

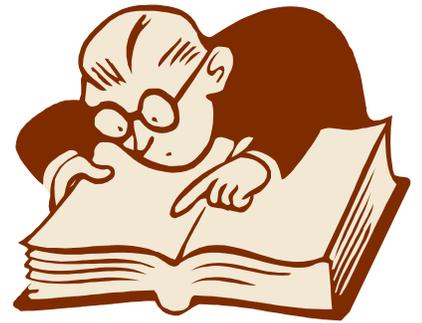


**The People to People Student Ambassador Program** is an organization based in Spokane, Washington, that offers international travel opportunities to elementary, middle, and high school students. It is one of the sponsored programs of People to People International. The mission of such programs is to "promote peace through understanding," in the words of Dwight D. Eisenhower, who founded the program in 1956.

President Eisenhower sought an alternative to the wars he witnessed as a soldier, general and Allied Commander. He called a White House conference of 100 of the top American leaders who joined him in creating the People to People initiative. In 1961, Eisenhower decided that People to People should be preserved by private citizens and asked Joyce C. Hall of Hallmark Cards to move the program to the private sector. People to People recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special program in Washington, D.C.

**Below is an overview of what Nickalus did on his trip to Washington.**

**The World Leadership Forum** meets each Spring and Fall in Washington. Students from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade go to Washington for a week of interactive leadership training from members of the U.S. Congress and other government officials. They visit Colonial Williamsburg, all of the monuments in Washington, and the National Air and Space Museum.



During the weeklong stay at the World Leadership Forum, they will attend forums that will teach them to learn how to set and achieve goals, work with others, including students from other countries, emulate and internalize the winning traits and behaviors of great leaders throughout U.S. history and build a road map for future success in college and beyond. They will gain hands-on experience in the four components of leadership, Character, Communication, Problem solving & Teamwork.

The workshops, discussions and presentations take place in the hotel where World Leadership Forum student leaders will reside during the forum. Some of America's top government leaders will speak at these forums. Recreational activities, community service projects, and special programs related to the forum are held throughout the Washington, D.C., area.

The forum blends small-group discussions, presentations and workshops with fun and challenging social, recreational and educational activities. They will have the opportunity to analyze periods of national crisis during which America's leaders faced the greatest challenges of their political careers such as The Civil War and Reconstruction, World War I, the Great Depression and World War II, The Korean War, the Vietnam War and the American Civil Rights Movement.