

UNIVERSITY OF 2024

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

The University of US is an after-school program designed to boost student knowledge of the U. S. Constitution to a higher level. Over the course of the school year, students participate in classes led by locally and nationally renowned instructors on topics related to the Constitution. Successful completers of the program are eligible to enter the U. S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation's essay competition for which five or more \$5,000 scholarships are awarded annually.

CLASS SESSIONS AND INSTRUCTORS FOR 2024 INCLUDE:

1. Our American Heritage and Founders of the Constitution – Judge Adrian Soud
2. The Federalist Papers – Howard Pines and Caleb Bryan
3. Articles of the Constitution – Judge James Daniel
4. Amendments to the Constitution – Secretary of State Cord Byrd and Judge Steven Fahlgren
5. Important Supreme Court Justices – Professor Bradford Clark
6. Notable Supreme Court Cases and The U. S. Judicial System – Judge Jenny Higginbotham

LOCATION – Classes will take place at FSCJ Nassau Center's Nassau Technical Career Center ("Bean" Center), The Nassau Room (T-126).

ORIENTATION – An Orientation to the program will be held at FSCJ on September 18, 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

FINAL EXAM – Will be taken on the last day of class following the class session, March 25

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND ESSAY

Information regarding the scholarship application will be distributed in October.

Due Date: March 25, 2024

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- The USCSF will again give five or more \$5,000 scholarships this year to students who complete the University of US program and successfully compete in the scholarship contest.
- 2 or more \$1,000 Leadership Scholarships will be awarded.
- Each student who successfully graduates from the program will be awarded a stipend of \$100.
- Each student who submits a qualifying essay to the scholarship competition will receive \$100.
- The program will begin in September and will feature sessions in September, October, November, January, February, and March on the 4th Monday of each named month, 4:45 – 6:45 PM. In order to graduate from the program, to be eligible to participate in the scholarship program, and to participate in the Constitution Bowl, a student must attend 5 of the 6 classes.
- The programs feature fascinating local and national speakers.
- The speakers are followed by interactive activities among students, speakers, and program staff.
- Snacks and pizza are served at each meeting.
- Each student who completes the program receives a certificate of graduation.
- Students may attend multiple years of the program even if they've received a certificate of "graduation." Students may apply for the scholarships in both their junior and senior years, even if they have already been awarded a scholarship during a previous year.
- Participants in the program will receive their own copies of the Constitution.
- In order to participate on a Constitution Bowl Team, a student must be a graduate of the U of US Program.