

My Washington Week Experience

Wow!!! What a week! I just had the best week of my life! It was like riding the world's best rollercoaster for a week straight, and then had my napkins folded also. I cannot remember a time when I was hungry, bored, or disappointed during my time at the United States Senate Youth Program. This week taught me many things for the future.

I met some of the coolest people while I was at USSYP. Everyone was unique and "had something to bring to the table." Every person was captain of this team, president of this club, smart as a whip, and had hidden talents to add. I hope all of these wonderful people rubbed off on me and made me a better leader and person. The delegates were also very diverse. There were many different religions, races, and many other differences among the delegates. I found that many stereotypes were broken by these students, and I broke many stereotypes about Texas. Many people thought that I rode a horse to school, and that everyone carried a six-shooter revolver. I was fascinated talking with these people about their lives and learning about their region of the United States. This week helped make me much more knowledgeable about different peoples.

This week I also learned a lot from our speakers. They talked about the importance of public service and leadership qualities. They were very interesting and influential speeches. I was so amazed to be in the presence of some of these very important people. I am even more inspired and have several more weapons in my arsenal to promote community service. I also learned about leadership and politics from these speakers. My favorite quote was "Bring Ideas, Build Consensus, and Broaden Coalition." I am much more knowledgeable about politics and how to act as a representative trying to get my viewpoint across.

This week was by far the most exciting and exhilarating week of my life. I cannot even do this week justice with an essay. I am so grateful for being selected, and I wish I could do this program again. Shoot, I might delay graduating for a year if I have a chance to be a part of the prestigious United States Senate Youth Program.

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