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What made you want to be a part of the Lott Leadership Institute when you were coming to college?

E: “The PPL program really stood out to me as I began my college application process. I liked the passion in every student, the close-knit community, and the small class sizes. It just seemed like the perfect fit for me!"

S: "I’ve known from a young age that I wanted to major in something that could lead me into politics when I came to college. I attended the Lott Leadership Summer Program in 2015 and was immediately hooked. It showed me that PPL was the major I was meant to be in!"

What’s one piece of advice or word of encouragement you would offer to our prospective new students?

E: "Get to know your professors and go to them for help. They have so much experience and insight beyond the classroom that can really be helpful throughout your college career."

S: "There’s always a way to make PPL fit with your plans. So many students are on different paths yet all chose Lott for the leadership skills and policy expertise that will make them stand out in their future career."

What do you want to do in the future with your PPL degree?

E: "I want to work in government and help develop ideas and issues into real legislation. It’s easy to talk about the issues, but we need solutions to them for anything to get done."

S: "Eventually, I want to do campaigns with an emphasis on social media marketing so that I can make sure candidates really make a connection with the public."
SECRETARY OF VETERAN’S AFFAIRS VISITS LOTT!

By James Hirsch

Last Friday, the Lott Institute hosted the Secretary of Veteran’s Affairs, Mr. Robert Wilkie. He spoke to a body of public policy students in Dr. Holland’s 101 class. Secretary Wilkie has a long history with this University and with Senator Lott. Early in his career, he worked alongside Mr. Gottshall as a staffer for Senator Lott. He is a direct descendent of the namesake of Summerville Hall on campus. In his long career of public service, he also worked as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and received the Defense Distinguished Public Service Metal, which is the highest honor awarded to civilians by the Department of Defense.

Secretary Wilkie’s visit last Friday offered a fascinating and unique perspective on public service, the military, and trying to implement change in an environment saturated in contentious partisanship. As the son of a federal government employee, I was raised with a clear model of what service to one’s family, community, and country looked like. Growing up, one message that received consistent emphasis was to, in the words of Mister Rogers, “Look for the helpers”. In his brief visit to the Lott institute, Secretary Wilkie further affirmed this model of “service first” in public policy, emphasizing the need for leaders that are willing to lay aside the politics that so divide our nation in order to come together to actually create effectual change.

He is one of the “Helpers”.

Aside from a discussion of the role of leaders in this modern political era, he also spoke on the VA’s responsibility to veterans, issues such as suicide in the military community, and answered a question from one of the University’s ROTC, his favorite aircraft. In this current political climate, it is all too easy to only listen to those who come from the same side as that which we identify with. Not only did Secretary Wilkie offer interesting insight into this issue, his visit offered an opportunity for us to do just that.
Last month, Senator and Mrs. Lott were able to attend two events and network with students and alumni. The Advisory Board thanks them for joining us and we look forward to seeing them again soon!
EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The John Quincy Adams Society is a nonpartisan, national network of student groups and young professionals focused on foreign policy. Our particular emphasis is on elevating discussion of U.S. grand strategy and on prudent, measured alternatives to primacy and deep engagement. We hold meetings every Thursday at 4pm in Trent Lott 213.

ASB ADOPT-A-BASKET:
The Lott Student Advisory Board is compiling DONATIONS for the ASB Thanksgiving Basket drive. Donations will be accepted through 5 PM on Tuesday, November 13th. If you are interested in donating to Lott's Basket, please VENMO the Lott Advisory Board (@Lott-Advisory-Board) If you have any questions, please consult a member of the Lott Student Advisory Board or Madison Thornton, who is chairing this initiative.
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APPLY FOR MISSISSIPPI POLITICAL REVIEW:
The Mississippi Political Review (MPR) is a student organization that publishes undergraduate writing of a political nature in a print magazine annually that is available to all members of the University of Mississippi Community.

The MPR is currently looking for students to submit pieces for our Spring 2019 Issue. All material should be 800-1500 words and somehow tie into politics. Students can submit work used for other purposes (such as classes), so long that it is original to the author and has not been published elsewhere.

Check out our website (mississippipoliticalreview.wordpress.com) for more detailed submission guidelines. Also, follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@MSPoliticalReview). If you want more information or have any questions, please email us at mspoliticalreview@gmail.com

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