



2018 GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

Venue & Group Photo Information

Russell Senate Office Building **Kennedy Caucus Room (SR-325)**

This year's Gold Medal Ceremony will take place in one of the most extravagant structures in the nation's capital, the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Constructed in 1906 by John Carrère and Thomas Hastings, the Caucus Room exhibits classic French architecture with twelve Corinthian columns and three French windows lining the longitudinal walls and comfortably seats up to 300 people.

In addition to its extraordinary design, the Caucus Room is brimming with American history. The Kennedy Caucus room was named in honor of the three Kennedy brothers following the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy in 2009.

The Caucus Room is home to some of the nation's most remarkable Senate investigations including the Titanic, Army vs. McCarthy, Pearl Harbor, the Vietnam War, and Watergate.

The main entrance of Russell Senate Office Building is located at Constitution Avenue, NW and Delaware Avenue, NE. You will be required to go through security once you enter the building. Please allow 15-20 minutes to enter. There will be staff members holding signs after you pass through security to direct families to the check in area.

Parking is VERY limited on Capitol Hill. We recommend taking Metro (DC's subway system) into the city for the day of the ceremony. The Russell Senate Office Building is a 7 minute walk from Union Station on the Red Line and a 13 minute walk from Capitol South on the Blue/Orange/Silver Lines.

You can also look into other ground transportation options like Uber, taxi services, etc.

Before your visit, please consult the [list of prohibited items](#) in the U.S. Capitol Complex.

Group Photos

Group photos of all 2018 Gold Medalists will be taken at the Capitol Reflecting Pool located west of 1st Street NW, in between Maryland and Pennsylvania Avenues.

Immediately following the afternoon ceremony, Gold Medalists will be led to group photos. Gold Medalists from the morning ceremony should meet the group at the photo location with their Gold Medal! Look for Congressional Award staff who will have signs.

Our office will finalize the exact time of the group photo in late spring 2018.

We understand that the middle of June is not the ideal temperature to take a photo, and we ask for your cooperation and patience as we try to capture your accomplishment!

We will take the group photo of all 2018 Gold Medalists first, followed by organizational photos. If you are affiliated with any of our partnering organizations, please listen for your group, as these photos are sent to the partnering organizations and news outlets for press purposes.

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