



# COLORADO CAPITAL CONFERENCE

June 13-15, 2023 • Washington, D.C.

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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*

**-END-**

\*Vietnam Veterans Memorial