

You're Invited

2016 First Amendment Congress for High School Students

Wednesday, **October 26, 2016** • Constitution Hall • **University of Central Oklahoma**, Edmond

Who should attend?

The First Amendment Congress is a day designed for high school students, educators, parents, anyone interested in helping our young people understand the First Amendment.

Where will the Congress be held?

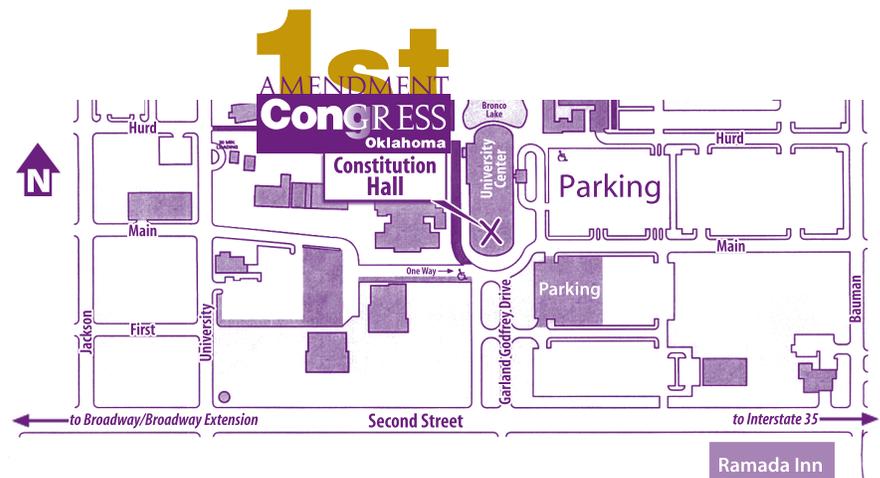
We'll meet at **Constitution Hall** in the University Center at the **University of Central Oklahoma** in **Edmond**. Enter the campus on Garland Godfrey Drive from Second Street. To get to Second Street in Edmond, exit east off Broadway or west off I-35.

Continuing Education Credit

CEU credit is planned for Public Librarian Certification, as is "Verification of Attendance" for educators.

Parking Information

Congress participants arriving in cars are asked to park east of Constitution Hall. (See map.) School buses will be given parking instructions when they arrive.



Schedule

- 8:30 AM **Registration** Constitution Hall, UCO
- 9 AM **Opening Session**
The First Amendment Rights of High School Students
How well do you understand the First Amendment provision on free speech? Oklahoma State University Associate Professor **Dr. Joey Senat**, our MC for the day, will present examples of challenged speech to enlighten students on this most fundamental freedom.
- 9:50 AM **Break**
- 10 AM **Student Protest and Politics**
Oklahoma City area high school students sponsored walk-outs and a march to the State Capitol to appeal to Oklahoma senators and representatives to protect education funding during the last legislative session. **Alicia Currin-Moore**, Executive Legal Analyst and General Counsel with the OKC Public Schools, leads a panel of participants who will share their experiences.
- 11:00 PM **Lunch**
- 11:45 PM **Zach D. Taylor Essay Contest winners recognized**
- 12:00 PM **Shutting Down the Marketplace of Ideas**
Exposure to a variety of viewpoints is generally considered to be part of a well-rounded educational experience. What happens when scientific facts or historical interpretations clash with the preferred viewpoints of some policymakers and educators? What is the effect on students' critical thinking skills, and on the marketplace of ideas? University of Oklahoma Law Professor **Joseph Thai** hosts a panel to discuss these questions.

- 12:50 PM **Break**
- 1:00 PM **Politicians Say the Darnedest Things**
Are you finding it more and more difficult to follow political campaigns because of the hurled insults? Are you offended by the denigration of particular groups in the name of winning elections? Have our politics reached new levels of incivility? University of Oklahoma Professor **Keith Gaddie** and Oklahoma State University Professor **Laura Belmonte** will be on board to discuss the dirt on past and current political campaigns.
- 2:00 PM **Adjourn**

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Registration Form

- Students and Teachers—**\$5** (includes lunch) _____ Number of Students/Teachers \$ _____ Total Students/Teachers
- All other individuals —**\$15** (includes lunch) _____ Number of other individuals \$ _____ Total Individuals
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- Registration for students and teachers is **\$8 each after October 21—register now and save \$3.** \$ _____ Total Registration

Name(s) and Address(es) _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ For more information: libraries.ok.gov/first-amendment-congress-2016

Attention Teachers: Include only your name and contact information on this form. At this time, we only need to know how many students you are bringing. Please bring a list of students attending on the day of registration. **Registration Deadline—October 21**

Mail this form and payment to:

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