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Title: St. Michael Student Attends World Leadership Forum

Andreane R., an 8th grader at St. Michael School, recently returned from Washington, DC where she attended a People to People World Leadership Forum. She was nominated by her 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Rudiger, to take part in the week-long program with delegates from around the United States and beyond. Throughout this intensive program, students developed their leadership skills by visiting the nation's capital, learning about the United States government, and listening to influential speakers. Visits to Gettysburg, Jamestown, and Williamsburg gave students further understanding of the important events that shaped our nation's history. The qualities of an honorable and successful leader were imparted to her through the various activities of this program.

"I will cherish this experience forever. I have grown as a leader by gaining the courage and determination to help serve my community," says Andy. She spoke about how one of the speakers in the World Leadership Forum cited Ghandi's famous quote: "Be the difference you want to see in the world." She feels inspired to make a difference too and said, "By hearing this quote and participating in the different activities of the program, I realized that my actions matter and that I can make a difference."

The People to People World Leadership Forum offers a wide range of programs that provides students with a unique learning environment. Students develop lifelong bonds with students all over the world. Participants are taught the different qualities of a leader through hands-on activities as they are educated in the awareness of global issues. General Eisenhower, the founder of People to People, believed that global peace can only come through the appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity and the respect of individual differences. People to People programs such as the World Leadership Forum have promoted peace for more than 50 years. Therefore, Andy is enthusiastically determined to join the ranks of 100s of other students who have become prominent community leaders after also participating in such world leadership forums and training.