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ACS Student Chapters Model Calendar for the 2012-2013 Academic Year

The ACS National Office will assist your chapter's efforts by providing substantive, financial and administrative support whenever possible. To that end, we have developed this calendar of suggested activities and important dates throughout the year. We recommend that chapters focus on expanding chapter membership through their events. Although what is most effective will vary from city to city and state to state, chapters should host at least one event per month. Some events may involve a single speaker; others might involve panel discussions or debates. Social/networking events are also included in the calendar. Additionally, ACS is committed to promoting diversity through its student chapters. Programming should be planned with the goal of appealing to a diverse audience, both through the content of the program and the invited speakers. Finally, your chapter should seek co-sponsorship of events with other organizations at your school to build successful events that help to grow membership and expand diversity efforts (e.g., ACLU, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, women's/GLBT /disability /diverse student groups).

August - September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for Fall conference call with ACS National Student Chapters • Meet with Faculty Advisor • Meet with Dean of Students • Complete required applications and budgets for school funding (including request for funding to ACS June Nat'l Convention & March Nat'l Student Convention) and ACS funding • Meet with 1Ls (and assign 1L Reps to the board) • Hold board meeting (preferably with Faculty Advisor) to go over year's activities • Meet with ACS student chapter leaders in the area and leaders of progressive organizations at your school • Welcome kick-off event (topic: constitutional interpretation/intro to ACS) • Social/Networking event with local lawyer chapter • Membership drive with Faculty Advisor (participate in school's student organization fair) • Join ACS National
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for Fall conference call with ACS National Student Chapters • 9/17: 225th Anniversary of the Constitution/Happy Constitution Day event • 9/25: National Voter Registration Day • Sign up for Election Protection, ALICE, and other hands-on initiatives • Constitution in the Classroom Event • National security event (around September 11th) • Host an event based on Fall 2012 Program Guide • Faculty lunch with 1Ls • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept.15th—Oct.15th)
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCOTUS Term Preview—Why Courts Matter • Progressive career panel • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Disability Employment Awareness Month/LGBT History Month
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program on immigration • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Native American Heritage Month
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday happy hour with other progressive groups or local ACS student and lawyer chapters • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Universal Human Rights Month/Interfaith Month

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join ACS National • Meet with Faculty Advisor to go over semester's events & and apply for funding • Host <i>Citizens United</i> event (3rd Anniversary on 1/21/2013) • Host <i>Roe v Wade</i> event (40th Anniversary on 1/22/2013) • Constitutional interpretation event (Choose a topic from a chapter in Keeping Faith with the Constitution, It is a Constitution We Are Expounding or The Constitution in 2020)
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host an event on Shelby County v. Holder • Elect 2013-2014 year board members • 2/11: Deadline for Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition • 2/22: Deadline for Constance Baker Motley Student Writing Competition • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Black History Month • Host an event on <i>Lawrence v. Texas</i> (10th anniversary is 6/26/13)
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/1-2: ACS Student Convention (at Stanford Law School) • Faculty Advisor meeting w/old & new boards to plan 2013-2014 events and apply for funding • How to Become a Clerk - Judicial Clerkship panel (consider asking lawyer chapter members to speak) • How to Become a Judge - Host a local, state, or federal judge • Progressive lawyering panel • 3/18: 50th Anniversary of <i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> event (host an event based on Spring 2013 Program Guide) • 3/22: Next Generation Leaders and Student Board Member applications due • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Women's History Month
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for funding for Fall 2013 semester • Event on an ACS issue brief • Faculty Dinner (dinner w/ACS students & faculty members) • Sign up for Spring conference calls with ACS National Student Chapters (for current and next year's chapter leaders, as well as Faculty Advisors) • Submit scholarship application for ACS National Convention • 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 Student Chapters know where you will be for the summer & post-graduation. We most likely have a network and events in your area! • Send thank you cards to all faculty, admin, staff, etc. who have been helpful throughout the year
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Day event (RE: Constitution and foreign policy, military law) • Social event with local lawyer chapter • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Asian Pacific American Month • Renew Student Membership or (for 3Ls) Sign up for Lawyer Chapter Membership • Constitution in the Classroom Event • Send thank you cards to all faculty, admin, staff, etc. who have been helpful throughout the year
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/13-15: Annual ACS Convention in Washington, DC • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Gay/Lesbian Pride Month
July-August	<p>If you are in the Washington DC area for the summer, please let Student Chapters know here. We'd love for you to stop by the office to say hello, and we can keep you posted on local events.</p>