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# Liberty TelegrAFF

*“Don’t count us out.”*

## What Happens When Student Activists Graduate?

You Support the Premier Organization for Liberty Young Professionals

Caitlin Grimes was an all-star in the student liberty network – she participated in Institute for Humane Studies, Young Americans for Liberty, the Koch Internship Program, and the Foundation for Economic Education. But Caitlin isn’t an undergraduate anymore – so she turned to America’s Future Foundation for a free market network after college.

“The liberty movement is strong in colleges – there are tons of groups,” says Caitlin. “But no one caters to grad students and young professionals. I’ve worked [like crazy in school] – but no one remembers me. AFF is still here and still wants to do things. Just because we aren’t on a college campus doesn’t mean [young people] don’t want to be involved. Don’t count us out.”

Caitlin carries many titles – AFF Raleigh chapter leader, graduate student at North Carolina State, teaching assistant, comic book fan. She wanted to join AFF because “I’ve never lived in Raleigh, and I want friends – people my age that are liberty-minded, someone to network with. I’m hoping to rebuild that [with AFF Raleigh.]”

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Caitlin Grimes wants opportunities to network with like-minded young professionals now that she’s graduated. Thanks to you, she can grow her network and spread liberty as the AFF Raleigh chapter leader.

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## You Inspired Angelica

### Leaders Empowered to Tackle Problems after Retreat

Thanks to your support, chapter leaders like Angelica Malik, AFF Los Angeles, were able to spend a day together in Dallas. Leaders learned about common obstacles and innovative solutions to building a network of free market young professionals in their cities.

Angelica is working to launch the AFF Los Angeles chapter. Because you made the Leadership Retreat possible, Angelica's inspired to lead a chapter "like AFF

Indianapolis where you're trying to pack people in at events. AFF LA can be that go-to source of connection for people, the cool events that people want to go to.

Where people say 'Oh every time I go to one of AFF LA's events, I meet 5 people I didn't know who are new friends.'"

With your help, Angelica will be able to fulfill her plans to unite young liberty-minded professionals in LA.

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*"I'm feeling so encouraged and so motivated. I have a sense of direction for my chapter. I'm also competitive, so next year I want to beat everyone."*

*-Angelica, Los Angeles Chapter Leader*

Chapter leaders discussed ideas to reach new audiences and build their community of young professionals. This year, chapters in San Francisco, Atlanta, and Pittsburgh received awards for going beyond expectations.



AFF leaders from Pittsburgh, Atlanta, and San Francisco receive awards for Most Innovative Programming, Most Active Chapter, and Best New Chapter, respectively. Your continued support provides the resources they need to create communities across the nation.

# AFF New Orleans Launches with a Bang

## Sharing Economy Event Attracts Local Media Attention

AFF New Orleans' launch event on the "sharing economy" caused a splash and was covered by local news channel WWLTV. Thanks to your support, chapter leader Joe Morse viewed the event as a great success.

The event focused on apps like AirBnB which allow property owners to rent out their homes – a system that is heavily regulated in New Orleans.

The "sharing economy" describes the situation when owners rent out something they are not using. Joe says, "the short-term rental conversation is hot right now but no one was really presenting the case for economic freedom. It was either prohibition or regulate and tax. We wanted to focus the conversation on the benefits to proprietors and consumers."



*"Create the world you want your kids to live in. You can be a bystander or actively make it how you want to – you need to be comfortable with the world your kids are growing up in."*

*-Joseph Morse, New Orleans Chapter Leader*

"It was a fun event and the WWLTV piece was great publicity to put us on the map," Joe told AFF staff.

To AFF supporters, he says "It's inspiring to know that people like you believe that we can make a difference in the city and the world. Thank You!"

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Joe also met other young professionals interested in leadership roles with AFF New Orleans; a promising start for a new chapter.

"When my family made the move to the New Orleans earlier this year, I saw it as an opportunity to take what I learned with the group in Austin and start my own chapter in South Louisiana. New Orleans is a unique city. The liberty movement still hasn't established a strong foothold, but there is definitely a critical mass of liberty-minded young professionals."



Joe Morse, chapter leader, is interviewed by local news station WWLTV at the AFF New Orleans launch event in November. Joe thanks you for a successful launch that promises a bright future for AFF New Orleans.

# Overwhelming Demand for New Chapters

Young Leaders with Your Ideals Eager to Grow Local Liberty Communities  
*Limited Resources is the Biggest Obstacle to Growth*



Kathryn Shelton, Director of Chapter Advancement, inspires chapter leaders in Dallas at the 2015 Leadership Retreat in October. She presents awards to the top 3 chapters. With your support, Kathryn can help leaders build stronger chapters in even more cities in 2016.

Young professionals in cities across America are searching for an outlet where they can talk about free market solutions. Kathryn Shelton, Director of Chapter Advancement, is struggling to keep up with the demand for AFF chapters. It's a great problem to have, and AFF can solve it with your help.

Kathryn knows what it's like to feel alone as a liberty-minded young professional. She started a chapter in her hometown of Dallas, Texas, in 2012.

Two years later, she was excited to accept an offer to work part time with AFF to provide training and support for new chapter leaders building free market communities in their cities. With your help, Kathryn expanded AFF's chapter program from 7 chapters in 2012 to 18 chapters today.

With 18 volunteer chapter leaders, it's difficult to provide both resources for current chapters and look for new leaders passionate about free markets. AFF has grown organically, but with more resources Kathryn

would be able to actively recruit leaders in cities where limited government isn't considered an option.

More resources would mean:

- Kathryn would reach out to young professionals in state capitols where young leaders are looking to advance their careers and change the course of politics.
- Chapter leaders would receive more training – training that could help them get published in local newspapers and influence more people.
- Existing chapters would increase their activities. Chapters like SE Michigan could give honoraria to Cato or Heritage scholars and attract more attendees eager to learn free market ideas.

“I truly believe that freedom leads to greater prosperity. It's important for young people to understand, because we're the next politicians and the next voters. If people don't understand why less government is important, America is in big trouble,” says Kathryn.



AFF Pittsburgh holds its 3rd Annual Liberty Ball celebration in October with a debate, held in conjunction with IHS Weekend Exploring Liberty Seminar. These millennials share your beliefs on limited government and personal responsibility. Thank you for giving them a way to express these ideas.

*“Who Do You Know?”*

## Supporters Can Increase Freedom With Connections

If You Know Young People Passionate About Liberty, Tell Us!



Paul Doherty stands proudly at the San Francisco launch this year. Before becoming involved, Paul felt alone in his beliefs in the Bay Area. If you know of a young leader eager to network and learn about free markets, connect them with AFF by contacting AFF via email, phone, or mail.

Paul Doherty works in a private sector field completely unrelated to free markets. Living in San Francisco, there’s no space to think differently. A Google search led Paul to America’s Future Foundation, and this past year Paul’s chapter won the award for “Best New Chapter.” Paul’s story isn’t the only one.

“If there’s someone in a city feeling frustrated and doesn’t feel like there is space to learn or grow, that’s where AFF comes in and helps them get started,” says Kathryn Shelton, Director of Chapter Advancement.

“Connections are always helpful,” she says. AFF is a small organization, so “if supporters know potential leaders in their city, or know of possible speakers for the local chapter, young professionals could really benefit.”

**If you know a young person passionate about building a local liberty community, email [info@americasfuture.org](mailto:info@americasfuture.org), call 202-331-2261, or use the reply envelope to help them fight for liberty.**

### *Student Activists Graduate continued from Page 1*

Caitlin is influencing millennials through her graduate degree work in communications – she presented at the San Diego Comic Conference with her research on how the Marvel comic universe connects to free market ideas.

Caitlin shares your views on the role of government. She stays motivated to fight for freedom because she’s seen what happens when you don’t have liberty – hospitals are bombed, businesses are run into the ground. She sees how it can be better. “I want the world to save itself. I think liberty can do that.”

You are supporting the only group that has been the next

step for liberty minded college graduates, like Caitlin, for 20 years. AFF is the network young professionals turn to after graduation, the way they can stay involved after diplomas have been handed out.

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With your help, Caitlin will succeed in building a strong Raleigh chapter, and her story can continue to inspire recent graduates in other cities to follow her example.

# You Put Free Market Ideas in Mainstream Media

## AFF Writing Fellows Program Trains Young Writers to Get Published



Writing Fellows Program graduates celebrate completion of the training. With training, these writers will be able to influence thousands who read their published work. They couldn't do it without you!

It's been one year since the beginning of the Writing Fellows Program and alumni are already attributing publishing success to the training. This career success is impacting thousands who read their work.

Jason Russell has you to thank for his current position at the Washington Examiner. "I wouldn't have my current job if it weren't for the networking opportunities I had in the Writing Fellows Program. We had an incredible lineup of speakers from all kinds of publications. I've been in journalism for almost a year now, and I couldn't have made it without the skills I learned in the Writing Fellows Program."

Why is your support for young writers important? "Changing the hearts and minds of voters means having smart, thoughtful people putting our ideas into the mainstream conversation," says Stephanie Slade, AFF Writing Program Manager and Managing Editor at Reason Magazine.

"That's why AFF's Writing Fellows Program is so important—it takes promising young writers and connects them to experienced professionals who can help them take their careers to the next level and get the free-market philosophy in front of as many eyeballs as possible."

Educating young professionals about policy issues is important, but as Jason says "It's not enough to just have dedication and the right ideas - job skills are necessary too. AFF fills a huge gap in the liberty movement by helping young professionals develop important skills."

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Past established speakers include:

- Anneke Green, *White House Writers Group*
- Phil Klein, *Washington Examiner*
- Mollie Hemingway, *The Federalist*
- Alexis Simendinger, *RealClearPolitics*
- Tim Carney, *AEI Scholar*
- Rob Bluey, *Heritage Foundation*

# What Will Your Legacy Be?

## Leave a Legacy of Liberty with a Gift to AFF in Your Will

What kind of legacy will you leave for future generations? How can you preserve and expand liberty for your children and grandchildren so they have the same or more opportunity than you did?

One way is to consider a planned gift to America's Future Foundation. By leaving part of your estate to AFF, you will ensure that young professionals nationwide will be educated about the ideas of liberty.

Your support will ensure for decades to come that free markets, limited government, and individual liberty are preserved and defended.

To make AFF a beneficiary in your will, simply contact your attorney and insert the following language: *"I give, devise, and bequeath to America's Future Foundation, tax identification number 52-1928321, 1513 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 (insert percentage, amount or nature of gift, or remainder of estate) to be used for educational purposes."*

Please notify us when you decide to make a legacy gift so you can receive special recognition in AFF's Legacy for Liberty Society.

# Two Alumnae Awarded for Liberty Achievements

## Your Early Investment Started Their Influential Careers

Two AFF alumnae received awards for significant achievements in advancing the conservative movement in the past year. Kristen Soltis Anderson and Mollie Hemingway were 2 of 5 individuals this year to receive the Young Conservative Coalition Buckley Award.

The award is in honor of William F. Buckley, Jr., who founded National Review and wrote *God & Man* at Yale, all before the age of 30.

Kristen Soltis Anderson, Co-Founder & Republican Pollster of Echelon Insights, attributes your support of AFF to her current success. She says, "In my case, my first media, writing, and panel experiences all came through AFF. I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to AFF for helping me start my career and my life as a young professional woman. And, as a supporter of AFF, I owe a debt of gratitude to you."

Mollie Hemingway, Senior Editor of *The Federalist*, also began her career writing for AFF's former print magazine, *Doublethink*. Mollie is currently involved with the AFF Writing Fellows Program where she offers advice, helps fellows get published, and continues to change the world through writing.



AFF alumnae Mollie Hemingway (left) and Kristen Soltis Anderson (right) receive YCC's Buckley Award, given to young leaders for significant achievements in the conservative movements. Your support of AFF opportunities helped Kristen and Mollie start their careers. Thank you!



Thank you for all you do to support young professionals and America's Future Foundation chapters across the U.S. If you know a young professional in your life who would benefit from AFF's mission, please let us know. You can call AFF's office with comments, questions, or suggestions at (202) 331- 2261, email [info@americasfuture.org](mailto:info@americasfuture.org), or mail at 1513 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036.



Fox News Contributor Deroy Murdock debates income inequality at an AFF San Francisco event sponsored by the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation. With your help, this AFF chapter hopes to change the conversation in this liberal city!



Speaker and AFF alumnus Tim Carney coaches attendees on how to persuasively talk about cronyism. These young professionals will go on to compete in a tournament to practice influencing family and friends.



AFF Milwaukee hosts a presidential election panel and happy hour in December featuring Brian Sikma of *Media Trackers* and Jessie Opoien of *Cap Times*. You're spreading ideas of personal responsibility and free markets in Wisconsin during a crucial time for the country.



Writing Fellows Program participants celebrate graduation of from the 6 week training program. You've trained 4 classes of young aspiring writers, many of whom are published!

America's Future Foundation's mission is to recruit and cultivate young professionals to become effective, lifelong advocates for liberty.

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