



NATIONAL SUMMIT ON CIVIC EDUCATION

WORDS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: AMERICA AT 250

May 18-19, 2026 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Monday, May 18, 2026

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| 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Philadelphia Civics Stakeholders Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Summit Registration |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Naturalization Ceremony |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. | Opening Lunch with remarks by JMC President Hans Zeiger |
| 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Opening Plenary a Conversation with Peggy Noonan on
<i>A Certain Idea of America</i>
Moderator: Thomas Kelly, Jack Miller Center |
| 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Invite-Only Conversation with Peggy Noonan |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Breakout Sessions

<i>How Should We Tell the American Story?</i>
Beverly Gage, Yale University
Allen Guelzo, University of Florida

<i>Who Owns the Declaration?</i>
William Galston, Brookings Institution
Yuval Levin, American Enterprise Institute
Moderator: Lawrence W. Reed, Foundation for Economic Education |
| 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Breakout Sessions

Small-group discussion of the Declaration
Danielle Allen, Harvard University
Diana Schaub, Loyola University Maryland

Small-group discussion of the Declaration
Lucas Morel, Washington and Lee University
Colleen Shogan, Former Archivist of the National Archives |



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| 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Small-group discussion of the Declaration
Daniel DiSalvo, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Roosevelt Montás, Bard College |
| 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Break in Programming |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Cocktail Reception |
| 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Teach for Freedom Dinner with Keynote |

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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| 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Breakfast with Plenary Panel on <i>The Civics Renaissance in Higher Education</i>
Justin Dyer, University of Texas at Austin
Bryan Garsten, Yale University
Sarah Igo, Vanderbilt University
Melinda Zook, Purdue University
Moderator: Tamara Tweel, Teagle Foundation |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. | Civics Innovators Competition Breakout session (2-4 per breakout, competitively selected) |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Closing Lunch, Teaching America250 Award and Breakout Winners presentation, and remarks by JMC President Hans Zeiger |