### THE TORCH OF FREEDOM RAISING UP A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS



## TRAINING CHAMPIONS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

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# MISSION & PURPOSE

Patriot Academy is the BUDS training of the conservative movement and our graduates are the Navy Seals of the next generation of conservative, liberty grounded leaders. Patriot Academy trains the cream of the crop with both the philosophy AND the skills necessary to restore America to a constitutional republic as designed by our Founding Fathers. By immersing students in the crucible of the most intensive, most realistic mock legislative environment in the country, lessons in liberty are seared in their conscience while state of the art communication skills are honed with excellence.

Imagine thousands of new leaders across America with the backbone of Margaret Thatcher, the communication skills of Ronald Reagan, the charisma of Zig Ziglar, and the constitutional grounding of Mark Levin and you are beginning to get the picture. We believe in a generational strategy. Our target student is between 16 and 25 years of age and has a desire to lead in politics, business, education, the pulpit, media, or entertainment. We are preparing them to be leaders in their field of interest while fulfilling their duty as a citizen.

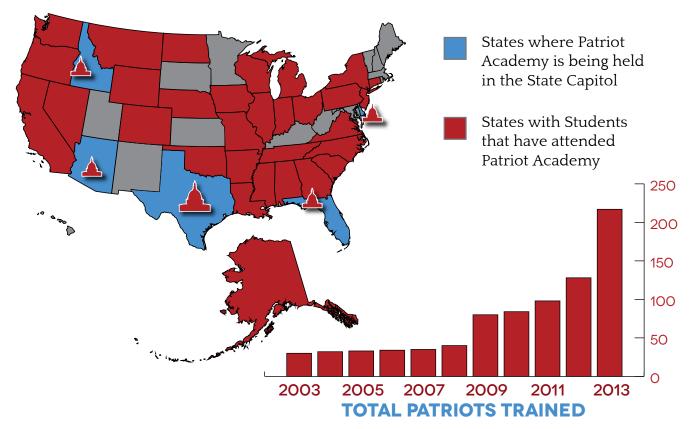
Our training takes place inside State Capitols across America where the students debate in the actual House Chambers and committee rooms, while learning a founding father's philosophy of government and the leadership skills necessary to fulfill their purpose.



2013 Texas Academy and Citizen Track



# A NATIONAL IMPACT



**RAPID GROWTH:** The inaugural Patriot Academy occurred at the Texas Capitol in 2003 with thirty students.

In 2013, the Texas flagship Academy was joined by regional Patriot Academy sessions in the Southwest at the Arizona State Capitol and in the



Northwest at the Idaho State Capitol with over 200 total attendees.

Regional academies are now also taking place in the Southeast at the Florida State Capitol and in the Northeast at the Delaware State Capitol.





# WHAT WE INSTILL

We train these young leaders in three specific areas: Philosophy, Process, and Personal Skills.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Our society is woefully lacking in civic education and even a basic understanding of the values that made America the most successful nation in history. We teach our students to analyze legislation and issues through the lens of the liberty principles found in the Declaration of Independence.



#### LIMITED GOVERNMENT:

Without an understanding of the proper jurisdiction of government, well meaning leaders end up inappropriately expanding the scope and power of government. We teach patriots to first determine whether or not the issue at hand is even proper to consider for the level of government in which they serve. Understanding the proper jurisdictions of each level of government (family, local, state, & federal), as well as the proper powers of each branch (legislative, executive, & judicial) requires a study of Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution as well as a proper understanding of the phrase "Consent of the Governed" in the Declaration of Independence.

#### **INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES:**

Students learn the corresponding responsibility for every "right" or liberty, the original intent of our constitutional rights of conscience & speech, self-defense, private property, and more; and how to properly protect and assert these rights.

#### **FREE ENTERPRISE:**

Socialism is sweeping our nation at every level. Patriot Academy students are given a stark contrast between socialism and free enterprise, taught the meaning of Jefferson's "Pursuit of Happiness," and taught to compare the results of government intrusion versus market forces.

#### **TIMELESS TRUTHS:**

Students are taught both a Biblical and secular argument for defending the Timeless Truths and values from the Declaration of Independence and American history. From "We hold these TRUTHS" to the current debates about life, marriage, acknowledgements of God, and respect for others, students learn how to win the day from their campus to the halls of the legislature.

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**PROCESS:** Because our training is so much like the official proceedings, actual state legislators have been known to attend Patriot Academy so they can be better prepared for and more effective in their upcoming legislative sessions. Going far beyond the textbook steps for how a bill becomes a law, students learn the art of effective negotiation, coalition building, and public relations. Conservative leaders too often rely on "right makes right" and ignore the strategy and tactics necessary to win the day. Our system of leadership training is built upon the Biblical "Men of Issachar" who understood the times AND knew what to do.



**PERSONAL SKILLS:** Knowing the right thing to do and doing it effectively are two different things. Our patriots are trained with the ability to win the day by understanding

and implementing the science of persuasion and communication so they can win over their colleagues and the general public. The patriots are also trained in a process that helps them identify their passion, plan their purpose, and effectively execute their plan. Tapping their life's purpose at a young age and learning to implement timeless, proven strategies and habits for success will give these leaders a significant advantage over their peers and a tactical edge over those who are seeking to radically transform our nation away from her original intent.





## A SENSE OF DUTY





The "Patriot" theme is by design. Throughout the week, students learn the inspirational stories of generations of patriots who sacrificed so that the Torch of Freedom could survive. At the end of the week, they are challenged with the opportunity to join previous generations of patriots and affix their name to the

Declaration of Independence beneath the names of Adams, Jefferson, and the other Signers.





In a striking and memorable closing ceremony, military veterans ceremoniously pass the Torch of Freedom to the patriot graduates while challenging them to live the freedom for which so many have died and to passionately and purposefully stand guard at the watchtower of freedom for their generation.





# **OUR SPEAKERS & TRAINERS**



Patriots are trained and mentored by a host of current and former elected officials, as well as experts in the fields of communications, media, history, constitutional law, legislative process, and much more. These pages contain a small sampling of the quality and caliber of mentoring the patriots receive.



Nathan Macias, former state Legislator and Air Force officer, teaches ethical leadership.

Krish Dhanam, internationally renowned speaker and author, instills fact-based patriotism and love of America, while also teaching the leadership skills that have made him a Fortune 500 regular.





David Barton holds a private session with a small group of senior Patriot Academy alumni where strategies for the future of America are discussed and the students ask questions about how best to prepare for leadership roles.





Matt Krause shares lessons from his experience as a Texas Legislator and an attorney fighting to defend First Amendment Rights.

Former Navy Seal Mike Carroll giving the keynote speech at the graduation banquet.



Paul Jehle, Constitutional Law expert and Executive Director of the Plymouth Rock Foundation, teaches the principles upon which a remnant founded America.



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Patriot Academy graduates are now serving in state capitols across America, in the halls of Congress in Washington, DC, making award winning movies, leading local and state political and business organizations, serving in local and state government, and leading in virtually every area of society. Here are just a few of their personal stories.



#### **RAZ SHAFER**

After his training at Patriot Academy in 2006, Raz became the Texas Executive Director of American Majority, where he trained over 5000 activists and 1000 political candidates. During the 2010 and 2012 election cycles, he worked for conservative campaigns in several states, setting up multiple offices and deploying hundreds of volunteers. Today, at age 27, Raz is the Fort Worth Regional Director for US Senator Ted Cruz. Raz says that PA was of "incalculable value" to him, inspiring him to recruit, educate, and equip young people to help set our nation on a better path.



#### **KASSIE DULIN**

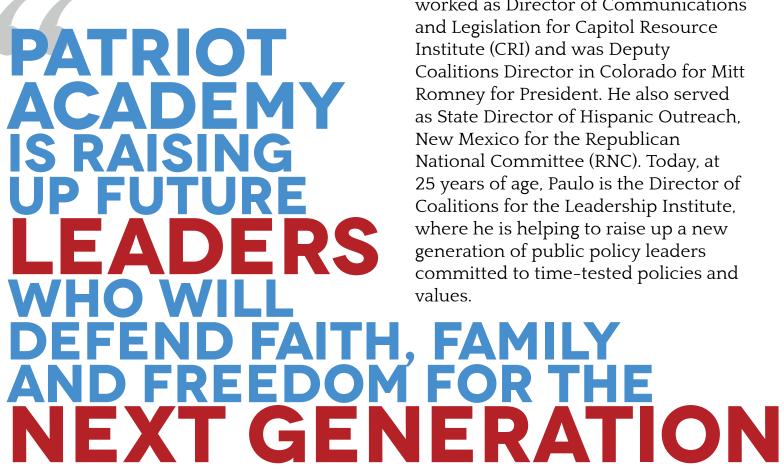
Kassie Dulin arrived at Patriot Academy in 2007 with no political experience, but she loved America and wanted to help the nation return to her godly heritage. After interacting with PA staff, she realized the impact one person could make and left PA determined to "lead the change." Since then, Kassie served on the staff of a presidential campaign, was elected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, served as the Governor of Patriot Academy, and worked with churches across America to register thousands of Christians to vote. Today, she is finishing up a MA in Political Science and continues to volunteer at PA. inspiring and mentoring the next generation of leaders.



#### THOMAS UMSTATTD



Thomas is now a leader in the pro-life movement and a skilled communicator teaching the art of negotiation





#### **PAULO SIBAJA**

Paulo Sibaja is a Californian who attended Patriot Academy 2008 and 2009. Since then, he has served as Legislative Director for a California Assemblyman and a state delegate to the California GOP convention. He has worked as Director of Communications and Legislation for Capitol Resource Institute (CRI) and was Deputy Coalitions Director in Colorado for Mitt Romney for President. He also served as State Director of Hispanic Outreach, New Mexico for the Republican National Committee (RNC). Today, at 25 years of age, Paulo is the Director of Coalitions for the Leadership Institute, where he is helping to raise up a new generation of public policy leaders committed to time-tested policies and



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#### **PAUL HASTINGS**



In 2013 Paul led a group of young men including 5 Patriot Alumni to lobby the Texas Legislature for family and parental rights



#### **JENNIFER LACKEY**

Jennifer Lackey attended Patriot Academy in 2006 and served as the Speaker of the House for PA 2007. Since then, Jennifer has served as a staff assistant, legislative assistant, clerk, and deputy parliamentarian to the US House Committee on the Judiciary. Today, at age 24, she is the Legislative Director for a conservative congressman from Georgia.



#### **JUAN CISCOMANI**

Juan Ciscomani attended Patriot Academy in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Even though Juan had a degree in political science, PA revolutionized the very core of his beliefs about government. Since then, Juan has run for the Arizona State Legislature, been appointed by the Governor of Arizona to the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Council Board and appointed to the Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments. Today, at the age of 30, Juan is the Director of Membership at the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and speaks about America's godly heritage in Spanish-speaking churches. Juan and his wife Laura, also an Alumnus, hosted PA Arizona in the summer of 2013







PRINCIPLED LEADERS ARE NOT BORN, THEY ARE TRAINED. PATRIOT ACADEMY EXISTS TO TRAIN AMERICA'S NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS TODAY

#### HAILEY SADLER

Hailey Sadler came from Virginia to attend Patriot Academy 2012 and 2013. As a teenager, Hailey founded and edited an online magazine that reached an international audience. Just before attending Patriot Academy, Hailey graduated from college with a degree in Political Science. PA had a powerful impact on Hailey's life, pushing her to step out in faith, risk failure and pursue big opportunities. Today, at the age of 20, Hailey is a Communications Assistant for Congressman Randy Forbes, spending her days in the heart of the nation's political arena. Hailey continues to challenge her fellow patriots to:



David went on from PA to become a successful campaign strategist and trusted Chief of Staff for statewide elected officials

### SPEAK EVEN IF YOUR VOICE TREMBLES, STAND EVEN IF YOUR KNEES SHAKE.



# WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

Every single citizen has a duty to help preserve and pass the Torch of Freedom intact to the next generation. You can be a part of reviving the principles that made America great and returning our nation to a functioning constitutional republic. It is NOT too late to save America, but we must act now to raise up a new generation of leaders with a founding father's understanding of liberty, the courage of their convictions, and the skills necessary to win the day. Here's how you can help:



**SPONSOR A PATRIOT:** There are young leaders in your family, your church, and your community that are looking for an opportunity to learn the skills they need and to network with the right people. Would you like to get them grounded in truth before they step into positions of leadership? Would you like to equip them with effective life skills and prevent them from

veering down the wrong path? Simply send them to <u>www.PatriotAcademy.com</u> and offer to contribute towards their tuition. Students raise their tuition exactly like candidates for public office. Building a support network at a young age is not only instructive, it will give them an edge in the near future when they embark on their political, business, or other dreams.

If you do not have a particular student in mind, simply visit the website and donate towards the students we are recruiting across the nation every day.



#### INCLUDE PATRIOT ACADEMY IN YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING: We have

the team, the experience, and a proven track record of effectively raising up a generation of patriot leaders. We need your financial support to reach even more students and raise up even more leaders. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and your donations are tax deductible. Would you consider making Patriot Academy part of your annual charitable contributions on both a personal and a corporate level? Please contact our office to find out how your contributions can make a difference.







#### ATTEND THE PATRIOT ACADEMY CITIZEN TRACK AND HELP TRAIN THE STUDENTS: At our National Datriat Academy hold at the Taylor Can

**TRAIN THE STUDENTS:** At our National Patriot Academy held at the Texas Capitol each summer, citizens over 25 years old attend on the Citizen Track and serve as citizen lobbyists. You get to attend all the workshops and trainings, as well as specialized trainings for future candidates and local grassroots leaders, while lobbying the students on legislation and helping us make the process as real as possible. For more information, visit <u>www.PatriotAcademy.com</u>





# WILL YOU JOIN US IN TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS?



# FREEDOM IS NEVER MORE THAN ONE GENERATION AWAY

FROM EXTINCTION. WE DIDN'T PASS IT

TO OUR CHILDREN IN THE BLOODSTREAM. IT MUST BE FOUGHT FOR, PROTECTED, AND HANDED ON FOR THEM TO DO

~ RONALD REAGAN

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