**Keynote Speakers**

**Governor Ed Rendell (Thursday, May 16)** After 34 years of public service, including 24 years as an elected official, Governor Rendell continues to pursue many of the same issues he was passionate about while serving. His commitment to making America a cleaner, more efficient country, and to fostering investment in our nation’s crumbling infrastructure is as strong as it has ever been. Rendell has become a champion for progress in the area of alternative energy, and now serves as a consultant or board member for several green and alternative energy firms, including Own Energy and The Efficiency. Before serving as Mayor, Rendell was elected District Attorney of Philadelphia for two terms from 1978 through 1985. Rendell also served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee during the 2000 Presidential election. He currently sits on several boards, supports multiple non-profit organizations, and teaches government and politics at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Craig Snyder (Friday, May 17)** After a career in government, and being the founder and CEO of a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs consultancy, Craig Snyder returned to his hometown to lead the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. Craig was confirmed in December 2012 as the Council’s President and CEO, overseeing the region’s premier educational organization dedicated to fostering public understanding of national and international policy issues. Snyder began his career at the Council more than thirty years ago, but left to pursue politics—as a candidate for United States Congress, Chief of Staff to Senator Arlen Specter, a lobbyist and a political consultant. Craig’s knowledge of legislative and foreign affairs, coupled with his passion for promoting civil discourse, provide the ideal set of qualifications for advancing the organization to the next level of success.

**2019 Global Leadership Seminar for High School Students**

*The Rise of Political Populism*

*July 8—12, 2019*

The 2019 Summer Global Leadership Seminar, a week-long summer institute brings together high school students from across the Philadelphia region. Students will explore, discuss, and debate the global rise of populism and will hear from experts, policymakers, and academics on the topic. The program will feature debates, a “crisis simulation,” lectures from academics, and culminates with a trip to Washington D.C. Participants can expect to explore the rise of both left-wing and right-wing populism in countries around the world including recent examples in Venezuela and Italy, among others. Students will explore the contexts and cultures of these unique case studies and will apply that knowledge to current trends in America and abroad. Visit [https://www.wacphila.org/education](https://www.wacphila.org/education) for more information.
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Delco Homeschoolers — Aston, Pennsylvania
Haddonfield Friends School — Haddonfield, New Jersey
Haddonfield Middle School—Haddonfield, New Jersey
Helen Fort/Newcomb Middle School — Pemberton, New Jersey
Immaculate Heart of Mary School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy — Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Jenkintown ES/Middle School—Jenkintown, Pennsylvania
Media-Providence Friends School — Media, Pennsylvania
Our Lady of Mercy Regional Catholic School — Maple Glen, Pennsylvania
Penn Alexander School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
School District of Springfield Township Middle School — Oreland, Pennsylvania
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AMY Northwest — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Blessed Trinity Catholic School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bunker Hill Middle School — Sewell, New Jersey
Chestnut Ridge Middle School — Sewell, New Jersey
GESU School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Global Leadership Academy Charter School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Green Woods Charter School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Hope Partnership for Education — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
J. R. Fugett Middle School — West Chester, Pennsylvania
Orchard Valley Middle School — Sewell, New Jersey
Peirce Middle School — West Chester, Pennsylvania
Rosa International Middle School — Cherry Hill, New Jersey
Saint Dominic School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Shawmont School — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
St. Aloysius Academy — Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Stetson Middle School — West Chester, Pennsylvania
The Haverford School — Haverford Pennsylvania
Tredyffrin-Easttown Middle School — Berwyn, Pennsylvania
Valley Forge Middle School — Wayne, Pennsylvania

**Committee Topics**

**Ending Forced Labor**

Forced labor, also commonly referred to as modern day slavery, is the practice by which men, women, and children are employed and forced to work against their will with fear of facing severe punishment if they do not comply. Forced labor encompasses traditional practices of slavery and slave-like practices, various forms of debt bondage, as well as new forms of forced labor that have emerged in recent decades, such as human trafficking. Money and financial gain is the primary motivation behind forced labor, generating annual profits of $150 billion USD. Although forced labor is a worldwide issue, it is disproportionately concentrated in the Asia and Pacific regions with 11 million people (more than half of the forced laborers in the world) impacted. Forced labor is a violation of human rights, with its root causes grounded in global poverty, migration, corruption, and a seemingly endless demand for cheap goods.

**Providing Clean and Affordable Energy for All**

The world is at a defining moment in terms of energy use and climate change. Humans' reliance on fossil fuels has had an increasingly negative impact on the environment and human health. The effects of climate change pose a continuous threat to ecosystems, peoples, societies, and the international community as a whole. Today, energy accounts for about 60% of total greenhouse gas emissions. Global efforts to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and move toward clean energy have gained momentum, especially in the past decade. In 2015, renewable energy made up 17.5% of all energy consumption in the world. Providing clean and affordable energy for more of the world's population can help to improve standards of living by ensuring greater access to education, medical services, and the improvement of infrastructure. Its implementation can create a cleaner environment, leading people toward healthier and more productive lives.
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  Ending Forced Labor – Committee 2:
  Room 745 (7th Floor), Alter Hall  
  Co-chairs: Julia Liebell-McLean & Mary Kate McNaught
  Providing Clean and Affordable Energy for All – Committee 1:
  Room 702 (7th Floor), Alter Hall  
  Co-chairs: Adam Liebell-McLean & Jae Song
  Providing Clean and Affordable Energy for All – Committee 2:
  Room 114 (1st Floor), Speakman Hall  
  Co-chairs: Grant King & Anthony Williams

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