

2019-2020 ACS Student Chapters Model Calendar

The ACS National Office will assist your chapter's efforts by providing substantive, financial and administrative support whenever possible. We recommend that chapters primarily focus on constitutional interpretation; host at least one event per month; and promote diversity and inclusion in both chapter programming, invited speakers, co-sponsorships, and membership. Seek co-sponsorship of events with other on-campus organizations to build successful events that both grow your membership and expand diversity and inclusion efforts.

<p>2019</p> <p>April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for spring conference calls with ACS National (for current and next year's chapter leaders, as well as Faculty Advisors) • Use this model calendar to map out your chapter's 2019-2020 agenda—involve your Faculty Advisors • Host a Membership Engagement Table: The incoming executive board tables to promote ACS, take event suggestions for next year, recruit new members, and introduce themselves as the new executive board. • Complete required applications and budgets for school funding and ACS funding • Apply for a scholarship to attend the ACS National Convention and check with your school for funding • Sign up for the ACS summer list to meet ACSers in your summer city! • Send thank you cards to all faculty, staff, admin, etc. who have been helpful to your chapter during the year • 3Ls: Sign up for Young Lawyer membership • 75th anniversary of Smith v. Allwright on April 3rd • 25th anniversary of J.E.B. v. Alabama ex rel T.B. on April 19th
<p>May-July</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Day event (RE: Constitution and foreign policy, military law) • 65th anniversary of Hernandez v. Texas on May 3rd • 20th anniversary of Graham v. Connor on May 15th • 5th anniversary of Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores on June 30th • 45th anniversary of United States v. Nixon on July 24th • Plan 2019-20 events, especially your fall events, and send speaker invitations • 6/6-8: Attend the ACS National Convention in Washington, DC • Attend a lawyer chapter event in your summer city
<p>August</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join or renew your ACS National membership • Welcome kick-off event (topic: State AG/constitutional interpretation/intro to ACS) • Meet with Faculty Advisor(s), SBA, and Dean of Students. Host a welcome event for new faculty members • Complete required applications and budgets for school funding (Don't forget to request funds to attend the 2020 ACS Nat'l Convention and 2020 Spring Student Convention) and ACS funding • Meet with 1Ls (and assign 1L Reps to the board) • Hold board meeting (preferably with Faculty Advisor(s)) to go over activities • 8/26: Women's Equality Day • Meet with ACS student chapter leaders in the area and leaders of progressive organizations at your school (host a progressive potluck) • Membership drive with Faculty Advisor (participate in school's student organization fair)
<p>September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for fall conference call with ACS National • 9/17: 232nd Anniversary of the Constitution/Happy Constitution Day event • Constitution in the Classroom Event • Host an event based on 2019 Program Guide: Progressive Federalism • 9/24 – National Voter Registration Day • Organize efforts to cancel class and promote civic engagement on election day 2020 • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) • Host an event on running for office, including running for judge (see Gavel Gap report), District Attorney, or State AG • Host an event on Judicial Nominations • Host an event on Partisan Gerrymandering
<p>October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a day of service or a volunteer opportunity with your chapter • Event on Voting Rights and Election Administration (see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here) • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Disability Employment Awareness Month • Host event on the role of the State AG • Look for an ACS Regional Convening near you! • Social/Networking event with local lawyer chapter

November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan 2020-2021 events, especially your spring events, and send speaker invitations Event on Immigration Invite a federal judge to speak about the importance of the independent judicial branch Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Native American Heritage Month
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Universal Human Rights Month/Interfaith Month 75th anniversary of Korematsu v. United States on December 18th 55th anniversary of Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States on December 14th 55th anniversary of Katzenbach v. McClung on December 14th
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for an event this semester on the 150th anniversary of the 15th amendment and 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment Meet with Faculty Advisor to go over semester's events & and apply for funding for your spring programming Host an event on state courts, money and politics and the importance of an independent judiciary, which can be tied into Citizens United 10th Anniversary on January 21st Constitutional interpretation event (Choose a topic from Keeping Faith with the Constitution, It is a Constitution We Are Expounding, The Framers' Constitution: Toward a Theory of Principled Constitutionalism, The Constitution in 2020, or Windsor, Shelby County, and the Demise of Originalism: A Personal Account) Elect 2020-2021 year board members Organize a day of service for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (see ACS volunteer opportunities here)
January	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/2: Deadline for Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition 2/9: Deadline for Constance Baker Motley Student Writing Competition Event on First Amendment: ACS First Amendment program guide here Program on mass incarceration (see ideas here) Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Black History Month/150th anniversary of the 15th Amendment (granting African American men the right to vote) Host discussions on Court reform (including court packing); why courts matter; President Trump's attacks on the judiciary; and, examining the lack of independence that immigration courts have.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to attend the 2019 ACS Student Convention! (Location TBA) Host a Membership Engagement Table: The incoming executive board tables to promote ACS, take event suggestions for next year, recruit new members, and introduce themselves as the new executive board. Faculty Advisor meeting w/old & new boards to plan 2019-2020 events and apply for funding How to Become a Clerk - Judicial Clerkship panel (consider asking lawyer chapter members to speak) or How to Become a Judge - Host a local, state or federal judge Host an event on progressive federalism (host the local mayor or member of city council, explore the role of State AGs in protecting & advancing civil rights) Organize an event on Freedom of the Press; See ACS First Amendment program guide here. 3/8: Next Generation Leader and Student Board Member applications due Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Women's History Month 15th anniversary of Roper v. Simmons on March 1st 40th anniversary of Strauder v. West Virginia on March 1st
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted Students Weekend! Welcome new students with a happy hour, meet and greet with ACS board, or "What to expect in law school" presentation. Apply for funding for Fall 2020 semester Event on an ACS issue brief Faculty Dinner (dinner w/ACS students & faculty members) Sign up for spring conference calls with ACS National (for current and next year's chapter leaders, as well as Faculty Advisors) Apply for a scholarship to attend the ACS National Convention and check with your school for funding End of the Year Happy Hour (include Faculty Advisor, Lawyer Chapter & alums). Have an attorney speak on why it's important to remain engaged with ACS during summers (networking) and after graduation Let ACS National know where you will be for the summer & post-graduation here.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social event with local lawyer chapter Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Asian Pacific American Month Renew student membership or (for 3Ls) sign up for young lawyer membership Constitution in the Classroom event on Law Day, May 1st Send thank you cards to all faculty, admin, staff, etc. who have been helpful throughout the year Host an event on How to Write an Op-Ed or other ways to engage with media
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/11-13: ACS National Convention in Washington, DC Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Gay/Lesbian Pride Month 10th anniversary of McDonald v. Chicago on June 28th 5th anniversary of Obergefell v. Hodges on June 26th 25th anniversary of Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Peña
July-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are in a different city for the summer, please let ACS know here. We'd love for you to engage with our local lawyer chapter. 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment on August 18th (granting women the right to vote)