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Summit at a Glance

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

All meetings take place at the Marriott Marquis Hotel unless otherwise noted.

Meeting times and sessions are subject to change.

*Tickets or Package Required

**Advance Registration Required

***Please check the ACCT NLS app for the location.

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
ACCT Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Registration

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
New Trustee Academy**

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Advocacy Leadership Academy**

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
CCAIE Meeting

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
**AACC/ACCT Executive
Committees Meeting**

(invitation only)

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
**State, Province, and Territory
Coordinators Network Meeting**

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
**ACCT Regional Nominating
Committees Meeting**

(invitation only)

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

7:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Registration

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
General Sessions

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
**Community College
Priorities Session**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
**Roundtable Seminar for
Community College Lawyers**

12:30 PM – 2:15 PM
General Session Luncheon*

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
**Student Trustee Advisory
Committee Meeting and
Student Advocacy Workshop**

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**ACCT Advisory Committee of
Presidents Meeting**

(invitation only)

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Policy Sessions

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**ACCT Constituency
Group Meetings**

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Search Services: Best Practices
and Services Offered**

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

**Rural on the Rocks and
State Receptions**

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

National Capital Reception

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 10**

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Registration

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

State Breakfast Meetings

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

General Session

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Corporate Council Roundtable
Meeting (invitation only)**

MORNING + AFTERNOON

**Visits to House, Senate, and
Executive Branch Offices**

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Community College
Congressional Forum*****

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Capital Awards Banquet*

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 11**

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

General Session Breakfast*

**Morning + Afternoon
Visits to House, Senate, and
Executive Branch Offices**



Helpful Information

TICKETS FOR MEALS

Tickets are required for the General Session Luncheon (Monday), Capital Awards and Entertainment Banquet (Tuesday), and the General Session Breakfast (Wednesday).

If you have not purchased tickets in advance and wish to attend, you may purchase tickets at the Summit Registration Desk. If you have purchased a registration package, your badge will have a stamp in lieu of separate paper tickets.

BADGES

During the sessions, please wear your badge as a courtesy to fellow registrants and as an indication that your registration has been completed. It is not advisable to wear your badge away from the hotel except during Capitol Hill visits.

EVALUATION FORMS

Evaluation forms can be filled out electronically via the ACCT App. Please fill out the forms on the App before or shortly after the close of the Summit. Please ask any ACCT staff for help if any issues with the evaluation forms arise.

TRAVELING AROUND DC

A map of Capitol Hill can be found near the back of this program. Maps of the Summit hotel floor plan can be found in the ACCT App.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SUBWAY (METRO) FROM HOTEL

The Marriott Marquis is in close proximity to two Metro stations:

Mount Vernon Square / Convention Center

at intersection of M Street and 7th Street, NW (0.3 miles)

Gallery Place / Chinatown

at intersection of G Street and 9th Street, NW (0.4 miles)





SUBWAY DIRECTIONS TO THE SENATE SIDE

From Mount Vernon Square / Convention Center take a Yellow or Green Line train in the direction of Huntington or Branch Avenue, and transfer at Gallery Place / Chinatown to the Red Line.

Once at Gallery Place / Chinatown (either by walking or transferring trains), take the Red Line in the direction of Glenmont to Union Station.

Exit at Union Station via Massachusetts Avenue.

At the top of the escalators, turn toward the rear and you will be facing the Capitol. Go left, and walk around Union Station Circle to First Street, NE.

Proceed south two blocks to the intersection of First and C Streets, NE. The Russell Senate Office Building is on the southwest corner at the intersection.

The Dirksen Senate Office Building is on the southeast corner. The Hart Senate Office Building adjoins the Dirksen Building. (See map inside this program or in the ACCT App).

SUBWAY DIRECTIONS TO THE HOUSE SIDE

From Mount Vernon Square / Convention Center take a Green or Yellow Line train in the direction of Huntington or Branch Avenue, and transfer at L'Enfant Plaza to the Orange, Blue, or Silver Line.

From Gallery Place / Chinatown take a Green or Yellow Line train in the direction of Huntington or Branch Avenue, and transfer at L'Enfant Plaza to the Orange, Blue, or Silver Line.

Once at L'Enfant Plaza, take the Orange, Blue, or Silver Line in the direction of New Carrollton or Largo Town Center.

Exit at Capitol South Station.

After you leave the Metro station, keep walking in the direction you exited (up the hill on First Street, SE), one block to Independence Avenue.

The Cannon House Office Building is on the corner of Independence and First Streets, SE.

The Longworth House Office Building is one block west on Independence Avenue. The Rayburn House Office Building is two blocks west. (See map inside this program or in the ACCT App).

FEATURED

SPEAKERS



NICHOLAS KENT

Under Secretary of Education,
U.S. Department of Education

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 9

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

NICHOLAS KENT was sworn in as the 15th Under Secretary of Education on August 4, 2025, following his nomination by President Donald J. Trump and confirmation by the U.S. Senate. A first-generation college graduate with more than two decades of experience in education policy, Kent serves as the nation's top federal official for higher education. In this role, he oversees postsecondary education, career and technical education, adult education, and federal student aid programs, including the \$1.6 trillion federal loan portfolio and the Pell Grant program.

Kent is responsible for advancing the Administration's higher education agenda, including efforts to reduce college costs, simplify student loan repayment, expand workforce training opportunities, and strengthen accountability to ensure postsecondary programs deliver value for students and taxpayers. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Education, Kent served as Deputy Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia, where he led initiatives to improve affordability, expand career pathways, and increase transparency across higher education institutions.



MANU RAJU

Senior Congressional Correspondent, CNN

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

12:30 PM – 2:15 PM

MANU RAJU is a senior congressional correspondent at CNN, covering Capitol Hill and campaign politics. Raju is a veteran reporter in Washington, having previously served as a top Capitol Hill correspondent at *Politico* for seven years. Prior to his time at *Politico*, Raju reported for *The Hill* newspaper, *Congressional Quarterly* and *Inside Washington Publishers*. Raju spends most of his time in the halls of the Capitol, where he interviews lawmakers about the major issues of the day. He has a reputation as a reporter who can find out what politicians are privately discussing out of the public's view.

Raju has won multiple journalism awards for his reporting on the major battles consuming Washington and his coverage of campaign politics. In 2012, Raju was part of a team of four reporters who won the White House Correspondents Association's prestigious Merriman Smith Award for Presidential Reporting Under Deadline Pressure for their coverage of the debt ceiling crisis.

SCHEDULE OF

EVENTS



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Meeting: ACCT Board of Directors

Marquis Salon 8, 9, & 10, Meeting Level 2

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration

Marquis Salon 16 & 17, Meeting Level 2

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

New Trustee Academy**

Liberty Salon I, J, K, & L, Meeting Level 4

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Advocacy Leadership Academy**

Liberty Salon M, N, O, & P, Meeting Level 4

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting: CCAE

Silver Linden, 2nd Floor

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Meeting: AACC/ACCT Executive Committees (invitation only)

Marquis Salon 14, Meeting Level 2

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Meeting: State, Province, and Territory Coordinators

George Washington University, Meeting Level 1

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting: Under 45 Caucus

Georgetown University, Meeting Level 1

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

ACCT Regional Nominating Committees Meeting (invitation only)

Central Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 12, Meeting Level 2

Northeast Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 10, Meeting Level 2

Pacific Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 9, Meeting Level 2

Southern Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 8, Meeting Level 2

Western Regional Nominating Committee

Marquis Salon 7, Meeting Level 2

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

7:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Registration

Marquis Salon 16 & 17, Meeting Level 2

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Coffee Service and Pastries

Foyer, Meeting Level 2



MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Opening General Session: Perspectives on the Higher Education Landscape

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

In the past year, the higher education landscape has seen seismic shifts with the restructuring of the U.S. Department of Education, altered federal funding practices, and the modification of decades-long grant programs, to name a few. With this high volume of activity coming out of the federal government, this panel of experts aims to distill the current state of play in higher education and the ramifications of policy-making on community colleges.

CAROL DEL CARLO, Greetings

Chair, ACCT Board of Directors
Regent, Nevada System of Higher
Education, NV

WALT TOBIN, Presiding

Chair, Committee on Public Policy
and Government Relations, AACC
President, Orangeburg-Calhoun
Technical College, SC

JARED C. BASS, Speaker

Senior Vice President for Education,
Center for American Progress

PRESTON COOPER, Speaker

Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

KRISTIN HULQUIST, Speaker

CEO & Founding Partner, HCM Strategists

AMANDA FUCHS MILLER, Speaker

President, Seventh Street Strategies



Please check the ACCT NLS event app
for a complete list of featured speakers
in this session.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

General Morning Session: Fireside Chat

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

PLENARY SPEAKER: NICHOLAS KENT

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JOHN ENAMAIT, Moderator

Chair-Elect, AACC Board of Directors

President, Stanly Community College, NC

NICHOLAS KENT, Speaker

Under Secretary of Education

U.S. Department of Education

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 9

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

General Session: Overview of the 2026 Community College Priorities

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

Concomitant with the National Legislative Summit is the release of the annual federal legislative priorities for community colleges. The priorities overview is an essential session for community college leaders in preparing for advocacy meetings on Capitol Hill.

CARRIE WARICK-SMITH, Speaker

Vice President, Public Policy
ACCT

DAVID BAIME, Speaker

Senior Vice President, Government Relations
AACC

JONATHAN ELKIN, Speaker

Director of Government Relations
ACCT

JIM HERMES, Speaker

Associate Vice President, Government Relations
AACC

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Roundtable Seminar for Community College Lawyers

Georgetown, Meeting Level 1

This highly interactive seminar will cover the latest legal developments of importance to the ongoing operation of community colleges and their boards. Topics to be covered this year include First Amendment litigation brought by faculty and staff against community colleges, and additional community college litigation vulnerabilities in the areas of artificial intelligence/cybersecurity, employment law, Title IX developments, and student athlete issues. Two hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit shall be available for lawyers who attend. CLE credit has been granted in the past in all states requiring CLE.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Meeting: New Jersey Community College Student and Alumni Members (invitation only)

Marquis 12, Meeting Level 2

12:30 PM – 2:15 PM

General Luncheon Session*

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MANU RAJU

Senior Congressional Correspondent, CNN

Manu Raju is a veteran reporter in Washington, having previously served as a top Capitol Hill correspondent at *Politico* for seven years. Raju spends most of his time in the halls of the Capitol, where he interviews lawmakers about the major issues of the day. He has interviewed major political figures on national television, including House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senator John McCain.

DERIONNE P. POLLARD, Greetings

President and CEO, AACCC

JEE HANG LEE, Greetings

President and CEO, ACCT

CAROL DEL CARLO, Presiding

Chair, ACCT Board of Directors

Regent, Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

LEIGH GOODSON, Presiding

Chair, AACCC Board of Directors

President, Tulsa Community College, OK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Federal Funding for Community Colleges: Challenges, Opportunities, and Outlook for FY 27

Liberty Salon M, N, O, & P, Meeting Level 4

Federal funding—for Pell Grants, student aid, institutional aid, competitive grant programs, and dedicated projects—remains an essential source of support for community colleges and the students they serve. After several years of steady, and in some cases significant, increases for key higher education programs, community colleges are now operating in a changed environment shaped by shifting fiscal and political dynamics, as well as disruptions in grant administration at the U.S. Department of Education and other federal agencies.

In this session, budget and appropriations expert Sarah Abernathy will provide an overview of Fiscal Year 2026 federal funding and the emerging outlook for higher education programs in FY 2027, grounding the conversation in what colleges can realistically expect from Congress in the coming years and identifying opportunities to strengthen support for critical programs. Building on this national funding context, campus leaders will also share firsthand experiences with delayed, disrupted, or canceled Department of Education grants and discuss the ripple effects on institutional planning, staffing, partnerships, and student services.

OSCAR VALLADARES, Moderator

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, ACCT
Trustee, Rio Hondo College, CA

CLARISSA COTA, Speaker

Vice President, External Relations and Campus Operations
College of Southern Nevada

SARAH ABERNATHY, Speaker

Executive Director
Committee for Education Funding

MICHAEL MCCARTHY, Speaker

Executive Vice President – CFO/COO
Northern Essex Community College, MA

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Meeting: ACCT Advisory Committee of Presidents (invitation only)

Marquis Salon 7, Meeting Level 2

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Looking Forward to Workforce Pell

Liberty Salon I, J, & K, Meeting Level 4

Now that negotiated rulemakers have agreed to draft Workforce Pell regulations, the picture has grown (somewhat) clearer as to the actions that community colleges should be undertaking to prepare for the launch of the program on July 1. (Hint: states will play a big role.) This session will cover what is in the regulations as of now, what the next steps are in the process, and what they mean for community colleges who hope to avail themselves of this new opportunity.

SUNEM BEATON-GARCIA, Moderator

Chair, Committee on Program Initiatives and
Workforce Training, AACC
President, Chippewa Valley Technical College, WI

JIM HERMES, Speaker

Associate Vice President, Government Relations
American Association of Community Colleges

STEVE VOYTEK, Speaker

Federal Policy Advisor
Advance CTE

CAROLINE TRESCHITTA, Speaker

Senior Government Affairs Manager
National Skills Coalition

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Shifts in Benefits for Community College Students

Liberty Salon L, Meeting Level 4

Addressing student basic needs has long been a pillar for student success. Funding priorities of the current presidential administration have created tangible shifts in federal benefits programs. This panel discussion centers around federal benefits programs that make it possible for students to begin and complete their community college experience and how these programs have been transformed during this current political climate.

TRACY HARTZLER, Moderator

Chair, Committee on Audit and Finance, AACC
President, Central New Mexico Community
College, NM

BRYCE MCKIBBEN, Speaker

Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy
The Hope Center for Student Basic Needs

IRIS PALMER, Speaker

Director, Community Colleges
New America

CARRIE R. WELTON, Speaker

Senior Policy Strategist
Trellis Strategies

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND STUDENT ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

Marquis Salon 9 & 10, Meeting Level 2

This workshop, designed for community college students, will include a presentation from guest speakers featuring community college alumni currently working at the House of Representatives' Chief Administrative Office, who will share information on internship and job opportunities at the House of Representatives. The presentation will be followed up by an interactive training on how student-led advocacy can lead to creating positive change for the community college sector. Student trustees will learn how to utilize research in their advocacy, communicate a clear vision to potential allies, and collaborate on messaging with existing partners.

LYNN TINCHER-LADNER, Speaker

President & CEO

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

NICK MOORE, Speaker

Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Career, Technical, and Adult Education,
U.S. Department of Education

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Search Services: Best Practices and Services Offered

Marquis Salon 8, Meeting Level 2

Because of the transition taking place in executive leadership, it's critical that your board understands today's rapidly changing leadership landscape. Is your board contemplating a search for a new president? Learn how the board and institution can best prepare for a successful CEO transition. This session will cover best practices in designing an open, equitable, and national search process, how to recruit a highly diverse and competitive candidate pool, and what mistakes boards should avoid.

JULIE GOLDER, Moderator

Vice President of Search Services
ACCT

BARBARA GABA, Speaker

President
Atlantic Cape Community College, NJ

CHARLENE DUKES, Speaker

ACCT Consultant

LUKE ROBINS, Speaker

ACCT Consultant

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Meeting: African American Trustees

Georgetown University, Meeting Level 1

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Meeting: Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American Trustees

Gallaudet University, Meeting Level 1

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Meeting: Association of Latino Community College Trustees

George Washington University, Meeting Level 1

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Rural on the Rocks

Cherry Blossom, 2nd Floor

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Reception: Oregon Community College Association

Mount Vernon Square, Meeting Level 3

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Reception: Michigan Delegation

Yardbird East Wing Room

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Reception: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

Marquis Salon 14, Meeting Level 2

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Reception: North Carolina Community College Trustees

Monument, Meeting Level 4

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 9

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Meeting: Illinois Community College Trustees Association Board of Representatives

Marquis Salon 12, Meeting Level 2

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Meeting: ACCT Constituency Groups

Georgetown University, Meeting Level 1

This is a joint meeting of the African American Trustees; Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American Trustees; and Association of Latino Community College Trustees.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

National Capital Reception

Second Level Foyer, 2nd Floor

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TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Registration

Marquis Salon 16 & 17, Meeting Level 2

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Breakfast Meeting: Arizona Association of Community College Trustees

Cherry Blossom, 2nd Floor

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Breakfast Meeting: New York Community College Trustees

Mount Vernon, Meeting Level 3

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Breakfast Meeting: Ohio Delegation

Union Station, Meeting Level 3

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Breakfast Meeting: Texas Association of Community College Trustees

Liberty Salon M, Meeting Level 4

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting: Community College League of California

Liberty Salon L, Meeting Level 4

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting: Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges

Monument, Meeting Level 4

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting: New Jersey Delegation

Silver Linden, 2nd Floor

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting: Washington State Delegation

Chinatown, Meeting Level 3

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

General Session

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

PRETTA VANDIBLE STALLWORTH, Presiding

Chair-Elect, Board of Directors, ACCT

Trustee, Houston City College, TX



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9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Meeting: ACCT Corporate Council Roundtable Meeting (invitation only)

Marquis Salon 12, Meeting Level 2

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Morning & Afternoon Visits to House, Senate, and Executive Branch Offices

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Meeting: LGBTQ+ Caucus

Marquis Salon 13, Meeting Level 2

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting: South Carolina Legislative Luncheon (invitation only)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONGRESSIONAL FORUM

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Please check the ACCT NLS event app for the location.

JOIN US ON CAPITOL HILL as we hear from Members of Congress on their higher education priorities and their vision for community colleges. For a list of speakers, please visit the ACCT NLS Event App.

The location for the Community College Congressional Forum is to be determined. However, should the location for the Forum take place in the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC), please follow these directions for the best and most efficient access to the CVC. The CVC is located at the U.S. Capitol and can be reached via subway, taxi, or ride share app. The closest subway station is the Capitol South station.

The public entrance to the CVC requires security checks and metal detectors that can be more restrictive than those located on the House and Senate Office Buildings. Please be mindful of that as you plan your arrival. Alternatively, if you're already in the House or Senate Office Buildings, you can ask the staff of your U.S. Representative or two Senators to escort you to the CVC through the Capitol tunnels. A Capitol Hill staff escort is required for this option and there is still a security check with metal detectors in this route.

Once you have entered the premises, look for one of the appointment desks. You will be asked to present an ID and be given a temporary badge to enter the meeting rooms.



7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Capital Awards Banquet*

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2

THE GEORGETOWN PHANTOMS A CAPELLA GROUP

Entertainment

CAROL DEL CARLO, Presiding

Chair, ACCT Board of Directors

Regent, Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

LEIGH GOODSON, Presiding

Chair, AACC Board of Directors

President, Tulsa Community College, OK



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2026 NATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AWARD

Presented annually during the National Legislative Summit, this award honors a national leader who has made extraordinary contributions to national public policies and resources that support education, training and post-secondary learning.

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

General Session Breakfast*

Marquis Salon 5 & 6, Meeting Level 2



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CAROL DEL CARLO, Presiding
Chair, ACCT Board of Directors
Regent, Nevada System of Higher
Education, NV

LEIGH GOODSON, Presiding
Chair, AACC Board of Directors
President, Tulsa Community College, OK

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Morning & Afternoon Visits to House, Senate, and Executive Branch Offices



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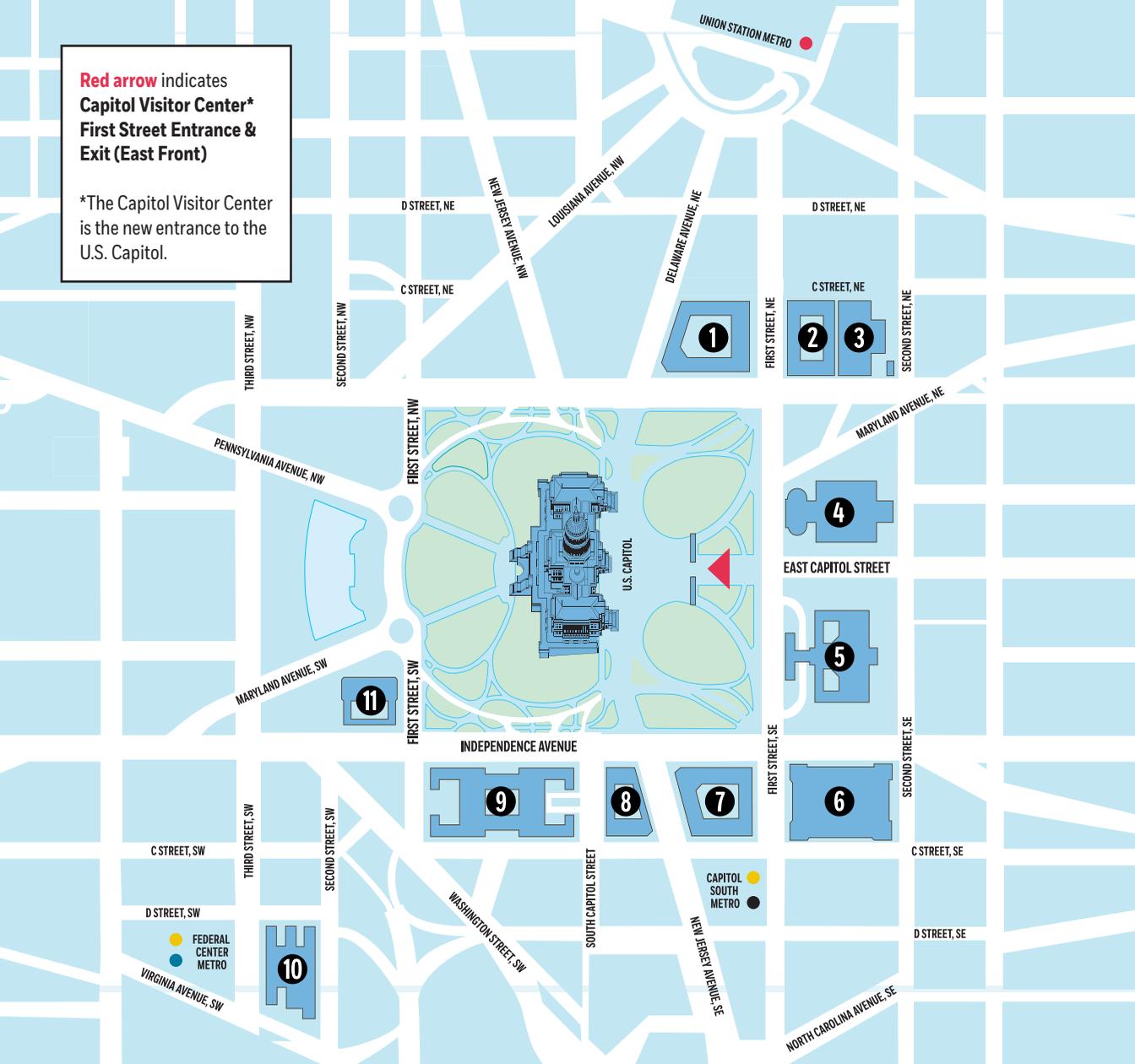
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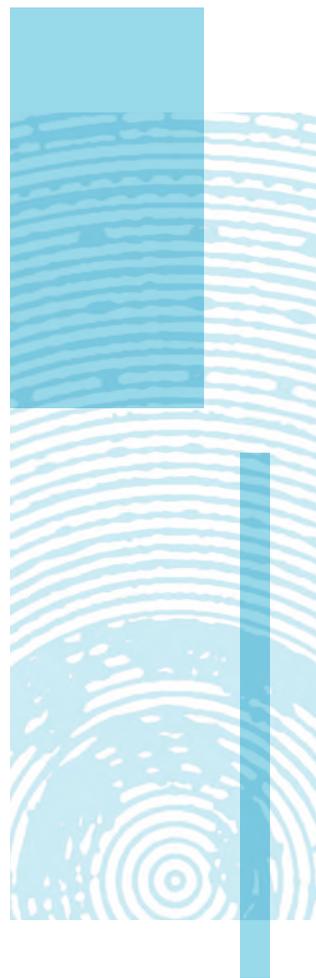
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