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Washington, D.C.
Experience

My favorite memory was participating in the wreath laying ceremony for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery.

- Kristi Williams, 22

SLU 201 changed my life! It helped me continue the leadership journey I began on 101. Everything I learned built onto what I learned at 101. We got to hear great speakers such as Dr. Richard Land, Chaplain Barry C. Black, former Army Ranger Jeff Struecker, Timothy Goeglein, and SLU President Jay Strack and Vice President Brent Crowe. Being in Washington D.C., we got to see places such as the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Jefferson Memorial, the World War II Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the Capitol Building, and more. Seeing all the memorials gave me a greater appreciation for all the men and women who have served and given their lives for our country.

What impacted me the most was the Holocaust Museum. I tried to prepare myself for the evil and death that would be presented, but as I walked the halls reading as much information as I could, I was overwhelmed by a hunger for justice. I kept thinking, "Why didn't anyone do anything to stop all this? People should have stood up!" Before we went to the museum we heard a session from Dr. Richard Land called "Can the Holocaust Happen Again?" I realized that I needed to stand for justice today. I need to stand against today's Holocaust of abortion. I still have that burning passion for justice in me that started in the Holocaust Museum. It pushes me to do things I wouldn't normally do. They may be little things right now, such as running a 5K to help raise money for a pro-life organization, but I want to do anything I can to make a difference.

One night we went to the National Press Club to eat dinner and have a session where we could ask Dr. Jay Strack and Dr. Richard Land questions. It was really neat to hear all the questions that the students asked. Dr. Richard Land and Jay Strack always gave us insightful answers and practical advice. I would encourage you to already have a question in mind that you want to ask at the National Press Club Briefing and be the first one to the microphone. There will be a long line of students right behind you.

I love that SLU treats us like adults and takes us seriously. They show us that they really do believe that God can use us to make a difference in this country and the world!

You need to go on SLU 201 so that you can continue to grow as a leader for Jesus. Remember all those ideas and dreams that hatched in your mind on 101? Well, on 201 they will become clear goals and visions. I encourage you to read as much as you can before you go on 201. Be prepared. Ask the speakers questions when they open the microphones. Try to learn as much as you can. I know I would not be who I am today if I had missed SLU 201. So don't miss it!



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Going to the Press Club during SLU 201 was so inspiring... students inquired as to how we can be the catalyst for change in issues that face us in our nation and the world.

- Annie Ballard, 16

Christian leaders are more necessary in this world now than in any other moment in history.

- Mark Besonen, 21

At SLU 201, I learned that, to be a leader, you're not always going to be first in command. Sometimes the leader is the person in the "second chair". That really stuck with me because that's where I tend to stand because it's where I am most effective.

- Maia Isaacs, 19

Dr. Jay shared with us that: "At 101 the little girls and little boys sit down and the men and women stand up. At 201 the imposters sit down and the real people stand up." I agree. At 201 I learned what I am passionate to stand for and how to take a stand as a student. It was deeply significant to experience our nation's capitol with over 800 like-minded students who desired to learn how to be movers and shakers in America today.

Dr. Bob Record shared the words of Edmund Burke with us, "The only thing needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." This is still such a powerful statement to me because it implies a great position of responsibility toward those who do nothing in the face of evil. One of the sites we visited that was particularly moving was the Holocaust Museum. I found myself easily thinking that if I had lived during that time I would have actively defended the lives of the Jewish people.

However, following this incredibly sobering experience, Dr. Richard Land revealed to us the modern day holocaust in America that we label abortion, in his session, "Can the Holocaust Happen Again?" I now believe it is wrong to encounter the history of the Holocaust, to be moved to compassion, but fail to act against abortion (which since 1973 has already killed more than nine times the total number of Jews killed in the Holocaust.)



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Mark Miller, a Chick-fil-A, Inc. executive, taught us that, "Leaders mess up when they apply yesterday's answers to today's questions," and "Your capacity to grow determines your capacity to lead." His session encouraged me to reach beyond my current interests and abilities, to pursue experiences and subjects I never would have tried in order to become a better leader and team member. On that note, I encourage anyone considering 201 to research and learn about Washington, D.C. and the sites you will visit. This will give you a greater appreciation for the entire tour. SLU 201 will awaken, equip, and excite you for the opportunities you have as a student!

Think. Dream. Lead. You'll never regret it



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