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## HUNDREDS OF YOUNG AMERICANS TO BE HONORED BY CONGRESS FOR PERSONAL & CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Arguably the busiest quarter in recent memory, spring 2016 is shaping up to be an unprecedented display of recognition for America’s young achievers.

In the month of April alone, every Sunday afternoon is booked with a different city playing host to a Congressional Award ceremony. These events bring together a ‘coalition of good’ - youth and their families, Members of Congress, community leaders, local news personalities, and corporate leaders – all for the purpose of celebrating the inspiring journeys of young people who have empowered their communities and discovered their own abilities.



## UPCOMING CEREMONY SCHEDULE

### 4/3 | FLORIDA’S 18TH DISTRICT

**Congressman Patrick Murphy (FL18)** to honor 85 youth from Martin, Palm Beach, & St. Lucie Counties. The event at Eissey Campus Theatre is sponsored by **Florida Power & Light Company, Florida Blue, and JM Family Enterprises.**

### 4/10 | PENNSYLVANIA STATEWIDE

100 youth, including participants in Migrant Education program to be awarded by **Congressman Brendan Boyle (PA13)**. Our host is Temple University’s Science & Research Center in Philadelphia.

### 4/17 | MISSISSIPPI STATEWIDE

40 Medalists will be recognized in the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson. **Congressman Gregg Harper (MS03)** will present. Serving as the event’s title sponsor is the **Foundation for Mississippi 4-H.**

### 4/24 | WYOMING STATEWIDE

Medalists from one of the two “founding states” of the program will be honored at an annual ceremony at Little America in Cheyenne. **Senator Mike Enzi, Senator John Barrasso, & Congresswoman Cynthia Lummis (WY00)** are the guests of honor.

### 5/15 | MISSOURI STATEWIDE

The Missouri State Council is helping to coordinate a presentation in St. Louis. **Edward Jones** will host the event. **Congressman Lacy Clay (MO01)** will honor the youth in his state.

### 6/16 | GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

The Annual Gold Medal Ceremony will take place in the Cannon Caucus Room and Ronald Reagan Building. This year has yielded the largest class of Medalists in the program’s history. See our growing list of Gold Medalists [here](#).

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The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress’ only charity and the highest honor bestowed upon a young person through the Senate and House. Established as a public-private partnership by Congress in 1979 under Public Law 96-114, the program is noncompetitive and open to young people ages 14-23, regardless of mental or physical challenges, or socioeconomic status. The Congressional Award enables participants to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character, and foster community service, personal development, and citizenship.