



The Collegiate Society of America The Collegiate Society Foundation

- Getting Started: Fall 2006 -

This fall, college students are coming together at schools nationwide to form CSAmerica chapters that will strive to end apathy among college students. Below is a sample first meeting agenda and a sample calendar for the fall semester that you can use at your school.

Sample First Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Personal Introductions (pass around sign-in sheet)
- III. About CSAmerica
 - a. What is CSAmerica?
 - b. What are our goals?
 - c. What will we do on campus? Nationally?
- IV. Chapter Constitution
 - a. Review constitution (use the sample from startup guide or website to draft your chapter's)
 - b. Pass out copies to ratify at the next meeting
- V. Discuss chapter leadership
 - a. Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Debate, etc.
 - b. Take nominations for officer positions
- VI. Plan Ahead
 - a. Next meeting
 - i. Debate (select a topic and main speakers)
 - ii. Elections
 - b. Chapter activities
 - i. Membership drive
 - ii. Voter registration drive?
 - iii. CSAmerica National Convention, Feb. 9-11, 2007 in Washington, D.C.
- VII. Questions and Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

A Tip from Chapter Founders:

Create a Facebook group and invite people to join who are majoring in political science, are interested in politics, or are members of campus political groups.

Sample Fall Semester Calendar:

OCTOBER:

1. Organize a group of interested students:
Have lunch and plan call-out meeting. Reserve a classroom for the meeting through your student activities office or similar office. Organize advertising on campus utilizing flyers, Facebook, MySpace, and your friends. Chalk sidewalks and see if you can have your meeting listed in the student newspaper or on student television.
2. Call-out meeting:
Gather interested students and tell them about CSAmerica. Who we are, what we do, and why it their membership is important. This is the time to finalize your chapter constitution, nominate chapter leadership, and begin to plan for the rest of the semester. Send a contact sheet around the room and keep a good record of your members.

NOVEMBER:

1. Hold a campus-wide debate
2. Register your chapter members for the CSAmerica National Convention in Washington, D.C.
3. Dialogue Session on the outcome of the Midterm elections

DECEMBER:

1. Hold an organizational planning meeting of your officers to plan logistics and recruitment for the CSAmerica National Convention to ensure that your chapter is well represented.
2. Invite a local politician or government official to speak at an open meeting. Advertise on campus and invite political science and public policy professors to bring their classes.