



FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA

A newsletter produced for past and present Future Presidents of America Alumni.



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW WEBSITE

As our FPA program continues to grow, an opportunity to step into the online space has emerged. In late 2021, we launched a new Future Presidents of America website! Here you can find applications for FPA, testimonials from alumni, and photos from past programs/events. Check it out below.

<https://bhpsite.org/future-presidents-of-america/>

MARY TUCKER JASPER



*Charles Hyde
CEO of the Benjamin
Harrison Presidential Site*

Last November, the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site held its annual "Mary Tucker Jasper" speaker series event in the Indianapolis Roof Ballroom. There were guest speakers such as Christina Shutt, Howard Kittell, and Jade Thomas.



Guest Speaker Panel



*VP of Education,
Roger Hardig and
Gracia Johnson Floyd
Presidential Fellow,
Jennifer Hodge*



Jade Thomas: FPA alum



FUTURE PRESIDENTS ALUMNI AND STAFF ATTEND THE MARY TUCKER JASPER TUCKER SPEAKER SERIES EVENT AT THE INDIANA ROOF.

Future Presidents of America Alumni and staff at the Mary Tucker Jasper Speaker Series at the Indiana Roof Ballroom 11/11/2021. Right to left: Martha Buenher, Olivia Simon, Maggie Boncosky, Adeline Lindsay, Guest Speaker Jade Thomas, Jayna Ndiaye, Kennedy Boler, Jennifer Hodge & Roger Hardig.

OLIVIA SIMON

FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA
ALUMNA, 2018

I graduated from Avon High School in May 2022. During my time at AHS I served as student body president. I also kept the BHPS close by doing an internship during my senior year!

My plans after high school are to attend Florida State University to study economics. After that, I plan to go to law school. I will be studying abroad during my freshman year at FSU, spending my school year in Florence, Italy.

This summer, I am working at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, helping with Future Presidents of America. Being behind the scenes of where the “magic is made” is no less magical than being a participant of the camp itself. I would recommend staying involved at the BHPS through an internship or a job to any FPA Alum. I can’t wait to meet all the new Future Presidents this summer!

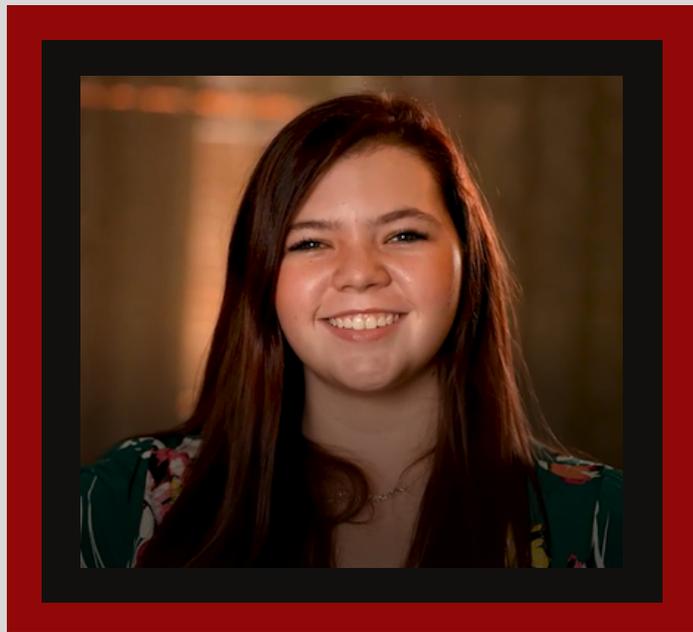
ADELINE LINDSAY

FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA
ALUMNA, 2017

I graduated from North Central High School in May 2021. In school I played varsity sports and continuously volunteered. I was able to stay actively involved with the BHPS through some of the annual events such as the Mary Tucker Jasper, as well as through select FPA Alumni events.

In the fall, I’ll be a sophomore at Purdue University, currently majoring in General Management. At school, I participate in a variety of organizations such as Women in Business and Grand Prix.

I’m serving as a Future Presidents of America Ambassador at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site this summer. Being able to work on everything done during camp, behind the scenes, has been really interesting and I’ve learned so much about what it takes to put on a program such as this. I would highly recommend that any FPA member stay involved and see what opportunities are available, as there’s so much you can learn from it all. Looking forward to working with all the new FPA members at camp this year!



FPA CAMP THIS YEAR

Future Presidents of America, Introducing our 2022 class!

Future Presidents of America was a great success this year and saw incredible participation. With a variety of speakers such as Christina Hale, Tiffany Benjamin, David Slade, Charles Braun, and more, students could learn and ask questions about navigating career paths, following passions, and balancing personal life. This year, we found that the kids particularly enjoyed field trips, especially the walking tour and having lunch at the top of the Sales Force building. The group loved to debate about current political topics, giving the young group of future leaders the ability to find a voice among their peers. It was great to see so many kids break out of their shells to share their passion for politics and civic engagement. Two other events took place this week during FPA that the future presidents went out of their way to attend: the Honor Ceremony and Coffee with the Curator. Seeing so many future presidents eager to be involved outside of the camp was an exciting sight for us at the site. With such a diverse and engaged group, we are eager to see where Future Presidents of America as a whole is headed. Having the Naturalization Ceremony on Friday morning was a meaningful and enlightening experience for many. The future presidents were given the opportunity to pass out American flags to the newly naturalized citizens! During Future Presidents of America this year, we also were surprised by how popular rock candy was among our presidents. This group has us excited to see the next generations of Future Presidents of America. We hope to continue seeing how these brilliant citizens continue to stay involved and grow as individuals. The site has a lot of hope for future involvement from our future presidents.



Future Presidents learn about some lesser-known history at the Kennedy-King Memorial

A young future president recognizes a new citizen by delivering a flag representing their start in this country





Future Presidents participated in a traditional wreath laying ceremony at Crown Hill Cemetery. Students read bits of a speech and lay a wreath over his grave.

On Wednesday, after a full day of the camp, Future Presidents had the option to participate in the Annual Honor's Ceremony. At the ceremony, they got to listen to a speech from General Dana Pittard (left) as well as give a presidential pin to a mentor of their choice.



Students received the opportunity to learn about table manners and business etiquette during lunch one day. A skill they'll be able to take and use for a variety of formal and business meals in the future. As well as an event that alumna are invited back to every year, the Mary Tucker Jasper Speaker Series.



FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA, SENIOR SEMINAR 2022

This June, we had the opportunity to host some of our future presidents for the Second Term of Future Presidents of America. In this field-trip based camp, America's young leaders were able to enjoy visits to the Federal Courthouse, the Indiana Statehouse, the Indiana Archives, and the War Memorial.



FPA ALMUNA READING
FROM A PRIMARY
DOCUMENT ABOUT
THE EXECUTION OF
MARIE ANTOINETTE



JUDGE
MATHIAS GAVE
A COMPELLING
TALK TO THE
GROUP OF FPA
ALMUNA
WHOM
PARTICIPATED
IN THE SECOND
TERM
PROGRAM

STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
GET HANDS ON AND PRACTICE SOME
SKILLS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE
DOCUMENTS IN THE ARCHIVES

New Additions!

The new Citizenship Plaza, adorned with the Centennial Flagpole, has been in the works for well over a year and is now open! This plaza, dedicated to Judge Sarah Evans Barker, is home to the Book of History, a steel engraved collection of names from naturalization ceremonies of the past. Included in this is the Johnson-Floyd Family Presidential Commons, a welcoming portico for all who come. Connected to the Stan and Sandy Hurt Presidential Promenade, a pathway featuring the names of past presidents as well as their signatures, these new features is sure to be an icon for years to come.

