

CGI Department Descriptions

CGI will partner with three non-profit organizations, Toni's Soup Kitchen, Interfaith Hospitality Network, and the Vanetta project, to address hunger and homelessness. Each CGI Department will examine aspects of these societal issues such as political, legislation, medical, health and education.

Internal Affairs

Members of the Internal Affairs Department are responsible for the business of the institute mainly creating procedure, running the elections, and writing bills and resolutions for Congress. In addition, students will archive the bills and resolutions, create and maintain a CGI Alumni Association, and plan institute-wide events, such as Wii the People and The African American Achievement Dinner.

Media and Public Relations

Members of the Media and Public Relations Department are responsible for publishing the *Eye of CGI*, broadcasting *CGIwitness News* and writing press releases. Members of this department will also work with the Executive Branch to recruit freshmen for the upcoming school year. Students will partner with Toni's Soup Kitchen to create an oral history project documenting the history and founding of the organization.

Environment

Members of the Department of the Environment work in the effort to promote a respect for the natural world. Students will raise awareness of climate change, initiate energy-saving projects, and work on beautification projects. Students can place their energies in many directions including but not limited to an Earth Day event, a partnership project with Renaissance at Rand School, and projects in conjunction with Montclair's Municipal Department of the Environment.

Health and Wellness

Members of the Health and Wellness Department will focus on issues surrounding public health such as health care policy, nutrition, physical well being, and alternative and mainstream therapies. The department will plan and execute the Health Care Symposium and partner with Toni's Soup Kitchen on their health and wellness programs.

Arts

Members of the Department of the Arts work to increase awareness of the benefits of the arts in education. Fostering creativity fosters democracy. Students can place their energies in many directions including but not limited to the CGI Art Show and CGI Presidential Inauguration. Additionally, students may want to examine legislation, government policies and plan trips to museums and plays. The department maintains a long-standing relationship with Venetta's project, a soup kitchen in Dover, NJ.

National Action

Members of the National Action Department work in the effort to keep their classmates informed of relevant, significant and timely national issues and events. Students in this department should closely monitor and report on all upcoming elections, organize debates about pertinent national issues, and create the Hispanic Heritage Month Program. Students may also want to lobby and fundraise around a certain issue. This department will examine legislation relating to hunger and homeless across the nation.

State and Local Affairs

Members of the State and Local Affairs Department work in the effort to keep their classmates informed of relevant, significant and timely state, county, and town issues and events. Students in this department should closely monitor and report on state and local upcoming elections and run a mayoral debate. Representatives of the department must also attend local town council meetings and may want to lobby around a certain issue. This department will organize a volunteer schedule for Toni's Soup Kitchen and examine legislation relating to hunger and homeless in our state and town.

Education

Members of the Education Department are responsible for providing information regarding educational legislation and policy. Students will organize a tutoring system and plan a College Information Program. Representatives of the department must also attend Board of Education meetings. Students may create local partnership programs with the middle and elementary schools and other organizations. Education Department members will partner with the guests of Toni's Soup Kitchen to work on computer skills and resume writing and will visit with families at Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Global Action

Members of the Global Action Department work in the effort to keep their classmates informed of relevant, significant and timely international issues. Students in this department should closely monitor the UN and world events and create an International Symposium. Students may also want to lobby and fundraise around a certain issue. This department will examine actions taken and resolutions relating to hunger and homelessness across the globe.

Executive/Judicial Department

The Executive/Judicial Department is comprised of the President and the Vice President of CGI, Presidents of each class, appointed Cabinet members representing each department, special appointees, and the Supreme Court. Members of this department plan the CGI Retreat, the State Dinner, and organize Freshman recruiting. They create executive orders to improve CGI and work with the departments to improve productivity. Supreme Court appointees take cases from CGI members and review all passed legislation. Students maintain our partnership with the Interfaith Hospitality Network.