

## **Keith Sherin Global Leaders' Semester-in-Washington, D.C.: Applications Open for Spring 2018**

An exciting Capitol Hill internship/semester in Washington, D.C. is available to an outstanding TRIO SSS or McNair student for the spring 2018 semester.

Sponsored by the Council's Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarship Fund and hosted by Marquette University's Les Aspin Center for Government, highly-motivated TRIO students (with at least a 3.0 GPA who have reached the sophomore, junior, or senior year of college) will be eligible to spend a semester working in a Congressional office and learning about the political process. One student will be selected for the spring 2018 program, which runs from January 14 to May 5, 2018.

The internship-scholarship covers tuition, fees, and housing for the semester program, which provides up to 15 credit hours. COE will also provide a modest food and transportation allowance as needed. Students are expected to transfer their financial aid wherever possible.

"This presents a tremendous opportunity for exceptional TRIO students to live, learn, and be part of government in Washington," said COE President Maureen Hoyler. "Our program combines the adventure of working in the Capitol for a member of Congress with a strong educational experience at the Les Aspin Center," she said. "I urge students who care deeply about policymaking and the political process to apply."

The deadline for applications for the spring 2018 semester is **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**. For more information, please view the video at <http://vimeo.com/56928501>, information at [http://www.marquette.edu/aspin/washington\\_internships.php#semester](http://www.marquette.edu/aspin/washington_internships.php#semester) and contact Holly Hexter at [holly.hexter@coenet.us](mailto:holly.hexter@coenet.us) for an application.

Participating students will take courses on Mondays and Thursdays, and spend Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays working on Capitol Hill. The Les Aspin Center provides the following courses to students during both fall and spring semesters:

### **Current Course Offerings (FALL/SPRING SEMESTER)**

#### **POSC 4221 Interest Group Politics (3 credits)**

Learn how groups are organized around particular economic interests and political preferences to influence policy-making institutions; the internal incentive structure of political organizations, including business, professional, trade union and "public interest" groups; and the functions of, and biases inherent in, the group process.

#### **POSC 4201 The United States Congress (3 credits)**

Learn about Membership, the legislative process, and internal distribution of power in the U.S. Congress. This course will also cover Congressional relationships with the presidency, executive bureaucracy, interest groups, and the public.

### **POSC 4986 Internship in Politics (3 credits)\***

This is a practical learning experience in politics and an evaluation to require students to relate the experience to literature on the subject. A written evaluation by the student's office supervisor at the conclusion of the course is required.

\* Non-political science students can arrange for credit in their respective majors.

### **ARSC 4953 Seminar on Urban Social Issues (3 credits)**

This course examines the problems that plague many urban areas and the policy responses that attempt to solve them. Students explore issues such as homelessness, addiction, juvenile justice, and failing schools using Washington, D.C., as a case study. The course combines lectures by faculty experts with site visits to government agencies and private organizations to explore theoretical and practical dimensions of problems that trouble all large cities.

### **ARSC 3370 The Arts and a Democratic Society (3 credits)\***

This course consists of a seminar intended to introduce students to the cultural resources of Washington, D.C., and provide experiences and conceptual tools for exploring the role of the arts in a democratic society.