

NATIONAL HISTORY ACADEMY

Learning Through the Power of Place

National History Academy is designed to inspire 90 highly-motivated 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to learn about the foundations of American democracy and the responsibilities of citizenship. The Academy, operated by the non-profit Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, is the preeminent program of its kind in the country.

During the five week program, our students from across the nation visit over 30 of our country's defining historic sites, meet with more than 20 national leaders, study five Harvard Business School cases, and engage in parliamentary debates to build true civil discourse. The combined impact of this collaborative and participatory program is transformative: 94% of Academy students said they came away both more prepared for college and with a deeper appreciation of what it means to be an American.

Students attending the five-week Academy stay at Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia. In addition to the school's excellent residential facilities and classrooms, the location is within a three-hour drive of scores of historic sites every American should experience.



“It’s all about everyone bringing their perspectives to the table because that’s what the fabric of the country is built on. Dr. King said it was his dream that this nation would rise up to live out the true



meaning of its creed, and we all have a little bit different idea of what that means, but what binds us together is the idea that we can exchange ideas and live on.”

*-Ben Kellerhals,
Surprise, AZ*





COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

Our curriculum, taught by master teachers, challenges students to participate and interact with fellow students and historic places, and is built around four components: (1) Harvard Business School history cases; (2) parliamentary debates; (3) a speaker series; and (4) visits to the defining sites of American history.

Harvard Business School (HBS) cases. The Academy uses the case-based History of American Democracy curriculum developed by HBS Professor David Moss. The cases provide an interdisciplinary and contextual examination of key historic events, permitting students to consider multiple viewpoints and to place themselves in the role of decision makers.

Better Angels debates. In partnership with the Better Angels and the College Board, the Academy offers a parliamentary debate program designed to encourage civil discourse across the partisan divide in an open and respectful environment. This formal style of parliamentary debate allows students to explore challenging contemporary issues in contrast to the historical debates studied in the cases.

Guest Speakers. Nationally recognized guest speakers supplement classroom activities. Among the more than 20 2018 speakers were financier David Rubenstein, Civil Rights leader Ernest Green, Academy Award-winning actor Robert Duvall, former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission Trevor Potter, Lincoln biographer Matthew Pinsker, and other prominent historians and current leaders.

Site visits and unique experiences. The Academy alternates classroom work with visits to iconic National Parks, museums, presidential homes, battlefields and Civil Rights sites in the region, from Gettysburg to Harpers Ferry, Washington, DC, Charlottesville and Colonial Williamsburg. The students also have once-in-a-lifetime opportunities: in 2018, they saw the hit musical *Hamilton* at the Kennedy Center and screened the movie *Gettysburg* with the film's director, Ron Maxwell.

National History Academy offers a life-changing opportunity to students from across the country who care deeply about our country and our history. Please visit our website at www.historycamp.com to learn more.



I loved the sites that we got to visit. The fact that everyone was from all around the country bringing different views and ideas made the experience great. I loved that my views were challenged and I got to hear the other side of the story. Having the speakers and the great people that came to see us made the whole thing that much more memorable.

-Bereket Hailu, Rockville, MD

Details:

- June 23 to July 26, 2019 (five weeks)
- Hosted at Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia
- 90 highly-motivated rising 10th, 11th and 12th Grade Students
- Tuition is \$9,995 (all inclusive)
- Full and Partial Scholarships are available on a need basis.