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# McCONNELL CENTER

Designated a “Center of Excellence,” the McConnell Center was established in 1991 by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell and the University of Louisville on the belief that “Kentucky’s future depends on inspiring talented, motivated leaders.”

For more than 20 years, the McConnell Center has offered a variety of resources designed to enhance leadership skills, civic literacy and knowledge of American history, government, politics and economics.

Our major programs include the:

- McConnell Scholars Program
- Kentucky’s Premier Public Lecture Series
- Civic Education Program
- U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell and Secretary Elaine L. Chao Archives

## McCONNELL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The heart of the McConnell Center is the McConnell Scholars Program, a society of 40 University of Louisville undergraduate students who represent a variety of academic disciplines but share one thing in common —the ability to lead.

### Scholarship Package

- Full-tuition scholarship to the University of Louisville
- Fully-funded foreign and domestic travel opportunities
- Participation in a first-class extracurricular lecture and seminar series focused on leadership, history and ideas
- Multiple opportunities for closed, off-the-record meetings with influential political leaders, business executives, authors and academic experts

### Travel

Scholarship packages include fully-funded domestic and international travel opportunities such as:

- Summits in Washington, D.C.
  - Study abroad trips to the People’s Republic of China
  - Annual retreats throughout Kentucky and the nation
- Financial assistance is also available to Scholars interested in independent travel programs, internships and research.

### Community Service

Scholars bond while serving as leaders in the community. Regular service events include partnerships with:

- local schools, soup kitchens, tutoring programs, animal shelters and other Scholar-initiated projects

### Internships

Scholars complete internships in fields of their choice, including opportunities in Washington, D.C. and with local, state and national leaders and organizations. Financial assistance is available through the Center for internships.

### Undergraduate Moot Court

This award-winning and nationally recognized undergraduate moot court team is the only one of its kind at the University of Louisville. Students engage theoretical and legal constructs in simulated appellate court cases.



Connecting leaders of today with *Kentucky’s leaders of tomorrow.*

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## PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

For more than 20 years, the McConnell Center has hosted engaging national and international leaders, serving our local community and contributing to international dialogue on major issues of the day.

U.S. presidents, vice presidents, congressmen and congresswomen, cabinet officials, ambassadors and Pulitzer Prize winning authors have been among our notable guests.

Additionally, the McConnell Center offers a variety of free, public forums and conferences with noted authors, teachers and local leaders. Visit our website for a list of upcoming and past McConnell Center guests.

## CIVIC EDUCATION

Through a series of conferences, publications, lectures and professional development opportunities, our Civic Education Program offers Kentucky primary and secondary teachers and students the ability to develop a strong knowledge of American history, government and economics.

**For Students:** We sponsor essay contests, seminars and institutes for emerging Kentucky leaders. These programs bring high school students to Louisville to interact with top scholars and explore contemporary issues. The Center's signature "Young Leaders Academy" is a summer residential program for top students interested in deepening their understanding of American politics, the challenges of citizenship and constitutional order.

**For Teachers:** We believe America's future depends on educating our young people about history and political institutions. Realizing our shared citizenship, the Center is dedicated to helping teachers impact the future by teaching the past. We regularly host professional development programs for teachers in a variety of formats, from small seminars to week-long travel institutes.

## U.S. SENATOR MITCH McCONNELL AND SECRETARY ELAINE L. CHAO ARCHIVES

Built around the lives and careers of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell and Sec. of Labor (2001-2009) Elaine L. Chao, the archives' Civic Education Gallery is designed to educate visitors about American government, history and politics by bringing them in direct contact with archival material.

On the gallery tour, visitors can view two national award-winning films outlining the history of the U.S. Senate and Chao's rise from immigrant to member of a President's Cabinet; watch and evaluate campaign commercials; take a computer-generated citizenship test; learn essential lessons from American history; and see awards, commendations, documents and other artifacts from the long careers of two of Kentucky's most consequential leaders.

## CONNECT WITH US

The McConnell Center provides a variety of educational and teaching materials online and through our publication series. Our popular video gallery features past lecturers and guest speakers. Digital reports and books are available for download from our website. Round out your digital experience by reading our blog, "A McConnell Center Life," browsing our Flickr photo gallery, following us on Twitter and "liking" us on Facebook.

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