



2026 Schedule at a Glance: **STARS**

(Re) Discover the CALLING, INFLUENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, POSSIBILITIES, COURAGE, & PURPOSE to be a citizen

Monday, July 13, 2026

- 10:00 AM Registration at Crystal City Gateway Marriott in **National Landing** (Lobby Level next to Front Desk)
- Luggage storage in National Landing 1 for Early Arrivals
- 4:15 PM Adult Leaders and Chaperone Meeting with SLU in **Grand Ballroom Salon B & C** (1st floor of hotel)
SLU Singles Meeting in the **Rosslyn Room** (Lobby Level) Students only
- 5:00 PM SLU 201 Official Kick-Off in **Arlington Ballroom** (1st floor of hotel)
- **Presentation of Colors**
 - **National Anthem**, Katy Roberts
 - Welcome to SLU 201 with **Jeff Wallace, Ph.D.**, SLU CSO
 - **Brent Crowe, Ph.D.**, President of SLU, *A Patriotic Ethos: A Biblical Worldview on the Christian and the State*
- 6:15 PM Dinner is served in **Arlington Ballroom**
- 7:15 PM Evening Session Block in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **Jeff Wallace, Ph.D.**, *Influence as a Citizen of Heaven*
 - **Senator James Lankford**, Oklahoma, *The Importance of Believers in the Public Square*
- 9:00 PM Introduction of SLU 201 Staff from **Nikki Hoffpauir**, SLU Vice President
- 9:15 PM Small Group Application Time on own and opportunity to check out Resource Booths
- 10:30 PM Curfew

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

- 8:00 AM Breakfast in the **Arlington Ballroom**
- 9:00 AM Morning Session Block One in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **Brent Crowe, Ph.D.**, *Disagreeing Well in a Divided Culture*
 - **Jason Kimak**, Vice President of North American Disaster Relief for Samaritan's Purse, *Calling*
- 10:30 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Morning Session Block Two in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **David Nasser**, *From Religious Oppression in Iran to Freedom in the United States*
 - **Speaker Mike Johnson**, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Louisiana
- 12:30 PM Break
- Please clear your materials off the table and put them on your chair so the hotel team can set tables for lunch.
- 1:15 PM Lunch in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **SLU 201 Essay Winner Announced!**
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Session Block One in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **Dr. Jay Strack**, SLU Founder, *Curate Your Future*
 - **Jeff Struecker, Ph.D.**, Black Hawk Down Hero & Former Army Ranger, *Stories from the Front Lines*
- 3:30 PM Break
- Visit the booths and begin to pray for clarity on what God may be asking you to be part of in your own communities. Grab a card to write a note to your Congressman or Congresswoman.
- 4:00 PM Afternoon Session Block Two in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **Dr. Anthony Turner**, Vice President Charleston Southern University, *Driven by Design*
- 4:45 PM Break to change for the evening
- 5:30 PM Meet in Arlington Ballroom to be dismissed for dinner pick-up and touring monuments
- 6 to 9:30 PM Monuments by Moonlight
- 10:30 PM Curfew

***Special Note:** Wednesday and Thursday Schedules will rotate for groups Stars & Stripes. Stars groups will go to Arlington on **Thursday** and Stripes groups will go to Arlington on **Wednesday**.

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

- 7:45 AM Breakfast in the **Arlington Ballroom**
- 8:30 AM **Jeff Struecker, Ph.D.** and **Nikki Hoffpauir**, *A Grown-up Conversation about Life and Leadership in 2026* (**Text “Question” to 321-203-0434** by 10 PM Tuesday night to be included in this session)
- 9:30 AM Board Buses for Touring
- 9:30 to 5 PM Washington, D.C. Experience*
- 5:30 PM Return to Hotel to prepare for dinner
- 6:30 PM **Red**, White, and **Blue** Casual Dinner in the **Arlington Ballroom**
- **Red, White, and Blue Dinner Winner Announced!**
 - **Samaritan’s Purse Offering:** Put what you have been learning into action and give to the work of Samaritan’s Purse Disaster Relief
 - **Brent Crowe, Ph.D.**, *Chasing Elephants: A Theology of Belief for the Gray Areas of Life*
- 9:30 PM Book Signing with Brent and Small Group Application Time on own
- 10:30 PM Curfew

***Please Note:** *Washington, D.C. Experience* will include a trip to the US Holocaust Museum Tour, The Museum of the Bible Tour, Smithsonian Museum of American History, and pictures at the Washington Monument, US Capitol, and Supreme Court. It also includes the following Monument and Memorial visits: FDR, MLK, Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam Wall, WWII. Schedule varies by group.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

- 7:45 AM Breakfast in the **Arlington Ballroom**
- 8:30 AM **Sean McDowell, Ph.D.**, World View Expert
- 9:30 AM Board buses for Washington, D.C. Experience*, Iwo Jima, and Lunch
- 3:00 PM Board buses for Arlington Cemetery
- 3:15 PM Arrive at Arlington Cemetery
- 4:00 PM Changing of the Guards Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 4:15 PM Private SLU Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 5:30 PM Return to Hotel to prepare for dinner
- 6:30 PM Pre-Dinner Reception in **Arlington Ballroom Foyer** with appetizers served
- 7:00 PM Formal Dinner in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **Dr. Ryan McDermott** and **Sean McDowell, Ph.D.**, *Worldview & Ethics Rapid-Fire Student Q & A*
- 10:00 PM Book Signing and Small Group Application Time on own
- 10:30 PM Curfew

Friday, July 17, 2026

****Program Participants should take care of all room charges before the beginning of the first session. If you need luggage stored longer than this, the hotel will store in National Landing Lobby Level.**

- 8:00 AM Student Breakfast in the **Arlington Ballroom**
Adult Leader Breakfast with **SLU Team** in the **Grand Ballroom Salons C- H** (1st floor of hotel)
- 8:45 AM Closing Session Block One in **Arlington Ballroom**
- SLU 301 Video Presentation
 - **Hannah Daniel**, Director of Government Relations at World Relief, *SLU Alumni Spotlight*
 - **Nikki Hoffpauir**, *How to Become a Student of Influence*
 - Now it’s Your Turn! Time to Write a Letter to Your Future Self
- 10:10 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Closing Session Block Two in **Arlington Ballroom**
- **David Platt**, Pastor of McLean Bible Church and Founder of Radical.net, *What is the Countercultural Mindset and Why does it Matter at this Particular Time in History*
 - **Dr. Ryan McDermott**, Christ Fellowship Teaching Pastor and Senior Executive Director of Family Ministry, *Collaboration We>Me*
 - *SLU 201 Final Challenge* with SLU Challenge Coin
- 11:45 AM Program Adjourns