

Capitol Forum on America's Future

What Students Are Saying About the Program

- The forum has made me more aware of the process of constructing foreign policy. I will be less cavalier in my attitudes toward voting.
- Some day we will be running this country and if we do not begin to become interested in our government and world issues now, it will be very dangerous to our democracy in the future.
- I realize now that issues that are being addressed in the U.S. not only affect the U.S. but the whole world, and that world issues affect the U.S. in many ways.
- Being able to debate in a professional setting on important political issues really sparked my interest. ...I loved voicing my opinions and views with others—and actually having my words matter.



- People stereotype teenagers as not caring, but from today, I think the adults realized we are actually thinking about world issues.
- The senator and representatives present emphasized the importance of our vote. It redefined just what voting is in our democratic society and made me a believer that my vote counts.
- I'm excited to be able to vote in two years because I believe now I will research a lot more... This was an awesome experience. There were so many students with different thoughts and views.

- I have become more aware of the issues affecting the world. Because of this, the voting process has become much more important to me.
- I believe I will have more of an opinion on what's happening. Before, I didn't think I would even vote, but now I look at things in a totally different way.
- It isn't often that students get to talk about these things and even less often that we can talk to the people who make our policy.
- Participating in the debates and looking in depth at pros and cons of the Futures has really opened my eyes to how difficult it is to deal with the problems our country is faced with.
- I felt very prepared. Due to the preparation involved, I began reading and watching more news and information on foreign policy.
- It was great to have real legislators listen and respond to our comments. After today, I want to pay more attention to what's happening...
- I enjoyed working with students from around the state who I might not have had a chance to work with otherwise.
- I'm really proud that my school took part today. I think it says a lot that schools will offer this and want to promote more political efficacy among students.

