

USC in D.C.

In March, USC President **C. L. Max Nikias** and a delegation of university leaders traveled to Washington, D.C., to strengthen ties with top policymakers. The USC group met with numerous congressional representatives from California and several other states, as well as key officials in the education, research, and defense sectors.

In addition to President Nikias, the delegation included USC trustees Wanda Austin, Lisa Barkett, Christopher Cox, Robert Padgett, Bruce Ramer, Edward P. Roski Jr., Leonard Schaeffer, and Jeff Smulyan; as well as Provost Elizabeth Garrett; Tom Sayles, senior vice president for university relations; Randolph Hall, vice president of research; and Anthony Hassan, director of the USC Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans and Military Families.



1 Nevada Senator Dean Heller, a USC alumnus, welcomed Trojans to the nation's capital. *Left to right:* Lisa Barkett, Bruce Ramer, President Nikias, Sen. Heller, Wanda Austin, and Edward P. Roski Jr.

2 Bill Barkett, Lisa Barkett, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, President Nikias, Bruce Ramer, and Edward P. Roski Jr.



3 Edward P. Roski Jr.; Brigadier General (Sel.) Michael Groen, director of intelligence for the U.S. Marine Corps; President Nikias; and Bruce Ramer. While in Washington, President Nikias and Provost Garrett announced a pioneering summer program that will provide high school-aged children of active duty and veteran service members with the opportunity to earn college credit at USC. The university will provide these students with a full scholarship, as well as room and board, for this four-week program.

4 Bruce Ramer, President Nikias, California Representative Karen Bass, and Edward P. Roski Jr. Congresswoman Bass represents the 37th district of California, which includes USC.



5 Anthony Hassan, Bruce Ramer, Texas Representative Mac Thornberry, President Nikias, and Edward P. Roski Jr.



6, 7, 8 USC held a special reception for alumni and supporters from around the Beltway, during which President Nikias spoke.



USC in Sacramento

In April, President Nikias led a USC delegation to our state's capital, where they met with Governor Jerry Brown and several state assembly members.



9 Governor Brown; USC students Jasmine Torres, Shamoiya Washington, and Marco Valadez; and President Nikias. The three students are participants in the Cal Grants program, and offered their personal testimonies to state officials.



10 President Nikias, Jasmine Torres, State Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff, Shamoiya Washington, and Marco Valadez.