Program Photos and Testimonials



"Hands down, I would recommend this program to other students. It completes your educational experience by exposing students to politics in a direct way. It is unlike any course you can take at ASU."

McCain Student Ambassadors with Earl Wayne, Ambassador to Mexico, and Ambassador Polt, Senior Director at the McCain Institute and Policy Design Studio course instructor.



Final course presentations at Decision Theater.

"I really enjoy learning from Ambassador Polt. I think very highly of him; he is interesting, friendly, has a sense of humor, extremely knowledgeable and experienced, thinks dialectically on issues, and is down to earth. In my mind, studying with him is the best part of the program."



"The McCain Institute has offered numerous lectures, debates, and events that I've attended in addition to class. The debates at the Navy Memorial Theatre are really interesting. I've enjoyed our class tours of the State Dept., Old Ebbets Grill, and am looking forward to our tour of Gettysburg with a former General."

Lunch with Ambassador Polt and McCain Institute staff.



Group tour of Gettysburg.



"Another thing I've become very fond of in my short time here is waking up every morning knowing that you get to work in our nation's capitol city, merely minutes away from the White House and Capitol Building."

Sophia, Allysa, Lynette, and Kelsey at the White House.



"We are having the time of our lives!"

Blaze, Allysa, Lynette, and Lonny at the Congressional Black Caucus cocktail party.



"WISH is a conveniently located. It is a good neighborhood, really close to the metro, the National Zoo, and Cleveland Park Public Library."

Nationals game with friends from WISH- Woodley Park.



Trip to the State Department Diplomatic Interim Training Facility.



"Traveling to work or just exploring the city is tremendously easy. Less than a block from WISH is the Woodley Park Metro Station where you can board the subway and go anywhere in the city in a matter of minutes. If tunnels are not your thing there are multiple bus stops scattered around the city as well."

Kelsey, Allysa, Sam, and Blaze at the House where Lincoln died.



Martin, Blaze, and Lonny at the World War II Memorial Fountain.

"I feel like I have already done a lifetime worth of exciting things here. As a group, the McCain Scholars have made multiple trips to Capitol Hill to experience and re-experience the awesomeness of all the monuments that each have such amazing stories to tell about America's history. We are currently in the process of making our way through each one of the Smithsonian Museums here, last weekend was the Holocaust Museum and this weekend we are headed to the National Air and Space Museum."



Blaze and Sam at the MLK March on Washington.

"In my free time I've got to see the Smithsonian Museums of Natural and American History, the National Mall, President Obama's speech on MLK's 50th Anniversary, two Nationals games at RFK, the Newseum, and the Smithsonian National Zoo. I've also signed up to pick up trash on the Anacostia River in October in a canoe. And I'm looking forward to stopping by Embassy row on Halloween and tasting all the different treats. In other words, I'm really enjoying all the things to do and see here!"



McCain Student Ambassadors with Artis Pariks, the Latvian Minister of Defense and Ambassador Kurt Volker, Executive Director of the McCain Institute.