



JSA Fall State 2011

The Power Paradigm:

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In an age of globalization defined by social revolution, economic turmoil and shifting political factions, we seek to define the “power paradigm” of the 21st century. From nations facing debt crises, to sweeping protests against oppressive regimes across the globe, where do American interests lie? Should we protect vested interests globally or begin to address our domestic challenges? Developing states are growing at an exponential rate and new powers emerge to dominate global politics, whereas the US has succumbed to a period of stagnation. Can America maintain its global stature as the prototypical nation for others to emulate? Where exactly does the power lie in our world today? In the face of political polarization, the Junior State of America assembles to address the underlying question: What role will America play in the power paradigm of the 21st century?

“JSA conventions are full of diverse, outspoken and knowledgeable individuals. These qualities shine through in debates and I never leave a convention without learning something brand new.”

Lorraine Ye, Northgate High (Walnut Creek, CA)

“You go into a JSA debate with preconceived biases and beliefs. You come out with a newfound respect and outlook on the opinions of others.”

Mike Holtz, The Hopkins School (Westport, CT)

“The exploration of social, political and economic issues enhances students’ critical thinking skills while building confidence and public speaking experience.”

Beth Adams, JSA Teacher/Advisor, Villa Victoria Academy (Ewing, NJ)

Junior State Conventions

At Junior State conventions students engage in a variety of activities, including debates, student-led thought talks, mock trials and other simulations which critically examine the political landscape. Students learn about today's important issues and have the unique opportunity to express their opinions and challenge the opinions of others in a tolerant, supportive atmosphere. Delegates raise the level of political discourse with their thoughtful, yet often controversial, remarks. Politically engaged and interested students from diverse backgrounds share their perspectives, learn from each other and have fun as they discuss, debate and socialize together.



Convention Activities

The main convention activities are held during "Activity Blocks" which last 50 minutes to 1 hour. During these blocks of time, student delegates and teachers will have a choice of 4 - 10 different activities to attend. A variety of topics will be discussed in each activity block - politics, foreign policy, social issues, economics, legal issues and many more are offered. Different activity formats give the delegates multiple ways to explore the topics. The main activity formats are **debates**, **thought talks** and **simulations**.

High Profile Speakers

Distinguished politicians, statespersons, journalists and public policy experts enjoy the chance to speak at Junior State conventions. Delegates gather for opening and closing general sessions where these high profile speakers address the students. JSA convention delegates have met and posed questions to key personalities from across the entire political spectrum. Recent speak-

ers have included governors, congressmen, mayors, cabinet members and journalists like Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressman Ron Paul, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Governor Ted Strickland of Ohio, Governor Rick Perry of Texas, former presidential candidates Ralph Nader and Rev. Pat Robertson, former Secretaries of State Colin Powell, Madeline Albright and George Shultz and CBS News Anchor Katie Couric among many others.

Evening Activities

Junior State conventions combine the stimulation of intense political dialogue with some activities that are just plain FUN. Students also get a chance to relax through less formal settings including dances, quiz bowls, talent shows, political 'pictionary' and other evening activities. JSA conventions let students meet others with similar interests and diverse talents. The chance to meet and mingle with the student leaders of today and tomorrow is unparalleled.

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Debates

Debates serve as the cornerstone of the Junior State by giving delegates a forum to express their views and persuade their peers in an orderly fashion. Using parliamentary debate style, delegates develop political awareness, attitudes, and public speaking skills through participation. The Junior State is a leader in raising the level and tone of political discourse in our society.

Students of all public speaking skill levels participate both as main speakers and by delivering "subsequent speeches." JSA helps students find their voice and become confident, articulate advocates for their opinions and engaged listeners and learners of the opinions of others.

Sample Debates

1. Resolved, that China is not a legitimate threat to the United States' global influence.
2. Resolved, that the U.S. should immediately withdraw all military troops from Afghanistan now that Bin Laden is dead.
3. Resolved, that Social Security should be privatized.
4. Resolved, that fictitious names and accounts be allowed on Facebook and all other social networks.
5. Resolved, that developing countries be exempt from environmental regulations.

Thought Talks

Thought talks are student-led discussions on pressing issues or questions. A moderator will guide delegates by posing questions regarding the topic giving student in the audience an open opportunity to express their thoughts. The less structured format allows students to freely explore many facets of the topic being discussed. Often, students looking for a non-competitive atmosphere and an open discussion on complicated issues find thought talks to be the most stimulating activities that the Junior State offers.

6. Resolved, that the United States has an obligation to support pro-democracy movements in the Middle East.
7. Resolved, that charter schools contribute to the decline of the public school system.

Sample Thought Talks

1. Will the gap between rich and poor lead to class warfare in America?
2. How should government define marriage?
3. From what sources does a government derive its power?
4. Reevaluating America's foreign policy ten years after September 11th.



The Junior State of America

On high school campuses across the nation, there are students concerned with what is happening around them - students interested in politics and government, foreign affairs, the law and education. The Junior State of America is designed for these students.

Junior State of America Chapters serve as the center of political awareness and activity on their high school campus. On over 500 high school campuses throughout the nation, JSA chapters conduct debates and current events discussions, voter registration drives and political guest speaker sessions. The activities of JSA chapters engage students and spark a robust exchange of ideas and opinions while providing an enlightened place for political discourse. The Junior State of America, a non-profit, nonpartisan, student-run organization has encouraged political awareness and involvement among high school students for seventy-five years.

For more information on The Junior State of America, our other programs, or how to start a Junior State Chapter at your high school, OR for more information on "The Power Paradigm" conventions, or registration information, please visit www.jsa.org or contact The Junior State National Headquarters at (800) 334-5353 or the Junior State Washington D.C. Office at (800) 317-9338 or email jsa@jsa.org.

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How to Register

JSA conventions are open to approved delegations from any high school. All high school students and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Schools and students interested in attending these conventions need to obtain a registration packet available for download online at www.jsa.org/fallstate11 or from the Junior State offices by emailing jsa@jsa.org or calling (800) 334-5353 on the West Coast or (800) 317-9338 on the East Coast.



Register Online via MyJSA online portal

Online registration for Fall State 2011 will be available beginning September 15. Please visit the "Find An Event" section of jsa.org or go directly to jsa.org/fallstate11 for complete instructions on registering a delegation online. JSA Chapter Presidents, Teacher/Advisors and delegation leaders can use MyJSA online to complete the registration process. A \$15 per delegate late fee is charged for registration submitted after the deadline. Online registration closes two weeks before the convention date.

Manual Registration

To register manually via fax or mail, download a registration packet from www.jsa.org/fallstate11 or request a packet by calling (800) 334-5353 or (800) 317-9338. The packet includes information on how to register, student permission slips, housing forms, and other important details on the convention. A \$10 per delegate administrative fee will be charged for all registration submitted by fax or mail. A \$15 per delegate late fee is charged for registration postmarked after the deadline.

Teacher/Advisors

Teachers lend guidance to students and are essential to the educational aspect of the

City	Hotel	Date	JSA Member Registration Fee	Teacher Registration Fee*	Teacher Private Room Fee	Registration Deadline
Boston, MA	Boston Park Plaza Hotel	Nov. 12 - 13	\$125	FREE	\$90	Oct. 11
Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles Airport Marriott	Nov. 12 - 13	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 11
Seattle, WA	Hyatt Regency Bellevue	Nov. 12 - 13	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 11
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ft. Lauderdale Marriott North	Nov. 12 - 13	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 11
Costa Mesa, CA	Costa Mesa Hilton	Nov. 19 - 20	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 18
Austin, TX	Sheraton Austin Hotel	Nov. 19 - 20	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 18
Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati Marriott North	Nov. 19 - 20	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 18
Madison, WI	Madison Concourse Hotel	Nov. 19 - 20	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 18
Santa Clara, CA	Santa Clara Marriott	Nov. 19 - 20	\$105	FREE	\$85	Oct. 18
Parsippany, NJ	Parsippany Sheraton	Dec. 3 - 4	\$105	FREE	\$85	Nov. 2

* Two teachers in a shared room. One free teacher registration for every 19 students.

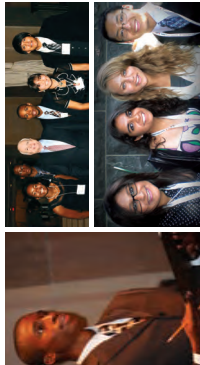
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