

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

Constituent Commemorations

A Constituent Commemoration is a great way for the competitors to meet with their Representative. Members are expected to meet the winners of the Congressional App Challenge at least once, and a meet-and-greet or constituent commemoration is a great way to do so and recognize all their hard work.

Award Ceremony

When you select first and second place winners, a virtual awards ceremony will help to bring closure to the challenge in a meaningful way. A **special appearance from the hosting Congressperson** would be a great experience for the students.

- **Registration Form:** It would be helpful for your office to have some way of keeping track of who will be attending the ceremony.
 - This can be as simple as a Google Form asking for an RSVP.
 - Encourage family members to tune in during the event.
- **Guest Speaker:** A guest speaker delivering some inspiring words to your young constituents would be a very impactful conclusion of the challenge. Invite a local champion of STEM education, professional in tech, or any other inspiring mind from your district to congratulate your students on a job well done.



Rep. Steve Womack (AR-03) celebrates 2020 Congressional AC winner Veera Unnam.

Virtual Award Ceremony

If the Member of Congress is unable to attend the virtual or in-person awards ceremony, it would be a **much-appreciated** gesture to schedule a meet and greet with the winner when the Congressman or Congresswoman is available. Because the in-person aspect of the Challenge will likely be complicated, we want to ensure the students do get some exposure to Congress and the scale of support behind the Challenge.

Some representatives have combined the award ceremony with a Demo Day, as outlined [here](#).

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In-Person Commemoration

In-person events should only be held in accordance with local and CDC guidelines. These allow for the winners and their families to meet their Representative and have all their hard work recognized.



In both 2015 and 2016 Congressman Hank Johnson (GA-04) has hosted commemoration ceremonies to personally award Congressional App Challenge winners and runners up. Covered by the local media these ceremonies not only honor the participating students and teachers but also promote the Challenge to the public.



Rep. Ed Case (HI-01) holds an award ceremony for the winners of the App Challenge in 2020. The Award Ceremonies can be covered by the local medias, and offices can even issue a press release. This would increase the public's awareness of the challenge to boost consequent participation and local involvement.

Promote your Commemoration and Award ceremony on Social Media. Please refer to [our Graphics page](#) for example graphics, as well as [here](#) for sample texts.

For questions, please email cad@congressionalappchallenge.us.

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