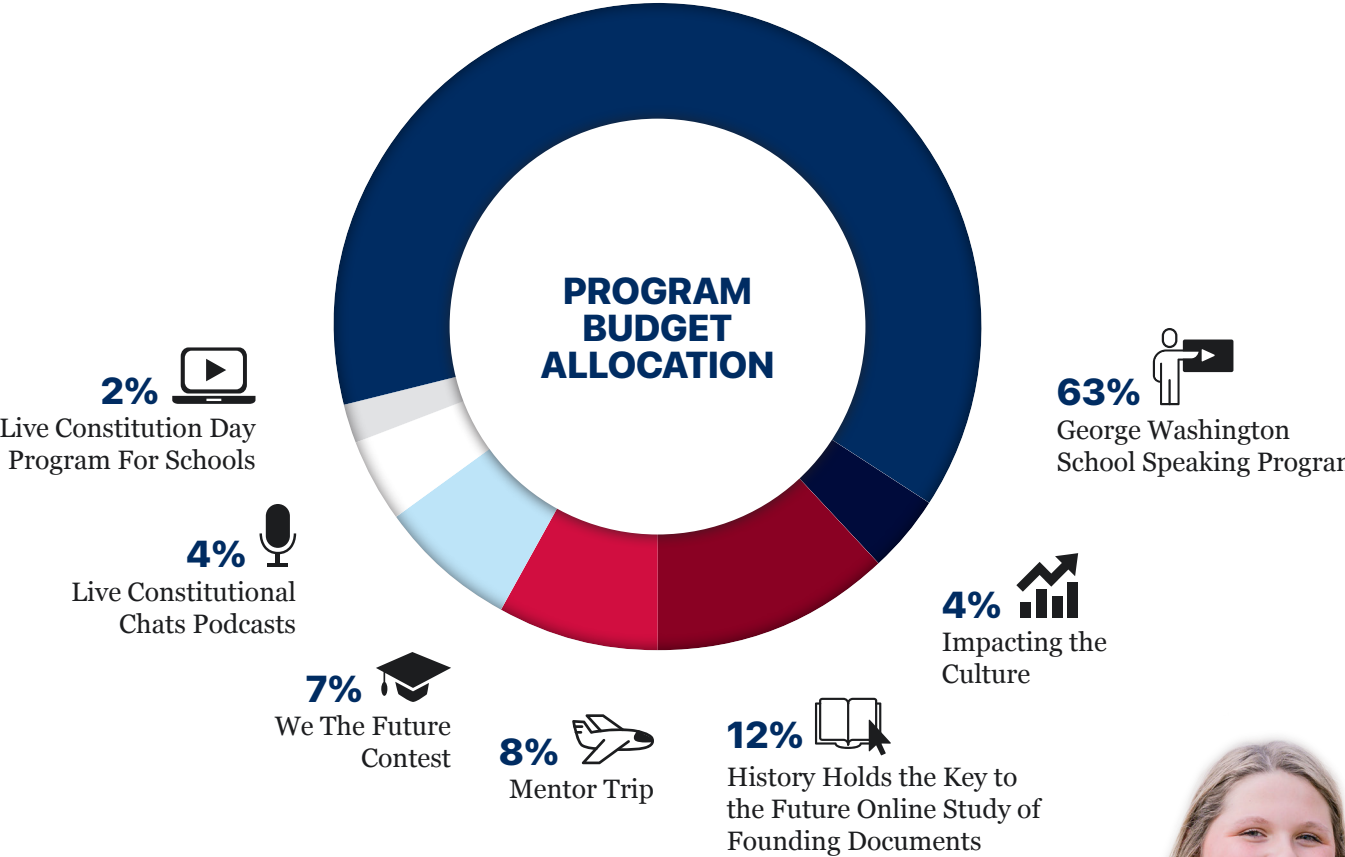
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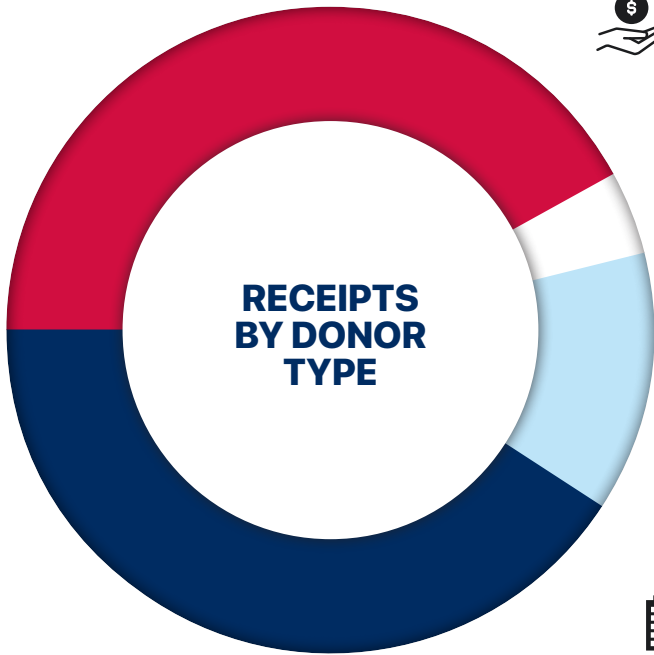
Each year, Constituting America has responsibly budgeted for programs and events to stay in line with our fundraising goals. A monthly and annual analysis of spending is maintained to ensure financial targets are met.

In 2023 our total revenue was **\$1,202,121.99** and **\$985,605.81** was invested in 2023 Programs and Operations. *(Unaudited figures; the audit will be available by August 2024.)*





A special thank you from our We The Future Contest Winners



42%
Individuals

4%
Auction/Other

13%
In Kind

41%
Foundations

Left: Anna Grace Hollifield,
Best Middle School PSA, Georgia

How To Donate

There are many opportunities for you to invest in Constituting America’s wide range of ongoing projects and programs. Together, we can spread knowledge and excitement about our Constitution and our country’s founding principles, equipping and empowering the next generation!

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Donate online at constitutingamerica.org/donate, or by mail at P.O. Box 1988, Colleyville, Texas 76034. Donations to Constituting America are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law (Federal ID# 27-2083548).

Give Monthly: Your regular monthly donation goes farther! \$30 a month provides materials for one classroom, \$100 provides materials for three classrooms, and \$250 per month supplies an entire school with pocket Constitutions and other learning materials. It’s easy to set up your monthly gift online at constitutingamerica.org/donate.

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SEE WHAT YOUR GENEROUS GIFT CAN DO!

\$100,000	—	\$50,000	—	\$25,000	—	\$15,000	—	\$12,000	—	\$10,000	—	\$6,000
Annual George Washington Speaking Initiative		<i>We The Future Contest</i> Winners’ Mentor Trip		Educational Speaker Series, Named After You!		Annual Online “History Holds the Key to the Future” Study		<i>We The Future College</i> Scholarships		700,000 Views on our “History Holds the Key to the Future” Essay Videos		<i>We The Future</i> High School Scholarships

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*Left: Steph Jackman and son, Best
Grad School Short Film, Idaho*



IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN QUINN

**Constituting America
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2013 - 2021**

In loving memory of our dear friend, Anne Maureen Quinn. Maureen entered this life on September 25, 1956, and passed away December 14, 2022. Maureen was a bright light who shone in all of our lives.

We were blessed to have Maureen's beautiful voice narrate many of our 90 Day Studies. She also submitted our *We The Future Contest* winners' films into film festivals, achieving over 118 film festival acceptances for our winners over her time with us. In Maureen's memory, we have named our *We The Future* short film category after her.

Maureen was a talented writer, inspirational life coach and sought-after voice talent in Hollywood, but most of all, she was a treasured friend to all of us who had the blessing of knowing her and working side by side with her over the years.

SEE WHAT YOUR GENEROUS GIFT CAN DO!

\$4,500	—	\$2,000	—	\$1,000	—	\$500	—	\$250	—	\$100	—	\$17.87
Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Scholarship		One <i>We The Future</i> College Scholarship		One <i>We The Future</i> High School Scholarship		Sponsor a Live Constitutional Chats Podcast Episode		Sponsor half a Constitutional Chats Podcast Episode		10,000 Views on a Student's Winning Work		Join Our Monthly Donor Club for \$17.87 a month



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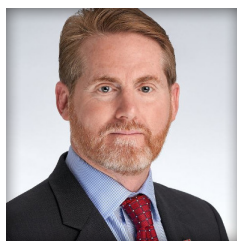
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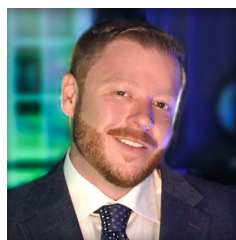
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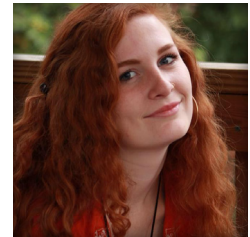
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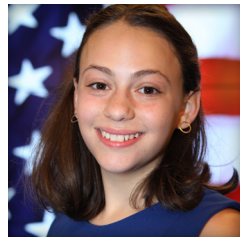
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Looking Forward

NATIONAL PLAN

Everything Constituting America does over the next three years will build toward the nation’s landmark 250th birthday. Our goal is to reach **250,000** students with live school presentations by then. Our proven method has demonstrated that these students will leave our program with both an appreciation and solid knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. Our national buildout plan will take us into half the states in the country by the time of that most important birthday celebration!

Over the past few years, Constituting America has been focusing on several high-value target states with opportunities to deeply penetrate the local school systems and establish ourselves as a curriculum provider of choice. Buoyed by that success, and generous leadership gifts from the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation, we are seeking significant philanthropic investment for a three-phase nationwide scaling of our proven model.

Phase One (2023-24 School Year):

Based on current operating resources, for the 2023-2024 school year, we are focusing our efforts in twelve states – Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma, and Texas – where our build-out has already begun, and Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, Ohio, and Washington D.C., where we are poised to begin the same level of outreach and investment.

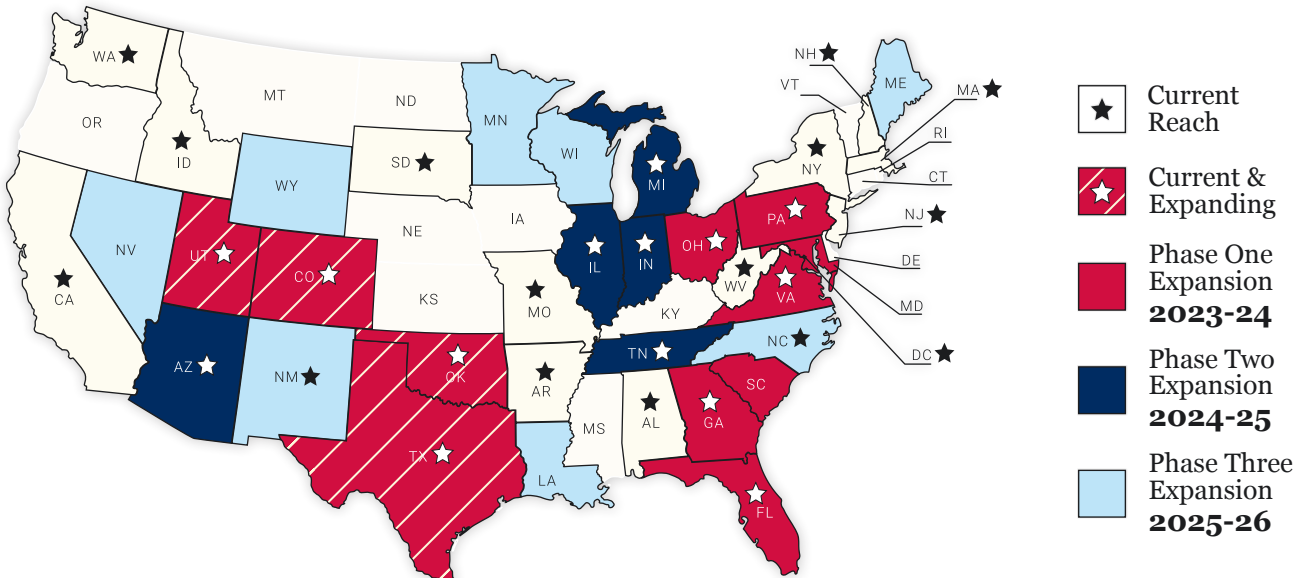
These states were chosen to leverage relationships with schools, funders, and potential speakers. We are proud to have received dedicated funding from the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation for this expansion, as well as the Daniels Fund and the Anschutz Foundation for Colorado schools, the Sorenson Legacy Foundation for Utah, the Summers Foundation for Oklahoma, and the Wayne Duddleston Foundation to make our efforts in Houston and Texas possible.

Phase Two (2024-25 School Year):

In phase two of our national build-out plan, Constituting America will target the areas of greatest need in the battlefield of ideas. We will maintain efforts in our Phase One states, with a goal of adding three additional states. Possible target states include Arizona and Tennessee, where all students must pass a civics test before graduating from high school (with Tennessee students required to pass the United States citizenship and immigration test), Illinois, Michigan and Indiana.

Phase Three (2025-26 School Year):

In phase three we will maintain and expand target states from years one and two, from among the following possible targets: Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Nevada, Wyoming and New Mexico. By the end of year three—in time for the start of the landmark 250th birthday celebrations of the Declaration of Independence—Constituting America will have full-scale operations in nearly half the states.



AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM: HOW-WHY IT MATTERS

We will be launching a new docuseries and podcast to combat declining patriotism

Each year for the past 13 years, as part of our *History Holds the Key to the Future Online Study*, Constituting America has chosen a topic related to America and America's founding documents, recruiting as many as two dozen scholars to research and write about the topic.

Our 2022 American Exceptionalism study could not have been more timely, as anti-American teachings continued to sweep through schools and the culture at an alarming rate. Our study examines historic worldwide regimes, tying their demise to their failure to follow founding principles laid out in the U.S. Constitution—juxtaposing the failure of those dictatorships to the continued success of America's providential documents.

We are now turning our most popular online study ever—with over 1.4 million essay views—into a podcast, documentary and docuseries!

An American Exceptionalism Podcast:

Riding the wave of the podcast passion, our podcast format is ideal for students and anyone who wants to delve deeper into the concepts of American exceptionalism. Each podcast episode will feature one of our 2022 American exceptionalism essayists, and exceptional Americans interviewed by Janine Turner. These interviews will become part of both the scholastic program, documentary and the docuseries.

An American Exceptionalism Documentary:

Interviews between Janine Turner and 2022 essayists will be combined with additional interviews, footage at historical sites, and personal stories to bring patriotic concepts and Constitutional knowledge to life. We will create two versions of this documentary. The first will be a 45-minute version for public and private school viewing, including the home school community. The second, longer version will be streamed on various distribution channels.

A Major American Exceptionalism Docuseries:

In recent years, docuseries have become a popular way to engage viewers. We will create a docuseries using footage and interviews with essayists, supplemented with additional interviews and new footage, to delve deeper into individual concepts covered in our 90-day study on American Exceptionalism. This docuseries will appear on streaming services.



Economics PhD Student Daniel Di Martino and our founder, actress Janine Turner during an interview



Actress Janine Turner and Justin Dyer during an interview



Actress Janine Turner poses in front of the National Archives Building

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WE ARE DEDICATED TO EDUCATING & EMPOWERING THE RISING GENERATION OF AMERICA & ADULTS ON THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

We offer **free interactive presentations** to schools, teaching students of all ages how to use the Constitution to effect change in their government and engage in civil, civic conversations.

Our **nationwide scholarship contest** is truly unique, as we are the only Constitutional education foundation that professionally promotes the works of our winning students on various platforms, such as television, radio, movie theaters, and publications.

Our **annual online studies** bring together Constitutional scholars and professors from all over the nation to engage in discussions with the general public.

Through our various programs, we strive to **keep the torch of liberty ablaze** for future generations, one student at a time.

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