# Washington Youth Tour 2013

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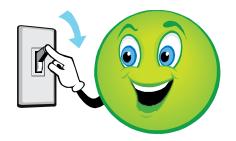
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## My Initiative to Apply

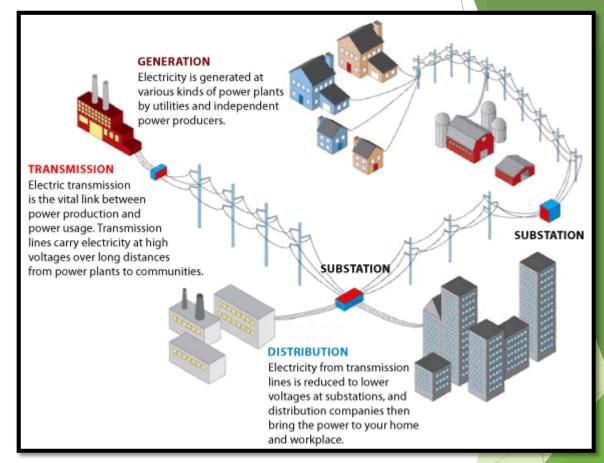
My inspiration for applying to the Washington Youth Tour at first was my principal Lillian Kim Franklin. Mrs. Franklin had selected a group that she thought was best to take advantage of this opportunity. After I had learned about the amazing sights and people I would meet, my interest had blown through the roof! Then, the motivation of becoming a role model for my siblings and community had sprung, I had wanted this more than anything I have ever worked for.

## My Essay



- In my essay I explained on the uses of a power Grid; I also talked about how Hurricane Sandy affected the East coast and power was out for three weeks. Line crews from all over the country dedicating their time and lives on reenergizing the East Coast cities Grid.
- I also explained a few things on what my family demonstrates conservation in my home by turning off lights when not in rooms, using a fans instead of A/C unit, and unplugging all appliances that draw energy to avoid energy waste. Changing the appliances to Energy efficient models.
- Installing Compact Florescent Light Bulbs (CFL) in every light socket in my home.

#### Today's Electrical Power GRID



## What is the Washington Youth Tour?

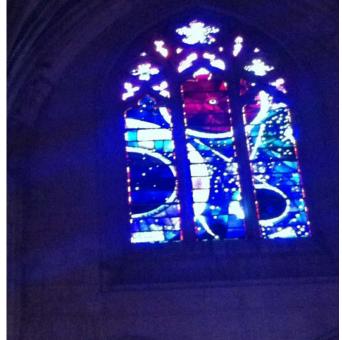
Over 1,500 students from all across America take part in the Youth Tour experience each year and travel to Washington, D.C., where students meet their United States Representative and Senators. This unique trip gives the opportunity to watch history come alive as students explore the museums, memorials and monuments along with their peers. Students meet other student leaders from nearly every state and hear dynamic leaders on Youth Day. Bottom line, students will make friendships that will last a lifetime and be part of a group that has over 50,000 alumni in every walk of life including U.S. Senators and CEOs



## My First Experience in DC



The National Cathedral was a very beautiful and sacred place. It is the only cathedral to be built and finished in one century! The figure below is called "The Space Window" and it was brought back on the mission of Apollo 11 by Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins. It is a sediment from the moon and was donated to the cathedral on July 21, 1974.





#### The White House

The White House is the official residence and principal workplace of the President of the United States, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW in Washington, D.C. It has been the residence of every U.S. president since John Adams in 1800.



#### The United States Air Force Concert

- ► The Airmen of Notes was established by Major Glen Miller in 1950.
- ► The concert performed premiere jazz songs from the 1950's.



## Second Day: Arlington Cemetery

- ► The Arlington National Cemetery is our nation's most sacred shrine.
- ► Ira Hayes was an Akimel O'otham soldier from the Gila River. Ira helped raise the flag in Iwo Jima.
- Lori Piestewa she was the first woman and Native American to be killed in Iraqi Freedom.





#### Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum

In 1761, Madame Tussaud was born Marie Grosholtz in Strasbourg, France. Her father, a German soldier, died in battle before her birth. By age six, Marie moved to Paris with her mother, who worked as a housekeeper for Dr. Philippe Curtius, a doctor and wax modeler, and became his prodigy. In 1770, Dr. Curtius opened a museum featuring life-size wax figures that immediately became popular among Parisians and visiting royalty. In 1778, Marie had enough experience to create a wax portrait of the French writer, Voltaire. Two years later, she was appointed art tutor to Madame Elisabeth, the sister of Louis XVI, and lived at the magnificent Palace of Versailles for the next nine years.







## National American History Museum

**Electrical Line** 

**Electrical Insulator** 





**Steam Turbine** 

## Lazy Susan's Dinner Theater

The play that we saw was the Lazy Chaperone. The lazy chaperone- has so many twist to the play. A showgirl has met her true love which happens to be a rich boy from the Hamptons. The manager of the show girl hates the Idea of her getting married; he hires a two gangsters to sabotage the affairs. However, in the meantime the girl's fiancé's grandmother and her friends who are former show biz cats and love to drink, their job is to watch the bride and keep her away from the groom



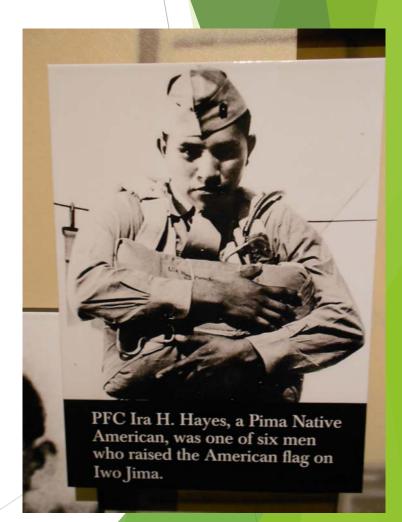
Third Day: United States Marine Corp

Museum

- The museum was sectored into six sections which ranged from World War I to Iraqi Freedom.
- My favorite part was the Vietnam War because the displays were so realistic along with the sounds. It was very informative about the weapons used during that time along with how it started and ended.







#### **Tavern**

Founded as a seaport in 1749, Alexandra has always greeted visitors from near and far. Taverns, like Gadsby's, provided travelers with much needed rest, food and drink, the latest news, a place to make business deals and to hold political discussions, and a variety of entertainment.



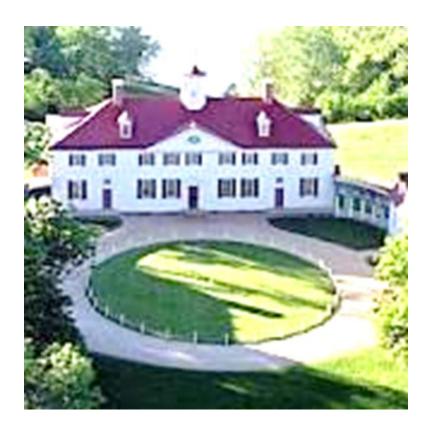




#### Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon is George Washington's mansion. (Right)



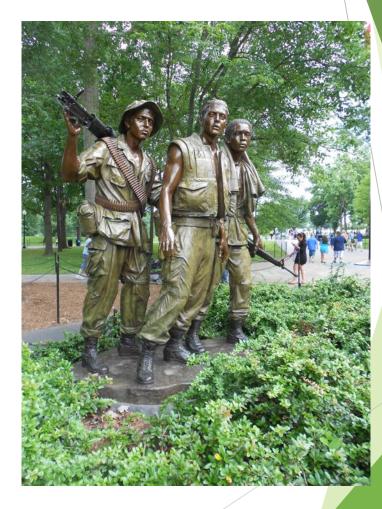


This is an example of a sight known as the Paint Cellar. (left)

## Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials







## Fourth Day: Youth Day

The featured speakers during Youth Day provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their community.







## Iwo Jima Memorial and the Capital







## MLK, Jefferson, and WWII Memorials



Dr, Martin Luther King





## Fifth Day: Congressional Insight

Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their Representative and Senators



### Native American Museum

► The National Museum of the American Indian is part of the Smithsonian Institution and is dedicated to the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of the Native Americans of the Western Hemisphere





## National Art Gallery

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is a museum in Washington, D.C. which has one of the world's largest and most inclusive collections of art, from the colonial period to the present, made in the United States.



## Sixth Day: Congressional Visits





## Akin Gump

Akin Gump is unique in its Supreme Court advocacy No other law firm provides a fullservice American Indian practice and a nationally recognized Supreme Court practice that understand the key concerns to tribes—from the protection of treaty rights to gaming eligibility determinations, from sovereignty issues to mismanagement of tribal lands.





## Fort McHenry

► Fort McHenry, in Baltimore, Maryland, is a coastal star-shaped fort best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy in Chesapeake Bay September 13-14, 1814. Also, the birthplace of the Star-Spangled Banner.





## Seventh Day: Trip Back Home

My trip back home was exciting and dreadful all at the same time! I was excited to be able to see and spend time with my family. Yet, I dreaded having to leave an interesting and mesmerizing place! Throughout the trip, I made new friends that weren't from my area and it was refreshing. The places I was given the opportunity to experience, were greatly breathtaking. There is not enough gratitude in the world that could express how appreciative I am. Once I landed, it felt nice to be warm and not feel muggy! After the experience, I understood the difference between going on a road trip rather than on a wonderful experience. Now, I focus more on my education and work so that I can experience that feeling many more times to come. My special thanks would go out to my family, Jaina Allen, my Youth Tour advisors' and the GRICUA workers and community! (:

## Thank You Gila River for your support!



