

The June 2011 Junior Partners in Policymaking® Calendar

Sunday, June 19: Students arrive on the Newark campus of UD, check into dorms, are assigned meal cards for dining rooms, get to know one another.

Monday to Thursday, June 20-23: Students begin classes at Clayton Hall, participate in night-time activities.

Friday, June 24: Students travel to Dover to tour Legislative Hall and meet with legislators. They return to campus to be picked up.



What did participating in Junior Partners in Policymaking® mean to you?

Our graduates tell us...

*"I learned about the changes I want
to make in my life."*

Jessica, 16

*"I liked to be hanging out with my
friends and to learn about
government and history."*

Elizabeth, 19

**We are looking for a motivated and
diverse group of young adults
from Delaware and we hope you'll
join us!**



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Delaware Junior Partners in Policymaking®

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at the

University of Delaware



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at the University of Delaware

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What is Junior Partners in Policymaking®?

Junior Partners in Policymaking® is an exciting weeklong summer institute for young adults ages 15 to 22. The institute is held on the University of Delaware campus where our participants live and learn for five nights and six days.

During the day, participants are enrolled in fun, exploratory, and hands-on classes to encourage leadership and self-advocacy. In the evenings, we offer opportunities for our young leaders to meet and enjoy a variety of entertainment together.

We hope you will join us for this unique week of wonderful activities that will conclude with a trip to the Legislative Hall in Dover. There we will meet with legislators and actually use the advocacy skills we learned and practiced earlier in the week. Certificates of participation, which can be added to your resume or college application, will be distributed at our farewell ceremony after the legislative visit.

What will I learn?

Junior Partners in Policymaking® was designed to meet the emerging needs of all young adults with and without disabilities as they move towards adult independence. Our daytime classes will teach you about:

- The importance of self-determination
- Ways to self-advocate for the issues most important to you
- Your rights in and out of school
- Laws that affect how people are treated, especially individuals with disabilities
- How to make your own impact on public policy (laws)
- How to plan the future YOU WANT.



What happens at night?

Evening activities are scheduled as a time to have fun and learn something about yourself and others!



Sing karaoke and dance at a DJ dance party!



Test out assistive technology equipment!

Get ready to SOCIALIZE!

How Do I Apply?

- Download an application from: <http://www.udel.edu/cds/initiatives-adults-jrpartners.html>
- Call Rachel McCulley at 302-464-0825 or email at mcculley@udel.edu
- Ask your guidance counselor for an application