



COLORADO CAPITAL CONFERENCE

June 13-15, 2023 • Washington, D.C.

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U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper (D-CO)

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Final Conference Agenda

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Attendee Registration

Location: The George Hotel, Inspiration Room

5:00 p.m.

Meet to Walk to Welcome Reception

Location: The George Hotel Lobby

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5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception, Guests Welcome
(Beer, Wine and Light Appetizers Provided)

Location: Kennedy Caucus Room (SR-325)

Hosted by: *Senator Michael Bennet*
Senator John Hickenlooper
President John Marshall, Colorado Mesa University
Chancellor Tony Frank, Colorado State University
President Todd Saliman, University of Colorado

Co-hosted by the Colorado Congressional Delegation:

Representative Jason Crow
Representative Ken Buck
Representative Diana DeGette
Representative Yadira Caraveo
Representative Doug Lamborn
Representative Joe Neguse
Representative Lauren Boebert
Representative Brittany Pettersen

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Remarks

7:00 pm-8:00 p.m.

Senate Floor/Gallery with U.S. Senators Bennet & Hickenlooper



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Wednesday, June 14, 2023

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Late Registration

Location: The George Hotel Lobby

7:45 a.m.

Meet to Walk to the United States Capitol Visitor's Center

Location: The George Hotel Lobby

8:05 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

Walk to United States Capitol Visitor's Center Entrance

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8:20 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Capitol Visitor's Center Rm 203-02

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session One

8:45 a.m.

Opening Remarks by our University Hosts

8:45 a.m. *President John Marshall, CMU*

8:50 a.m. *Chancellor Tony Frank, CSU*

8:55 a.m. *President Todd Saliman, CU*

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper

9:30 a.m.

Brian Schwalb, Attorney General of the District of Columbia

10:00 a.m.

Gen. David Thompson, Vice Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force

10:20 a.m.

Dawn Buth, Director for Government Relations, NCAA

10:40 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.

Nicola Fox, Assoc. Admin. for the Science Mission Directorate, NASA

11:15 a.m.

Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)

11:45 p.m.

Walk to lunch



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12:00 p.m.

Keynote Lunch

Location: SH-216

12:30 p.m.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

12:45 p.m.

*Jennifer Bachus, Prin. Dep. Asst. Sec., Bureau of
Cyberspace and Digital Policy, U.S. State Dept.*

1:00 p.m.

Walk to afternoon sessions

1:30– 4:30 p.m.

Session Two

Location: Capitol Visitor's Center Rm 203-02

1:30 p.m.

Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)

2:00 p.m.

Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA)

2:30 p.m.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA)

3:00 p.m.

Break with refreshments

3:15 p.m.

*Jon Fansmith, Sr. VP for Government Relations,
American Council on Education*

3:45 p.m.

Caitlyn Kim, Reporter, CO Public Radio

4:15 p.m.

*Shelley Lowe, Chair, National Endowment for the
Humanities*

4:30 p.m.

Walk to The George Hotel

5:30 p.m.

Meet to Walk to the Hart Senate Office Building

Location: The George Hotel Lobby

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Evening Banquet, Guests Welcome

Location: SH-902

6:00 p.m.

Cocktails

6:15 p.m.

Senate Majority Leader, Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

6:30 p.m.

Plated Dinner Served



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Breakfast

Location: Capitol Visitor’s Center Rm 209-08

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Session Three

Location: Capitol Visitor’s Center Rm 209-08

9:00 a.m. *Maynard Holliday, Deputy Chief Technology Officer, Department of Defense*

9:30 a.m. *Laurie Locasio, Director, National Institute for Standards and Technology*

10:00 a.m. *Tom Costello, Washington Correspondent, NBC News*

10:30 a.m. *Charles Tahan, Assistant Director for Quantum Information Science and Director of the National Quantum Coordination Office within the White House*

11:00 a.m. *Break*

11:15 a.m. *Matt Owens, President, Council of Governmental Relations*

11:45 a.m.

Walk to Lunch

**Bring all of your belongings*



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Keynote Lunch

Location: SR-325 Kennedy Caucus Room

12:30 p.m. *Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)*

1:00 p.m. *Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL)*

1:30 p.m.

Walk to Senate Steps – Group Photo

2:15 p.m.

Walk to Supreme Court

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Supreme Court Lecture

2:00 p.m. *Arrive*

2:30 p.m. *Briefing with Curator*

3:00 p.m. *Walk back to The George Hotel*

3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Free time/Dinner on your own

6:30 p.m.

Buses arrive at The George Hotel

6:45 p.m.

Load Buses for National Memorials

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Guided Tour of National Memorials, *Guests Welcome/Casual*

7:00 p.m. *Korea/VVM*/Lincoln Memorial with Triangle Ranger*

9:00 p.m. *Load buses and depart for The George Hotel*

9:30 p.m. *Arrive at The George Hotel*

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*Vietnam Veterans Memorial