

Promoting Principles of Democracy

# May 21-24, 2023

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#### **Learning Objectives**

- ♦ To increase students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility.
- ♦ To improve student understanding of the framework through which public policy is determined in New York State.
- ♦ To enhance student understanding of the roles of various forces seeking to impact New York State legislation and policy development, enactment and change.
- To demonstrate to the student the value of their vote.
- ♦ To promote an increased understanding of New York State's legislative process through legislative shadowing experiences.
- ♦ To promote civic participation as a lifelong process.



"The most important political office is that of the private citizen."

Louis D. Brandeis

As an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Louis Dembitz Brandeis (1856-1941) tried to reconcile the developing powers of modern government and society with the maintenance of individual liberties and opportunities for personal development.



# SUNDAY, May 21

TIME	ACTIVITY
2:00-5:00	Registration/Hotel Room Assignments
5:30-6:00	Welcome and Agenda Overview Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director League of Women Voters of New York State (LWVNYS)
6:15	Dinner
7:00 – 8:00	How Does New York State Government Work? Erica Smitka, LWVNYS Legislative Director
8:30 – 10:45	Hospitality Room
11:00	BED CHECK

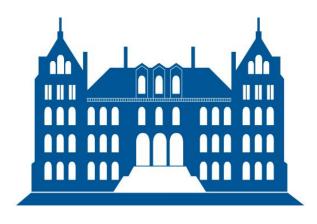
### MONDAY, May 22

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:00-8:30	Breakfast in the Lobby
8:30	Meet in Hotel Lobby
9:00-10:00	Tour of NYS Capitol
10:30-11:30	<ul> <li>Tips for Being a Successful Citizen Lobbyist         Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director, LWVNYS         With Special Guests:         <ul> <li>Assemblymember John McDonald                  Democrat, NYS Assembly District 108                  Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assemblymember Mary Beth Walsh         <ul> <li>Republican, NYS Assembly District 112</li> <li>Fulton, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assemblymember Patricia Fahy         <ul> <li>Democrat, NYS Assembly District 109</li> <li>Albany County</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:30-12:15	Lunch
12:30	Meet by Front Doors of Hotel; Walk to Court of Appeals
1:00-1:45	Role of the Court in Policy Making Gary Spencer, Public Information Officer NYS Court of Appeals
2:00-5:00	SHADOW ASSEMBLY
6:15-7:00	Dinner and Speaker
7:00-8:30	<ul> <li>Media Panel</li> <li>Maysoon Khan, Reporter, Associated Press</li> <li>Marie French, Reporter, Politico</li> </ul>
8:30 – 10:30	Hospitality Room
11:00	BED CHECK

## TUESDAY, May 23

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:00-8:45	Breakfast in the Lobby
9:00 – 11:30	<ul> <li>Political Activism: How Citizens Make a Difference</li> <li>Rebecca Garrard, (Group A, then Group B)         Legislative Director,         Citizen Action New York     </li> </ul>
	• Blair Horner (Group B, then Group A)  Executive Director,  NY Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00	Meet in Hotel Lobby
2:00 - 5:00	SHADOW SENATE
5:15	Meet at the North End of the Concourse
6:15 – 7:00	Dinner
7:00-8:30	<ul> <li>Running for Office</li> <li>David R. DeCancio, Bethlehem Town Board Member</li> <li>Meghan Keegan, Albany Common Council, Ward 9 Representative</li> </ul>
8:35	Meet in Hotel Lobby
9:00-10:30	Bowling
11:00	BED CHECK

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:30	BREAKFAST ROOM Bring Suitcase to the Meeting Room
9:00-10:00	How Does NYS Government WorkFinal Question and Answer Period  Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director  League of Women Voters of New York State (LWVNYS)
10:00-10:30	Voter Registration Nancy Rosenthal, VP for Voter Services League of Women Voters of New York State (LWVNYS)
10:30-11:15	Recognition Ceremony
11:30	Boxed Lunch



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