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Detainee's mom is Schumer's SOTU guest

Son held over 250 miles from family's NY home

Eduardo Cuevas
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — A Bronx mother whose eldest son was one of the first New York City students detained by federal immigration agents is Democratic Senate Mi-

nority Leader Chuck Schumer's personal guest to President Donald Trump's State of the Union, USA TODAY has exclusively learned.

As Trump is set to tout his achievements at his Feb. 24 address to Congress, including his administration's aggressive approach to immigration enforcement in the last year, Raiza Contreras is trying to show its effects on her three children and other migrant fam-

ilies, she said in an interview.

"It's an opportunity to at least bring attention to the case and many other injustices happening," Contreras, a 41-year-old who immigrated from Venezuela, told USA TODAY in Spanish. "Because it's not just me."

Her son Dylan, 21, was detained when he attended a routine immigration court hearing in May. Dylan, who his lawyers said has no criminal history

and entered the country through a Biden-era program in 2024, is held in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center in Pennsylvania.

Contreras — who works as a carpenter's assistant, in food delivery and recently as a caregiver for older people — is traveling for the first time to the nation's capital.

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Oak Ridge's Ja'Rell Jemersen (1) shoots a layup during a TSSAA District 4-AAAA high school basketball tournament game at McMinn County High School on Feb. 20 in Athens. PHOTOS BY ANGELINA ALCANTAR/NEWS SENTINEL

Oak Ridge Wildcats face Hardin Valley today

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The Oak Ridge High School boys basketball team will play Hardin Valley at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at McMinn County High School in Athens in the District 4 tournament. • The Wildcats played a close game against the Farragut Admirals on Feb. 20 at McMinn County, losing 65-62.



TOP RIGHT: Oak Ridge boy's basketball coach Aaron Green yells during a TSSAA District 4-AAAA high school basketball tournament game at McMinn County High School.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Oak Ridge's Eli Peters (4) and Farragut's Parker Lane (23) fight for the ball during a TSSAA District 4-AAAA high school basketball tournament game at McMinn County High School on Feb. 20.



Which Tenn. congressional candidates are raising the most money?

Vivian Jones
USA TODAY NETWORK — TENNESSEE

All nine of Tennessee's U.S. House members are on the ballot in this year's midterm elections, with several incumbents facing well-funded challengers.

Below is a look at how much candidates have raised based on their most recent Federal Election Commission filings in January. Right now, candidates are competing for party nominations in the Aug. 6 primary. Winners of those primaries advance to the Nov. 3 general election.

1st Congressional District: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R)

U.S. Rep. Diana Harshbarger has raised \$748,800 so far this cycle and spent \$419,100. She enters the midterms with \$1.78 million cash on hand and \$1.46 million in outstanding debt, according to FEC filings.

Two Republicans, four Democrats and four Independents have pulled petitions to challenge Harshbarger. Republican Billy Cody has filed signatures.

2nd Congressional District — incumbent U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett (R)

U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett is facing a challenge from Knoxville Democrat Michaela Barnett, a small business owner and scientist who previously worked in Congress.

Burchett has raised \$490,300 this cycle and spent \$655,400. He has \$563,100 cash on hand, and \$9,160 in outstanding debt, according to his latest FEC filing in January.

Burchett and Barnett are the only two candidates who have pulled petitions for the race.

3rd Congressional District — incumbent U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R)

Longtime District 3 incumbent Rep. Chuck Fleischmann will face a challenge this year from progressive Democrat Anna Golladay. Golladay ran

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