

### **ABOUT**

In 2017 the Rocky Mountain Conservatives, a Colorado-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, launched what's now called the "POC Capitol Interns" program. Through this program we have hired and placed ethnic-minority American college students from across the nation with U.S. House Representatives and Senators for seven-week internships in Washington D.C. each of the past three summers and are now recruiting for the summer of 2023.

America's political system is dividing voters by race, gender and wealth. For decades black/African-American voters have overwhelmingly identified with one party and voted for candidates from that party. The result being a flawed two-party system wherein one party tends to ignore this voting demographic, the other takes it for granted. This must change.

POC Capitol Interns program addresses the issue by attempting to bridge the divide between conservative legislators and young minority minds, thus benefitting both.

The goals of the program are two-fold:



Educate young people so that both parties respect and compete for the support of African-American citizens.



Introduce students to our system of self-governance by granting access that's typically out-of-reach or reserved for a privileged few.

Black-Americans make up about 13% of the national population but only about 2% of the population on Capitol Hill. This program helps address that lack of balance both today and, hopefully, into the future as interns consider careers in public service.

Coming from all corners of the country, interns serve for seven weeks working on and around Capitol Hill. They attend congressional hearings, committee meetings and a variety of other functions while working directly with legislative members and chiefs of staff.

But the summer isn't all work and no play. Interns also tour museums, are granted private audiences with influential members of government, attend formal dinners, tour the White House, Capital Dome and federal monuments in addition to other excursions. They work hard, but they play hard too. All come home with an experience like no other.

### **APPLY TODAY**

The 2023 internship session is **June 5 - July 21, 2023**. Recruiting for the 2023 class begins fall of 2022. We will be placing **40 to 50** interns. Interested candidates should apply NOW as all applicants will be submitted to the United States Congress for review and issuance of job offers beginning **December 1**.



Being a POCC Intern costs nothing; in fact they MAKE money! A paid internship, interns earn \$1,500 for the seven-week session, airfare to and from Washington D.C. is provided as is lodging for the summer.



POCC Interns are housed in dorm rooms at George Washington University. An ideal location just a few stops on the Metro train from work/Capitol Hill and within walking distance of shopping and restaurant districts.



This relationship with GWU means mom and dad can rest assured that their intern children have a place to sleep every night that is safe and secure. Our on-sight Group Coordinator serves as liaison, enforces reasonable curfews, and arranges group excursions.



POCC Interns receive exclusive tours of the White House, Capitol Dome, FBI, and more.



To my good friend, Simeon, I appreciate your friendship. Thankful for all the good work you do. Wishing you continued success







POCC Interns are granted private audience with influential figures on Capitol Hill.

Most people wonder what really goes on in Washington. We got to see first-hand and work directly with the people who are shaping the future of our country. We met people most Americans only see on TV and got to go places many never do – all as a part of this internship program. I can't thank the RMBC enough for this amazing summer.



## EVAN ROCK Hometown: Phoenix, AZ Arizona State University Intern, Rep. Ken Buck (CO)

Working on Capitol Hill was a dream come true. You meet so many interesting, important and influential people and daily talk to constituents from other parts of the country. Helping manage how citizens communicate with their elected representatives made us an important link in the government chain. It was really an honor and a lot of fun.



# CARENE SIMON Hometown: Baltimore, MD University of Maryland Intern, Rep. Pete Sessions (TX)

This summer was unlike anything I've ever done. I have friends who worked in fast food restaurants over the summer, whereas I got an all-expenses paid trip to the east coast, earned good money, worked in a fun and stimulating environment, met famous people, gained experience, and collected the business cards of people who will be in my life for decades to come.



#### ROMARIO BAILEY Hometown: Fort Meyers, FL Florida State University

Florida State University Intern, Sen. Rand Paul (KY)

