

US Student Advocacy Days: Preliminary Program

Training the Next Generation of Advocates

Scholars at Risk's annual event, US Student Advocacy Days, brings students and faculty from SAR's Student Advocacy Seminars from across the United States together for training on best practices in advocacy on behalf of imprisoned scholars. This year's event will take place **March 29-30, 2023**, hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Washington, DC, where students will meet with Members of Congress regarding these cases. **Pre-registration for all events is required.** For more information, contact: adam.braver@nyu.edu.

PROGRAM (Subject to Change)

DATE	EVENT
<p>January - February 2023</p>	<p>PRE-EVENT: MATERIALS & PRE-RECORDED VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Pre-Meeting Checklist <i>Review materials on how to develop strategies before your meetings—such as a fact sheet, guidance on what to ask for in meetings, etc.—and steps for seeking meetings with officials.</i></p> <p>Videos <i>Short videos will be available to help you prepare for your advocacy efforts.</i></p>
<p>February 2023</p>	<p>PRE-EVENT: SUBMIT LIST OF MEETINGS</p> <p><i>Faculty are asked to send a list of students planning to travel to DC, as well as confirmed meetings and times. Following receipt, introductory email will be sent to participants with similar connections and/or meetings.</i></p>
<p>Wed., March 29, 2023</p>	<p>PLENARY: PREPARING FOR YOUR MEETINGS</p> <p><i>Student Advocacy Seminars present on cases and participate in workshops to prepare for Hill meetings.</i></p> <p>Location: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 1200 New York Ave NW, Washington, DC 20005</p> <p>9:30 AM: Coffee and check-in</p> <p>10:00 - 10:15 AM: Welcome</p> <p>10:15 - 10:45 AM: Student teams introduce themselves and formally present their cases to conference participants</p> <p>10:45 - 11:30 AM: Expectations for Hill visits on Day 2, including goals, best practice reminders (from note taking to using social media), logistics</p> <p>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: SAR presentation on the value of the Student Advocacy Seminars' advocacy efforts</p> <p>12:00 - 1:00 PM: Lunch with NGO partners</p> <p>1:00 - 2:20 PM: Breakout meeting with students on same cases/regions</p>

	<p>2:20 - 2:40 PM: Break</p> <p>2:40 - 3:40 PM: Keynote</p> <p>3:40 - 4:00 PM: Closing and reminders for Day 2</p>
<p>Thurs., March 30, 2023</p>	<p>STUDENT ADVOCACY DAY ON THE HILL <i>Student Advocacy Seminars meet with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, as well as with NGOs and civil society partners who have expertise in the cases of concern.</i></p> <p>9:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Students take their pre-arranged meetings on the Hill. SAR staff will be at AAAS at all times to assist and debrief.</p> <p>PLENARY: NEXT STEPS</p> <p>2:00 - 2:45 PM: Breakout teams from Day 1 regroup and collectively develop follow-up plans and strategies</p> <p>2:45 - 3:00 PM: Break</p> <p>2:45 - 3:30 PM: Groups report to full session, sharing and workshopping next step ideas</p> <p>3:30 - 4:00 PM: Full group advocacy action</p>