

## Letter From Race Director

Please join us for the 41<sup>st</sup> ACLI Capital Challenge, one of Washington's storied events.

On Wednesday morning, May 17, put aside talk of filibusters, cancel culture, 2024 elections, boosters, and Title 42 and join us for a morning dedicated to fitness, fun, friendly competition and yes, bipartisanship while raising money for a most worthwhile cause.

Thanks to long-time title sponsor ACLI (American Council of Life Insurers), new and returning sponsors Akin Gump, Allianz, Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, Brighthouse Financial, Canada Life Re, Corebridge Financial, Global Atlantic Financial Group, Guardian, Hannover Life Reassurance Company of America, Invariant, Jackson National, John Hancock, MetLife, Nationwide, New York Life, Northwestern Mutual, OneAmerica, Pacific Life, Penn Mutual, Primerica, Principal Financial Group, Protective Life, Prudential, RGA, Sammons Financial, Security Benefit, Swiss Re, Thrivent Financial, Transamerica Corporation, Unum, USAA, Voya Financial and our media sponsor *CQ Roll Call*, we promise another great event.

Since 1981, the race has been a stepping-stone for the career of many of our team captains, including several Presidential candidates and three who became Vice President. Others ascended to committee chairmanships, media stardom, the Supreme Court, or the Cabinet; were appointed to other higher-level executive branch positions; or left Washington to get a taste of reality.

So, leave the confines of remote work and step outside for a run/walk that continues to serve as a pleasant respite from partisan rancor and both real and fake news. Think up silly team names and vie for the Best or Worst name or fastest team (TikTok) bragging rights and leave partisanship (as well as a few of your political opponents) behind.

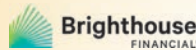
Join us inside the Beltway by running (or walking) and by bringing out your non-participating staff to cheer you on or getting them to volunteer on May 17. Help promote fitness and raise funds for Junior Achievement USA and its programs, which give young people the knowledge and skills to plan for the future and make smart academic and economic choices.

Sincerely,

Jeff Darman  
Director

Talk about the race on Twitter - #CapChallenge

P.S. Check out the All-Time Searchable Results Database and the new Capital Challenge Hall of Fame at the race's website: <https://capitalchallenge.com>



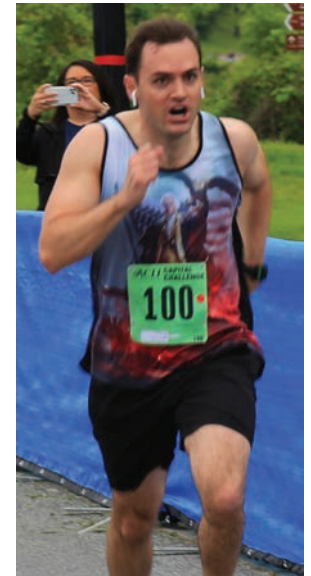
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# ACLI CAPITAL CHALLENGE®



## Three-mile Run/Walk

Wednesday, May 17, 2023



### TO BENEFIT

## Junior Achievement USA

The ACLI Capital Challenge® is an invitational race for teams representing the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of the Federal Government and the Media.

All entry fees and a donation from the race sponsors will be given to Junior Achievement USA. Junior Achievement reaches more than 3.3 million students in all 50 states. Its programs provide relevant hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Research shows that improved financial education and literacy can help close the racial wealth gap.

[www.capitalchallenge.com](http://www.capitalchallenge.com)

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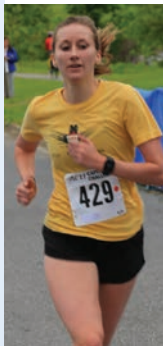
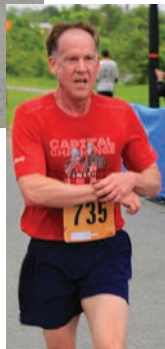
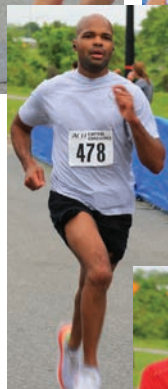
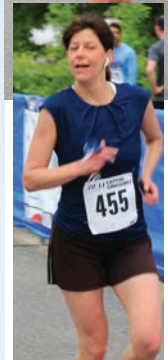
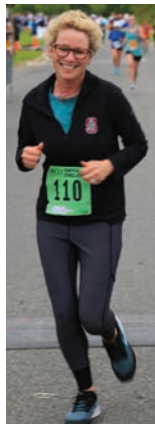
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"Victory is having done your best. If you've done your best, you've won."  
— Bill Bowerman, Nike Co-founder

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Each team must include either one member of Congress, the Cabinet (or their boss), the Vice President, Sub-Cabinet appointee or Agency Head or equivalent, Federal Judge, on-air radio or TV journalist, or print journalist.

## Gender Equity, Quotas, Goals

Teams must have five runners, **at least one of the five must be a woman.** All five count in scoring.

## TEAM GUIDELINES

### LEGISLATIVE (PERIODICALLY) BRANCH

Team captain must be a member of Congress with other team members chosen from congressional staff or immediate family of Representative or Senator. Since there are separate but equal Senate and House awards, **all legislative branch team members must come from their Captain's side of the Hill. This means Senators use Senate staff and Representatives are limited to House staff.**

No more than **one competitor on any Legislative team may come from staff** of Capitol Police, Clerks Office, Sergeant at Arms, etc. Teams with members who do not comply with rules above or below leave themselves open to censure.

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Team Captain must either be an elected Executive branch official, Cabinet member, US Ambassador, or Sub-Cabinet Appointee or Agency Head or equivalent, with other team members chosen from agency staff of Captain. That is, Transportation uses Transportation staff; NSA uses its staff while listening to your staff; and TSA (unless precheck) can run but the team must empty its pockets before entering the starting line.

### JUDICIAL BRANCH

Team Captain must be Federal Judge, presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed, with other team members chosen from the Judge's respective court staff.



"Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them so much."  
— Oscar Wilde



## MEDIA

Team Captain (or to win first journalist award)\* must be either **on-air** radio or television journalist or a professional print or web journalist with bylines or editor with a magazine, newspaper, website, etc. (Publisher cannot be a captain). **Other team members MUST be chosen from the fair and balanced regular staff of the individual radio, TV, newspaper** (younger runners ask your team captain what they are), **website, or magazine.** The Media division has two categories, **print** including web (net neutrality), and **electronic** (TV, radio, podcast), including real news, failing and fake news media. No category mixing please.

## THERE IS A LIMIT

Race limited to first 145 teams that enter. The number of teams from any one government entity or corporation (media) is strictly limited. If you're considering fielding multiple teams, inquire about limitations before entering.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

Senators and Representatives who are unable to field teams may enter unattached (without teams) and are eligible for individual awards.

## CANCEL CULTURE

Eligibility rules for captains are strictly enforced. **No eligible captain, no team.** Please read the regulations and abide by them. We do run background checks. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

## HOMELAND SECURITY

Baby strollers are prohibited in accordance with safety guidelines. We strongly recommend against the use of an iPod or similar devices. Race officials reserve the right to remove any runner from the course for medical, political or any other valid reason. Any entrant attempting to run with a dog (or a cat for that matter) will be removed from the race.

## TRANSPARENCY

Race Director reserves the right to be generally arbitrary and capricious in rule interpretation, if it conflicts with his or the race's best interests. Any team seeking special favors or sympathetic rule interpretation is reminded that the likelihood of an answer you want is greatly decreased by how close the request is to the race date and whether you have been helpful to the race director in the past. Hint: Ask Early.

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."  
— John Lennon



## Site:

**Anacostia Park, 1900 Anacostia Drive SE** (near skating pavilion) approximately three miles from Capitol Hill.

## Time:

8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

## Balanced Budget:

Teams can enter online at <https://capitalchallenge.com>. Entry fee is \$150 per team (\$30.00 for each runner) until April 6, \$190 thereafter (\$38.00 each). Entry fees are non-refundable and **all are donated to Junior Achievement**. An additional contribution will be made by our sponsors to Junior Achievement. All race expenses are covered by the sponsors.

## Course:

Flat out and back in Anacostia Park. (Three miles, not 5k)

## Registration Deadline:

Entries close April 23, 2023. Early entry is appreciated and significantly cheaper.

## Awards Ceremony:

Team and individual prizes will be awarded at our ceremony starting at 8:40 a.m.

## Entitlements (Benefits):

*All finishers receive a continental breakfast, a unique commemorative t-shirt and a medal, upon completion of the race.*



## Registration

To register online, scan the QR code above or link to <https://capitalchallenge.com>.

## Leaders of the PAC

Fastest Overall Members of Congress

1st Place Overall

1st Senator

1st Representative (Mike Synar Award)

1st Cabinet Department or Independent Agency Head

1st Sub-Cabinet

1st Judge

1st Print Journalist\*

1st On-Air Electronic Journalist \*

Male and Female divisions for above awards

\*Must meet **captain** eligibility standards

## Teams

Top Two Senate Teams

Top Two House Teams

Top Two Judicial Teams

Top Two Executive Branch Teams

Top Two Print or Web Media Teams

Top Two Electronic Media Teams (Radio, TV, Podcast)

## Special Awards

**Best Team Name**

**James B. Kenin Award for Worst Team Name**

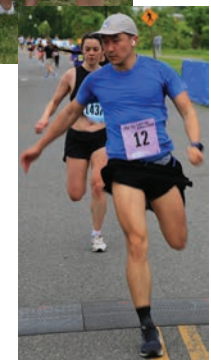
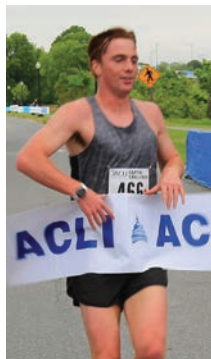
We offer several special awards for teams that suffer from Speed Deficit Disorder. Think up some original team names, particularly those teams that haven't come up with a new name since the Reagan era. Let's see new names, new uniforms and team spirit.



## 2022 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

1<sup>st</sup> Male – Overall  
 1<sup>st</sup> Female – Overall  
 1<sup>st</sup> Senator – Male  
 1<sup>st</sup> Senator – Female  
 1<sup>st</sup> Representative – Male  
 Mike Synar Award  
 1<sup>st</sup> Representative – Female  
 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Agency  
 Head - Male  
 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Agency  
 Head - Female  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sub-Cabinet – Male  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sub-Cabinet – Female  
 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Judge – Male  
 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Judge – Female  
 1<sup>st</sup> Print Journalist – Male  
 1<sup>st</sup> Print Journalist – Female  
 1<sup>st</sup> Electronic Journalist – Male  
 1<sup>st</sup> Electronic Journalist – Female  
 Fastest Overall Member of  
 Congress (Male)  
 Fastest Overall Member of  
 Congress (Female)

Peter Rindfuss - Federal Trade Commission  
 Jen Maranzano - Dept of Justice  
 No entrants  
 Sen Kyrsten Sinema  
 Rep Mike Gallagher  
 Rep Chrissy Houlahan  
 Jason Kearns - US International Trade  
 Commission  
 Carol Spahn - Peace Corps  
 John Morton - Treasury Department  
 Elizabeth Prelogar - Dept of Justice  
 Judge Michael O’Keefe - DC Superior Court  
 Judge Florence Pan - US District Court for DC  
 Jack Butler - National Review  
 Maeve Sheehy - Bloomberg Industry Group  
 Adam Longo - WUSA9-TV  
 Elle Mannion - NPR  
 Rep Mike Gallagher  
 Sen Kyrsten Sinema



## 2022 WINNING TEAMS

1<sup>st</sup> Senate Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate Team  
 1<sup>st</sup> House Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> House Team  
 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Branch Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Branch Team  
 1<sup>st</sup> Print Media Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Print Media Team  
 1<sup>st</sup> Electronic Media Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Electronic Media Team  
 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Team

Hot Mess - Sen Kyrsten Sinema  
 The Miner League - Sen Shelley Moore Capito  
 Le(a)vin The Competition Behind - Rep Mike Levin  
 Not Running For Re-Election - Rep Jim Cooper  
 FTC-Faster Then Competition - Federal Trade  
 Commission  
 Hamilton’s Harriers - Treasury Dept  
 Chronline Learners - Chronicle of Higher Education  
 OmicRUN - Bloomberg Industry Group  
 How I Ran That - NPR  
 It’s Been Quite a Few Minutes - NPR  
 Running is Taxing - US Tax Court - Judge Kerrigan  
 Cool Runnings - US District Court for DC -  
 Judge Chutkan

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAM AWARDS

Overall Team Winner  
 (Richard G. Lugar Award)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Best Named Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Named Team  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Named Team  
 WORST NAMED TEAM  
 1<sup>st</sup> Worst Named Team -  
 (James B Kenin Award)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Worst Named Team  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Worst Named Team

FTC-Faster Then Competition  
 Right to a Speedy Mile - Judge Randolph  
 Moss, US District Ct for DC  
 May it Please the Course - Elizabeth Prelogar,  
 Solicitor General  
 Running Terrified - Jason Kearns, US  
 International Trade Commission; Chair  
 Totebags are our Co-Pilots - Marc Silver  
 Capt; NPR  
 Out of Chrontext - Ron Coddington,  
 Capt; The Chronicle of Higher Education  
 We’re Baaack! No More Peace Corps-antine  
 Carol Spahn, Peace Corps; CEO

## ENHANCED INTERROGATION:

- Did you choose a team name? **(Required for scoring)**
- Is there at least one woman on your team?
- Do you think a DeSantis candidacy would be a wake-up call?  Yes  No
- Do you ever wonder what Title 41 or 43 are?  Yes  No
- ACLI Capital Challenge Jeopardy (answers below)
  - a. Who landed in the Tidal Basin in 1974?
  - b. What famous singer got her start on The Hill upstairs at Mr. Henry’s?
  - c. What happened to Jimmy Carter at Camp David in September 1979?
  - d. Who took the only pictures in existence?
- Answers

a. Tommy Foxe; b. Roberta Flack; c. Collapsed midway through a 10k; d. Our race announcer, Phil Stewart.

Director:

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**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 23, 2023**  
**(By April 6 to avoid late fee)**



## NATIONAL SERVICE

If you can’t run, or if you have a loved one or officemate who wants to feel needed, have them volunteer to help out early race morning. Volunteers are needed to look admiringly as VIP’s finish and for a myriad of other critical roles. They earn commemorative t-shirts, and the lucky ones get to have famous people perspire on them. Sign up at

[www.capitalchallenge.com](http://www.capitalchallenge.com) by May 4.

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson