

## Letter From Race Director

Please join us for the 42<sup>nd</sup> ACLI Capital Challenge, one of Washington's storied events.

On Super Wednesday, May 15, put aside talk of filibusters, cancel culture, the 2024 elections, and motions to vacate, 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, Allianz, Athene, Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, Brighthouse Financial, Canada Life Re, Corebridge Financial, Global Atlantic Financial Group, Global Life, Guardian, Hannover Life Reassurance Company of America, Invariant, Jackson National, John Hancock, Lincoln Financial, M Financial Group, MassMutual, MetLife, New York Life, OneAmerica, Pacific Life, Penn Mutual, Primerica, Principal Financial Group, Protective Life, Prudential, RGA, Royal Neighbors, Sammons Financial, Security Benefit, Security Mutual Life Insurance, Swiss Re, Symetra, Thrivent Financial, Transamerica Corporation, Unum, USAA, and our media sponsor CQ Roll Call, we promise another great event.

Since 1981, the race has been a steppingstone for the careers 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. Still more were appointed to other high-level executive branch positions or left Washington to get a taste of reality.

So, 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 or have Chat GPT do it and vie for the Best or Worst name. Or aim for 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 15. Help promote fitness and raise funds for Junior Achievement and their programs which give young people the knowledge and skill to plan for the future and make smart academic and economic choices.

Sincerely,

Jeff Darman  
Director



Talk about the race on X (formerly 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 15, 2024



**TO BENEFIT**

## Junior Achievement USA

The ACLI Capital Challenge® is an invitational race for participants 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 4.4 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.

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## 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 or web journalist.

## ~~Gender Equity, Quotas, Goals~~

Teams must have five runners, and **at least one 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.

## 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 an editor with a magazine, newspaper, website, etc. (i.e. a 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

The race is limited to the first 145 teams that enter. The number of teams from any one government entity or corporation (media) is 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.



## Site:

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

## Time:

8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

## Balanced Budget:

Teams can enter online at <https://capitalchallenge.com>. Entry fee is \$150 per team (\$30.00 for each runner) until April 4, \$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 21, 2024. 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.*

## 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

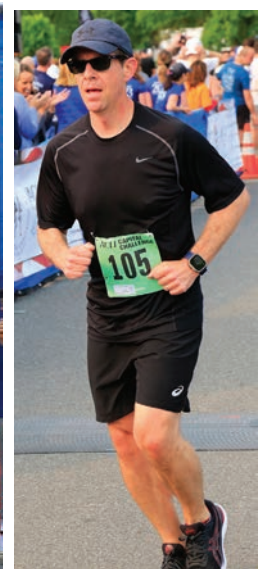
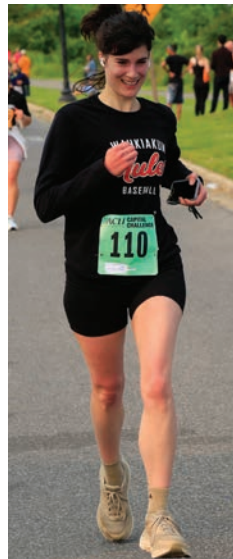
Best Team Name  
James B. Kenin Award for Worst Team Name

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.



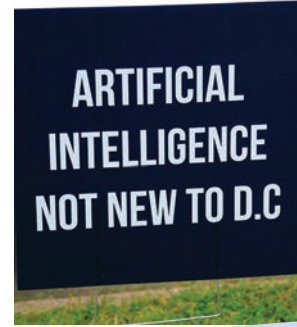
## Registration

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



## 2023 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Male – Overall                 | Nathan Bickell - DC Superior Court                                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Female – Overall               | Emma Kumer - Washington Post                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Senator – Male                 | Sen. Raphael Warnock   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Senator – Female               | Sen. Kyrsten Sinema  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Representative – Male          | Rep. Mike Gallagher  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Representative – Female        | Rep. Chrissy Houlahan  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub-Cabinet – Male             | Daniel Koh - The White House                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub-Cabinet – Female           | Megan Barbero - (SEC)  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Federal Judge – Male           | Judge Michael O’Keefe - DC Superior Court                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Federal Judge – Female         | Judge Florence Pan - U..S Court of Appeals, DC Circuit             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Print Journalist – Male        | Jonathan Tamari - We Bury the Lede(ers) - Bloomberg Industry Group |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Print Journalist – Female      | Emma Kumer - The Washington Post                                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Electronic Journalist – Male   | Grady Trimble - Fox News   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Electronic Journalist – Female | Sandra Smith - Fox News  |
| Fastest Overall Member of Congress (Male)      | Rep. Mike Gallagher  |
| Fastest Overall Member of Congress (Female)    | Sen. Kyrsten Sinema  |



## 2023 WINNING TEAMS

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Senate Team           | Moonshiners - Sen. Joe Manchin   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Senate Team           | Hot Mess - Sen. Kyrsten Sinema   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> House Team            | Livin', Laughin', Levin - Rep. Mike Levin                                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> House Team            | Run Free or Die - Rep. Chris Pappas  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Executive Branch Team | FBI Don't Move, Run! - FBI   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Executive Branch Team | Ministry for the Future - The White House                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Print Media Team      | It Speeds it Ledes - The Washington Post                                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Print Media Team      | Newsprinters - The Washington Post   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Electronic Media Team | Officially Running - Fox News  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Electronic Media Team | Not Here to PR Today - NPR   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Judicial Team         | Running Circuit - Justice Brett Kavanaugh - U.S. Supreme Court             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial Team         | Learned Feet - Judge Raymond Chen - U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit |



## 2023 SPECIAL TEAM AWARDS

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| Overall Team Winner (Richard G. Lugar Award)             | It Speeds it Ledes - The Washington Post        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Best Named Team                          | Rev on the Run (Sen. Raphael Warnock)           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Best Named Team                          | A Vox on Both Your Houses (Rebecca Leber - Vox) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Best Named Team                          | The Naked Shorts (Megan Barber - SEC)           |
| WORST NAMED TEAM   |   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Worst Named Team – (James B Kenin Award) | Memory Laps (CC Gachet - AARP)                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Worst Named Team                         | Urgent Breaking Shews (Adam Longo - WUSA9-TV)   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Worst Named Team                         | Titanium Hipsters (Vanessa Camozzi - AARP)      |




### ENHANCED INTERROGATION:

- Did you choose a team name? **(Required for scoring)**
- Is there at least one woman on your team?  Yes  No
- Remember when Breaking News on CNN was Breaking News?  Yes  No
- Is Washington often the best example of Artificial Intelligence?  Yes  No
- Remember when Apple was just a fruit?  Yes  No

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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 21, 2024  
**(By April 4 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 VIPs 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 2.