



**When:** October 7-11, 2023

**Where:** Washington DC

**Who:** Faculty Leaders: Dr. Chris Salinas and Dr. Zoë Hess Carney

**Events:** Students and faculty will travel to Washington DC for four days over fall break. The purpose of the program is to introduce students to a variety of communication professionals, such as press secretaries, speech writers, nonprofit advocates, lobbyists, and political advisors. In addition, we will meet with policy makers and experience the history of our nation through museums and monuments. Students will have the opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at how democracy works.

**Coursework:** Students who are selected for the program will be enrolled in CCPA 5110, a one hour directed study course. Enrollment in the one hour directed study will not affect tuition if currently enrolled in 12-17 hours. If a student is currently enrolled in 18 hours, please see Mrs. Melissa Keene to discuss options.

**Cost:** Tuition (if applicable) + \$2,200 (covers housing and programming fees), airfare and meals are independent. All students are qualified to receive financial assistance and be named Bauer Scholars. The amount awarded is based upon need, but all students will receive support.

**Accommodations:** The group will be staying blocks away from the White House at the Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Washington DC. The rooms are set for triple occupancy; pack wisely so you have room for professional attire.

**Program applications :** Selection for the program is competitive and is limited to 12 students. Early submission of program applications is encouraged to ensure full consideration.

**Application:** Students must submit applications by **September 6 by PDF and emailed to mkeene@smu.edu and cdsalinas@smu.edu**. Interviews, if applicable, will follow. Students accepted into the program will be notified by September 11. Students will have until September 21 to formally commit to attend the program, and then enrolled, administratively, in CCPA 5110 on September 22 in order to facilitate final programming details. Note: tuition and fees are due on date of enrollment.

**Travel:** *Plan to arrive at the hotel before 3:00 on October 7, and ready to participate at 4:00. Plan to depart the morning of October 11.*

## APPLICATION

Instructor consent is required for CCPA 5110. Cost is tuition (if applicable), \$2,200, plus airfare and meals. Scholarship money is available to CCPA majors. To apply, you must submit this application form to the CCPA office in 229 ULEE. Early applications are encouraged as students will be accepted into the program on a continuing basis. **Application deadline: Monday, September 6 submitted as a .PDF to [mkeene@smu.edu](mailto:mkeene@smu.edu) and [cdsalinas@smu.edu](mailto:cdsalinas@smu.edu).**

Direct questions to Dr. Chris Salinas ([cdsalinas@smu.edu](mailto:cdsalinas@smu.edu)) and/or Dr. Zoë Hess Carney ([zcarney@smu.edu](mailto:zcarney@smu.edu))

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FY \_\_\_\_\_ SOPH \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit a typed letter of application that covers the following details:*

Reasons you wish to participate in Hilltop on the Hill

*For CCPA students requesting financial aid.* Do you require financial assistance? Are you receiving financial aid at SMU? What is your financial need for the program? Please attach your financial aid award snapshot from [my.smu.edu](http://my.smu.edu). Your financial aid award snapshot is mandatory for consideration of scholarship funds (and can be found in [my.smu.edu](http://my.smu.edu)).

### Security Information (required for access to some government facilities):

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Place and County of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I am accepted to this program, I will be prepared with business dress attire, will conduct myself professionally at all times.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_