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FMC's CONGRESS TO CAMPUS at Bluefield state University featuring former Congressmen Chris Shays and Sam Coppersmith

On November 2 – 3, Former Congressmen Chris Shays (R-CT) and Sam Coppersmith (D-AZ) will address Bluefield State University students about a variety of legislation they voted on during their service in the House of Representatives and also their analysis of current legislation being enacted to address the needs of US citizens, rural and urban, and the US's role in world affairs.

The general public is invited to attend any of the following interactive sessions of interest.

Thursday, November 2

9:30-10:45am, Mahood 310: Interactive session with students of Business and Entrepreneurialism on **The Role of the US Congress—Enabling Civic Participation, Promoting Democratic Principles in Education, and Addressing National Security**

Faculty Moderators: Tabitha Young and David Balok

11:00-12:15pm, Basic Science Building, Room106: Interactive session with students of English, Counseling, Art and Music, and Major British Authors about **Prioritizing Legislation—Garnering bipartisan support and funding for the arts, music, education, HBCUs, and Mental Health**

Faculty Moderators: Mark Botts, Jack Sheffler, and Tara Mullins

1:00 p.m. Interview with former Congressmen Chris Shays and Sam Coppersmith by BSU Students Curtis Walsh, Abran Jaquez, and JonAlan Richardson

4:00-5:00 pm: Basic Sciences Building, Room 103: Interactive session with Honors Scholars (in person) and Terrorism (virtually) on **International Terrorism and Cybersecurity** with Honors Scholars and Criminal Justice and Homeland Security students.

Faculty Moderators: Dr. Rob Merritt (in person) and James Quesenberry (via Teams)

Friday, November 3

11:00 am - 12:00pm: Basic Science Building, Room 307: Interactive session with International Students Organization and students of Political Thought about **US Congress Legislation related to International Affairs**

Moderators: Counsel Jane Charnock and ISO President Virginia Zanotti

12:00pm: Acknowledgments delivered by Dr. Sarita A. Rhonemus, Provost