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VMMS 6th grade student on her way to Junior National Young Leaders Conference, in Washington, D.C.

VISTA, Calif. – The Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) helps scholars develop and sharpen their leadership skills by examining the leaders of the past and empowering them to make a positive social impact in their community and the world.

Geared toward looking at leadership through a practical, everyday lens, JrNYLC incorporates a detailed examination of eight leadership traits and focuses on leaders in American history and social advocacy. Distinctive site experiences, hands-on exercises and workshops bring these concepts to life, while students work together to develop action plans that affect change within their home and communities.

Melissa Silvester, 6th grader at VMMS is leaving this Sunday and will arrive with in a week after exploring leadership skills, a mock trial, and a sleepover at the Maryland Science Center. Her excitement is also that she gets to travel across country!

Sample schedule below:

Day One Welcome to Your Journey of Leadership: Voices of Leadership

The Leader Within: Insights into Leadership

Leadership Development Activities

The Impact of Leadership Traits

- Character
- Communication
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Respect
- Teamwork

Day Two Leadership in U.S. History: Voices of Freedom

Leadership Group Meetings

Field Study Experience: Behind the Scenes of History and News

The Newseum: The Interactive Museum of News on America's Main Street

Around and About Capitol Hill: The Hallowed Halls of Leadership

Walking Tour and Photo Opportunity

Leadership Group Meetings

"Capturing the Experience" Reflection Activities

Freedom of Expression: Opinions and Decisions

Day Three Voices of Struggle

Leadership Group Meetings

Travel to Harpers Ferry – Site of a Civil War Rebellion

Testing the Times: Would You Follow John Brown?

Choices and Consequences: Loyalties and the American Civil War

History One-on-One Discovery Experience

Leadership Group Meetings

“Capturing the Experience” Reflection Activities

Freedom and Responsibility: A Mock Trial

Day Four Voices of Courage

Leadership Group Meetings

Tributes of Valor and Sacrifice: Tour of our Nation’s Memorials

- Lincoln Memorial

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial

- Korean War Veterans Memorial

Field Study Experience: American History Museum

The Residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

White House Photo Opportunity

“Capturing the Experience” Reflection Activities

The Process of Social Activism

Day Five Voices of Change

Leadership Group Meetings

Leaders Take a Stand: Student Collaborative Projects

Leadership in Action: Closing Keynote Speaker

A Learning Adventure

Sleepover and Leadership Activities

Day Six Taking Leadership Home: The Road Ahead

Leadership Group Meetings: Making a Difference at Home

We, the Future: Continuing the Voices of Leadership

Closing Commencement Ceremony

Departure

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