



POC Capitol I N T E R N S

Rocky Mountain Black Conservatives
a Colorado-based 501(c)3 organization



In 2017 the Rocky Mountain Conservatives, a Colorado-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization launched 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 2021.

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: 1) Educate young people so that both parties respect and compete for the support of African-American citizens, 2) 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.

Jamari Hartley

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

St. John's University

Interned for U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions (Texas)

"An overall life-changing experience. Everything from the location of the dorms we lived in to getting to attend the Congressional baseball game to working with Congressional staff was first class. And, as a law student, I gained access to a network of people whom I probably would never have otherwise met."



Catherine Hendrix

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Pikes Peak College

Interned for U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (Colorado)



"The ability to not only see but participate in the nuts and bolts of our system of government was very eye-opening and informative. We learned more working in a senator's office for a summer than most students do in three semesters of college because it's not theoretical. It's real life – you're actually right there doing it day in and day out."

Afriye Phillips

Hometown: Denver, CO

Oral Roberts University

Interned for U.S. Congressman Mike Gallagher (Wisconsin)

"Working on Capitol Hill was an indescribable experience, but the excursions put together by the POCCI program was amazing. It was like a 7-week long dream vacation that we got paid to be on!"



Evan Rock

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
Arizona State University
Interned U.S. Congressman Ken Buck (Colorado)



“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.”

Carene Simon

Hometown: Baltimore, MD
University of Maryland
Interned for U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions (Texas)



“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.”

Romario Bailey

Hometown: Fort Meyers, FL
Florida State University
Interned for U.S Senator Rand Paul (Kentucky)



“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.”

Gregory George

Hometown: Orlando, FL

Florida A& M University

Interned for U.S. Congressman Trey Gowdy (South Carolina)



“An overall eye-opening experience. My eyes were opened to the vast amount of things I can do with my law degree and how the large number of connections I now have on Capitol Hill can help with that. I also learned that Congressman Gowdy is a great man. It’s unlikely I ever would have met him, let alone worked with him without this internship program.”

Hannah Clark

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Interned for U.S. Senator Cory Gardener (Colorado)



“The entire summer was surreal. I had a feeling of awe every day over just being in such a historical place. I loved everything from the daily tasks while being at work to the various tours and getting to know my fellow interns. The entire summer was a blast!”

Kendall Watts

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Grand Canyon University

Interned for U.S. Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (Washington)



“I loved, loved, loved it. Doing research on legislation was a great experience, and interacting with other Congressional members who’d come to our office was the highlight. I love the fact that so many influential people took time to meet and talk with us. The location of our dorm rooms was great, the tours were awesome, and all-in-all it was a dream summer.”

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-site Group Coordinator serves as liaison, enforces reasonable curfews, arranges group excursions, including transportation logistics and more. Speaking of excursions....

POCC Interns get to see first-hand how federal law enforcement works with a private tour of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.



A private formal gala at economic policy think tank, The American Enterprise Institute.

Interns get private White House & Capitol Dome tours



The internship session begins in early June, ends in late July. We will be placing 40 to 50 interns in Washington D.C. for the summer of 2021.



POCC Interns are granted private audience with influential figures on Capitol Hill, make contacts, grow networks and come home with resume-builders that few others in the country possess.



21st June 2018

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



All the best,

Ralph Norman
Ralph Norman, Member of Congress

South Korean Ambassador
Ahn Ho-Young



U.S. Senator Tim Scott



United States Congressman Ken Buck



POC Capitol Interns do all of this and much, much more -- we now are preparing to send our next class for a life-changing summer.

The 2021 internship session is June 7 - July 23, 2021.

Recruiting for the 2021 class begins fall of 2020. 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.

