

Impressions of USSYP Washington Week

As a student from a small school and community, I was greatly impacted by the monumental experience that was Washington Week 2009. Previous to my United States Senate Youth Program encounters, I'd never met individuals that were so enthusiastic, so conversant with politics, and so vital; I am referring of course to my fellow delegates, all of whom made a profound impression on me. My peers from Washington Week contributed depth and life to the presentations. Their questions provided additional dimensions to the speeches of the renowned individuals that spoke to us. I found the best component of that week in our nation's capitol wasn't the famous monuments or prominent leaders, but rather the companionship of a set of peers that cherished those monuments and leaders as much as I did.

I will be forever grateful for the chance, I believe, of a lifetime, that was provided to me through this incredible program. I appreciate all of the effort I know went on within observation, and behind the scenes also, to make the entire week possible. I was astounded with the magnitude of events, places, and people we encountered throughout our visit. I was exposed to the prominent movers and shakers of today and possibly of tomorrow and I will not soon forget the insight those interactions provided to me.

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