

VIDAL Access: Dream Initiative
DC Trip Itinerary

2024 TRIP ITINERARY: March 24 - 28

Sunday, March 24 - Attire: Casual

4:15 PM Students are dropped off at Montgomery Regional Airport - 4445 Selma Highway

5:00 PM Dinner at the airport

6:23 PM Depart on American Airlines Flight 5307 to Washington National Airport (DCA)

Note: all of the following times are Eastern Standard Time (1 hour ahead of Montgomery)

9:28 PM Arrive at Washington National Airport (DCA)

10:00 PM Depart DCA for the Royal Sonesta Capitol Hill - 20 Massachusetts Ave NW via ground transportation

10:30 PM Arrive at the hotel to check-in to rooms

Monday, March 25 - Attire: Smart Casual

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM College and Career Panel Discussion with Aisha, Hannah, and Justin at hotel

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Meet with Maurice Owens at hotel

11:45 AM Chick-fil-A Lunch at hotel

12:15 PM Depart hotel for Holocaust Museum - 100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl SW
via ground transportation

12:30 PM Holocaust Museum

2:00 PM Depart Holocaust museum for MLK Memorial - 1964 Independence Ave SW via ground transportation

2:15 PM MLK Memorial

2:30 PM Depart MLK Memorial for Lincoln Memorial - 2 Lincoln Memorial Cir NW via ground transportation

2:45 PM Lincoln Memorial

3:00 PM Depart Lincoln Memorial for National Museum of African American History and Culture - 1400 Constitution Ave NW via ground transportation

3:15 PM African American History Museum

5:00 PM Depart African American History Museum for hotel via ground transportation

Tuesday, March 26 - Attire: Business

7:45 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM Depart the hotel for the White House - 15th Street and Pennsylvania Ave NW via ground transportation

9:00 AM White House Tour

10:00 AM Depart the White House for Gift Shop

10:30 Depart Gift Shop for Capitol Hill - 1035 Longworth - 1 Independence Ave SE via ground transportation

11:00 AM Meet with Staff of Congresswoman Sewell and Tour U.S. Capitol

12:30 PM Depart Capitol Hill for hotel via ground transportation

1:00 PM Lunch and meet with Reggie Love at hotel

2:15 PM Meet with Khris Hamlin at hotel

3:15 PM Depart hotel for Amazon - 525 14th Street S Arlington, VA 22202 via ground transportation

4:00 PM Visit Amazon's HQ2 and meet with De'Rell Bonner

6:00 PM Depart Amazon for Ben's Chili Bowl - 1213 U Street NW via ground transportation

6:30 PM Dinner at Ben's Chili Bowl

7:30 PM Depart Ben's Chili Bowl for hotel via ground transportation

8:00 PM Group meeting to debrief and prepare for next day

Wednesday, March 27 - Attire: Business and then Smart Casual

9:00 AM Breakfast

9:45 AM Depart hotel for Eisenhower Executive Office Building - 17th and E Street NW via ground transportation

10:30 AM Meet with White House Staff

11:45 AM Depart Eisenhower Executive Office Building for Howard University - 2225 Georgia Ave NW via ground transportation

12:00 PM Visit Howard University

2:00 PM Lunch at McDonalds - 2328 Georgia Avenue NW

2:30 PM Depart McDonalds for the U.S. Department of Education - 400 Maryland Ave SW via ground transportation

3:00 PM Meet with staff at the U.S. Department of Education

4:15 PM Depart the U.S. Department of Education for the hotel via ground transportation

4:30 PM Break and change into smart casual

5:30 PM Depart the hotel for Capital One Arena via metro

7:00 PM Washington Wizards Game

9:30 PM Depart Capital One Arena for hotel via metro

10:00 PM Group meeting to debrief and prepare for next day

Thursday, March 28 - Attire: Business Casual and then Casual

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:15 AM Depart hotel for Tik Tok - 1255 Union Street NE via ground transportation

9:30 AM Visit Tik Tok

- 10:45 AM Depart Tik Tok for Obama Foundation - 1250 24th Street NW via ground transportation
- 11:00 AM Meeting at My Brother's Keeper Alliance
- 12:00 PM Depart Obama Foundation for G.W. University - 800 21st Street NW via ground transportation
- 12:15 PM Check in for George Washington University Campus Tour
- 1:30 PM Lunch at G.W.
- 2:15 PM Depart G.W. for DCA airport via ground transportation
- 2:40 PM Arrive at DCA airport and change into casual clothes
- 4:40 PM Depart on American Airlines Flight 5307 to Montgomery
- 5:35 PM CT Arrive at Montgomery Regional Airport for Pick-Up

PACKING CHECKLIST

NOTE: The average high temperature in Washington, D.C. in March is 55 degrees and the low is 38 degrees. We will be walking outside for periods of time. Pack to dress accordingly!

- One personal bag such as a large purse or backpack that you can carry on the airplane (liquids, gels, aerosols, toothpaste, etc.) must be no more than 3.4 ounces.
- One suitcase to “check” that will go underneath the airplane with all of your clothes and toiletries (it must weigh under 50 lbs) **OR** one suitcase to carry on the plane with all of your clothes and toiletries that no more than 9 inches x 14 inches x 22 inches (22 cm x 35 cm x 56 cm) (All liquids in carry on must be 3.4 ounces or less).
- Appropriate attire for each day of the program (see below for more detailed information)
- Pens/pencils and a notepad or iPad
- For students who will be 18 years old at the time of travel:
 - valid driver's license or learner's permit

Type of Attire	Suggested for Males	Suggested for Females	# of times you'll dress in this attire
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Business Formal	Suit with tie, dress shoes	Pantsuit, nicest knee-length skirt or dress, blouse or button down shirt, dress shoes	2
Business Casual	Button down shirt, slacks or khakis, dress shoes (optional: sweater or sports jacket on top of shirt)	Trousers/knee-length skirt or dress, blouse or nice shirt	1
Smart Casual	Jeans, button down or polo shirt, tennis shoes or boots	Jeans, sweaters, blouse or nice t-shirt with no writing, tennis shoes or boots	2
Casual/Comfortable (for airplane)	Jeans or sweatpants, t-shirt, sweatshirt, tennis shoes	Jeans or sweatpants, t-shirt, sweatshirt, tennis shoes	2
Miscellaneous	Heavy rain, sweatshirt, Umbrella, rain jacket/poncho, jacket for cooler weather, baseball cap, pajamas/sleeping attire	Umbrella, rain jacket/poncho, jacket for cooler weather, baseball cap	Everyday

Meeting Notes

Preparation Questions

1. What is the difference between non-profit organizations, for-profit companies/corporations, and the government?
2. What is a lobbyist?
3. What are the pros and cons of lobbyists?
4. What is a consultant?

Aisha Bien-Aime, Hannah Bowman, and Justin Woods

- Hear from these diverse professionals about their backgrounds, careers, college, advice for you.
- Aisha works for Leadership for Educational Equity (a non-profit).
- Hannah is a lobbyist.
- Justin works in Human Resources at Microsoft (a corporation).

Maurice Owens

- Worked in the Obama Administration.
- Maurice now works as a consultant.

Holocaust Museum

A living memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum inspires citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity. Federal support guarantees the Museum's permanent place on the National Mall, and its far-reaching educational programs and global impact are made possible by generous donors.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It was established by an Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. To date, the Museum has collected more than 40,000 artifacts. The Museum opened to the public on September 24, 2016, as the 19th museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

White House Tour

- The East Wing of the White House is a two-story structure that serves as office space for the first lady and her staff, including the White House social secretary, White House Graphics and Calligraphy Office and others.

- The East Wing also includes the visitors' entrance and the East Colonnade, a corridor connecting the body of the East Wing to the residence.
- Along the corridor is the White House theater, also called the family theater. Social and touring visitors to the White House usually enter through the East Wing. The East Wing was built on top of the Presidential Emergency Operations Center, a secure emergency underground shelter for the president.
- The West Wing is where the president and his staff work and where the Situation Room is located.

Staff of Congresswoman Sewell and U.S. Capitol Tour

- The United States Congress is the legislature of the federal government of the United States. It is bicameral, composed of a lower body, the House of Representatives, and an upper body, the Senate.
- Terri Sewell is an American lawyer and politician. A member of the Democratic Party, she has served since 2011 as the U.S. representative for Alabama's 7th congressional district.

Reggie Love

- He was the captain of the Duke University basketball team.
- Served as personal aide to President Barack Obama.
- He is now a partner in an energy investment company.

Khris Hamlin

- He serves as Vice President of Asset Protection at the Retail Industry Leaders Association.
- The Retail Industry Leaders Association is the US trade association for leading retailers. RILA partners with leading retailers to meet the challenges of a dynamic economy. Through collaboration and thought leadership, we advance ideas that foster free markets, competition, economic growth, and sustainability.
- In this role, Khris's primary focus is to step-in to lead RILA's AP Committees, support content development for the annual Retail AP Conference, and play a key role in priority initiatives like Vibrant Communities.

Amazon's HQ2 and De'Rell Bonner

- Amazon is guided by four principles: customer obsession rather than competitor focus, passion for invention, commitment to operational excellence, and long-term thinking. Amazon strives to be Earth's most customer-centric company, Earth's best employer, and Earth's safest place to work. Customer reviews, 1-Click shopping, personalized recommendations, Prime, Fulfillment by Amazon, AWS, Kindle Direct Publishing, Kindle, Career Choice, Fire tablets, Fire TV, Amazon Echo, Alexa, Just Walk Out technology, Amazon Studios, and The Climate Pledge are some of the things pioneered by Amazon.
- De'Rell is a former political appointee in President Obama's Administration.

- Currently, an Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity leader at Amazon Web Services.
- Graduate of Howard University.

White House Staff

- The White House Office is an entity within the Executive Office of the President of the United States (EOP).
- The White House Office is headed by the White House Chief of Staff, who is also the head of the Executive Office of the President.
- The staff work for and report directly to the president, including West Wing staff and the president's senior advisers.
- The staff of the various offices are based in the West Wing and East Wing of the White House, the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, and the New Executive Office Building.
- Senior staff, with high level, close contact with the President, have the title Assistant to the President. Second-level staff have the title Deputy Assistant to the President, and third-level staff have the title Special Assistant to the President. These aides oversee the political and policy interests of the president.

Howard University

- Howard University is a private, federally chartered historically black research university.
- Since 1867, Howard has awarded more than 100,000 degrees in the professions, arts, sciences and humanities.
- Howard ranks among the highest producers of the nation's Black professionals in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, nursing, architecture, religion, law, music, social work and education.
- The University has long held a commitment to the study of disadvantaged persons in American society and throughout the world. The goal is the elimination of inequities related to race, color, social, economic and political circumstances. As the only truly comprehensive predominantly Black university, Howard is one of the major engines of change in our society. Through its traditional and cutting-edge academic programs, the University seeks to improve the circumstances of all people in the search for peace and justice on earth.

U.S. Department of Education

- The United States Department of Education is a Cabinet-level department of the United States government.
- ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.
- ED was created in 1980 by combining offices from several federal agencies. ED's 4,400 employees and \$68 billion budget are dedicated to:
 - Establishing policies on federal financial aid for education, and distributing as well as monitoring those funds.
 - Collecting data on America's schools and disseminating research.

- Focusing national attention on key educational issues.
- Prohibiting discrimination and ensuring equal access to education.

Tik Tok

- The bipartisan TikTok legislation that sailed through the House this past week gives the company and its Chinese-controlled parent, ByteDance, a stark choice: Sell the platform's U.S. operations or face a ban.
- TikTok, though, may go for option three: Sue the government.
- It isn't guaranteed that the Senate will pass the Biden-backed legislation. But if the bill is approved, it would shut down TikTok's U.S. operations unless sold to a non-Chinese owner. ByteDance would have six months to comply.
- Since China has already signaled its opposition to a forced sale, the fate of the video app juggernaut could ultimately be decided by the federal courts.
- Any litigation could raise several legal issues, but at its core, a court dispute would require judges to weigh the national security objectives of the ban against the First Amendment rights of TikTok and its users.
- The U.S. has long restricted foreign ownership of radio and television broadcasting, but Congress has never taken such drastic actions against an internet platform used by millions of Americans to communicate.
- Though the legislation doesn't authorize enforcement actions against U.S. residents who attempt to keep using the app, judges in previous TikTok litigation have recognized that the app's fans have constitutional free-speech rights in posting and consuming content that would be harmed by its shutdown.
- That means the government's legal defense of any ban will have to do more than show the legislation advances U.S. interests in preventing undue Chinese influence or access to Americans' data. For the ban's free-speech infringements to pass muster, the government will likely need to demonstrate that less drastic measures wouldn't work.

Obama Foundation - My Brother's Keeper Alliance

- The mission of the Obama Foundation is to help people turn hope into action—to inspire, empower, and connect them to change their world.
- Ten years ago, in response to Trayvon Martin's tragic death, President Obama started My Brother's Keeper – which is now a program at the Obama Foundation – to address opportunity gaps that exist for boys and young men of color.
- The program aims to ensure young men have clear pathways to reach their maximum potential. Today, our work is embedded in over 100 MBK Communities, impacting thousands of young men of color from Chicago to Omaha

George Washington University

- The George Washington University is a private federally chartered research university in Washington, D.C. Originally named Columbian College, it was chartered in 1821 as Washington, D.C.'s first university by the United States Congress.

- Housed in a city unlike any other, our students gain an education unlike any other. The whole city is our classroom, and our students emerge not just with a diploma, but with experiences that could only happen at GW.