

**AIAA GHS Section
Congressional Visits Day
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The 3rd Wednesday of March is a special day for AIAA and our members. This is the one day set aside for Congressional Visits Day (CVD) each year. CVD is a day-long event for AIAA sections visit each of their respective congressional delegations of US Senators and US Representatives. Over the past few years approximately 200 AIAA members from across the country traveled to Washington DC to participate in CVD. Your Greater Huntsville Section has been well represented in the past and we expect to continue in this great tradition of spreading the message of the importance of our aerospace sector to the economic success of our country. GHS members have visited all



US Representatives and US Senators for Alabama and Mississippi for the last several years. In fact, GHS has won the Public Policy Chapter of the Year (Very Large Category) for two years running on account of our substantial participation in CVD and other public policy events.

GHS can continue to support AIAA by sending more section members to CVD. This is a great experience to get to know your Washington DC delegation and other AIAA members from across the county. We need more Senior members to attend. Our student participation has been outstanding and has become a resume enhancing experience. Thanks to Mississippi State University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville the GHS section has been represented by



at least six student members in the past two years. Participation is easy. In fact, AIAA holds a training webinar weeks prior to the event and a face-to-face reception and training session the day prior. To encourage members to attend, the AIAA National Office offers a subsidy of up to \$500 per person subject to application and description of need. Our GHS section has also budgeted a small amount to supplement the subsidy. I encourage each GHS member to participate. It is important to AIAA, important to our aerospace sector, and will be a fulfilling experience for you. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Crumbly at

chris@spaceroc.com and I will be happy to help. Let's be sure to support our new Public Policy Director, Alix Villanueva as she prepares for the next CVD scheduled for March 18, 2020.

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