The Mission

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate is dedicated to educating the public about the important role of the Senate in our government, encouraging participatory democracy, invigorating civil discourse, and inspiring the next generation of citizens and leaders to engage in the civic life of their communities.

Letter from the Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends,

2021 was an important year at the Kennedy Institute. We began the transition from being entirely closed due to the pandemic for more than a year, to being partially open, primarily to students and their teachers. At the same time, we continued our new virtual programming, delivering our programs on-line to many of those still not able to visit us in person. This Annual Report shares some of the highlights of that important work.

Over the course of the year, we served more than 6,000 students and teachers. We also delivered eight Public Affairs Programs virtually, and installed a new exhibit called “Standing Up for Democracy,” explaining the history of voting rights in this country and Senator Kennedy’s work on this issue over his 47-year career.

In an initiative with the potential for national impact, in 2021 we created the Senate Project, with the goal of bringing sitting Senators together in Oxford-style debates to find common ground. To this end, we built a partnership with the Orrin G. Hatch Foundation and the Bipartisan Policy Center, and began planning for two debates which occurred in the spring and summer of 2022. We look forward to conducting additional events in the coming year.

The Kennedy Institute has re-affirmed its commitment to educating the public, encouraging participatory democracy, invigorating civil discourse, and inspiring the next generation of citizens and leaders to engage in the civic life of their communities. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank the staff for their continued efforts to operate our programs under difficult circumstances, and our donors for their ongoing support, without which our work would not be possible.

Bruce A. Percelay
Chairman of the Board
Catherine Coleman Flowers participated in a moderated conversation with Jeff Goodell about a range of topics including connections to climate change and environmental justice and the importance of listening when speaking with those of differing opinions.

Nicholas Kristof participated in a moderated conversation with his wife Sheryl WuDunn about their most recent book “Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope” and discussed a variety of topics including early childhood intervention, the opioid epidemic, and prison reform.

In collaboration with the Consulate General of Ireland in Boston, this program featured Taoiseach Micheál Martin and honored the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Ireland in Congress and celebrated the launch of “From Whence I Came: The Kennedy Legacy, Ireland and America.”

This program focused on the impact different presidential rhetoric has on news reporting, moderated by Tamara Keith, White House Correspondent for NPR, Ambassador Carolyn Curiel, former speechwriter for President Clinton; Cody Keenan, board member and former chief speechwriter for President Obama; and John McConnell, former speechwriter for President George W. Bush.

Getting to the Point: Immigration and Refugees

This panel discussed the transatlantic partnership between Ireland, the EU & the U.S in partnership with the Consulate General of Ireland in Boston, moderator Dr. Robert Mauro, Director of the Global Leadership Institute at Boston College, former Irish Ambassador Bobby McDonagh, Director of the Center on the United States & Europe Tom Wright, and Lead Faculty Fiona Creed from Northeastern University.

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Today’s Vote in the Classroom students participated in either a virtual simulated or in-person U.S. Senate session and a live floor debate to consider a live legislative issue from multiple perspectives, share their own ideas, and then cast their vote.

Getting to the Point: John Brennan

Former director of the CIA, John Brennan spoke with Juliette Kayyem on a range of topics including Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, growing threat of white nationalism and domestic terror, and the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Today’s Vote in the Classroom

This panel hosted by Board Member and Chancellor of UMass Boston Marcelo Suárez-Orozco included immigration and refugee experts who discussed immigration and the movement of refugees from both an American and global perspective.

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Educational Programs

- 1,343 in-person attendees
- 4,933 virtual attendees

Public Affairs Programs

- 3,184 virtual attendees
Standing Up For Democracy focuses on America’s history of voting rights

Standing Up for Democracy is a new exhibit at the Kennedy Institute that considers our nation’s long and difficult history securing voting rights for all Americans and highlights the work that Senator Ted Kennedy and his colleagues committed to over the decades to ensure that everyone’s voices are heard. The exhibit also draws attention to current challenges to voting rights, whether that be access to the polls, barriers to voting, or unfair districting, and spotlights those who are making a difference today.
Annual Celebration of Inspired Leadership

The Edward M. Kennedy Award for Inspired Leadership was awarded to two deserving leaders, Stéphane Bancel, Chief Executive Officer of Moderna and Albert Bourla DVM, PhD, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pfizer. Like Senator Kennedy, our honorees model exemplary leadership, inspiring others to action, and making a difference through service to the community. The Award presentation took place in the Institute’s replica Senate Chamber for a virtual audience and included a dynamic fireside chat led by NBC News’ Kristen Welker.

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### Distribution of 2021 Operating Expenses

- **Program Services**: 65%
- **Management & Services**: 24%
- **Fundraising**: 11%