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Thank you for supporting the Student Diplomacy Corps!

In August, we wrapped up another successful Student Diplomacy Corps (SDC) summer. With your help, SDC sent 162 underserved high school students on intensive summer programs to 17 countries throughout Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania. During conversations this Fall with student alumni, their families and our educational partners, it's clear that your investment has created excitement and made a deep impact on the students we serve.

SDC Summer 2017 Highlights

- Launched the new *Aotearoa: Te Ika-a-Māui* program. Students explored Maori culture, anthropology and indigenous rights on the northern island of New Zealand. [Read more.](#)
- Developed a scholarship program with the Aspen Institute and other Rocky Mountain mentoring programs to engage students from rural Colorado.
- Grew enrollment by 11% and expanded partnerships coast to coast.
- Engaged students in 80 days of scholar-led seminars from art history in Spain to environmental policy in China. [Read more.](#)

As part of our college readiness pedagogy, students submit post program projects that share insight into the impact of the SDC learning experience. Many of these pieces become their college essays. Three strong essays are linked below:

- [Hawa Gikineh](#) lives in the Bronx, NY. She is currently a senior at the Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science. She participated in the Japan: Sushi Dreams and Sustainability program.
- [Caroline Haile](#) lives in Big Horn, WY, population 198, and is currently a senior at Big Horn High School. She participated in our Spain: The Importance of Being Basque program.
- [Randy Dumalig](#) lives in San Francisco, CA. Part of the A Better Chance mentoring program, he attends Stuart Hall High School. He participated in our Morocco: Songs for Peace program.

Thank you again for your generosity, vision and support. Our students, their families and the SDC team are inspired by your commitment to help young people prepare for college and recognize their boundless potential to build a better world through student diplomacy.

Sincerely,

Chris Frantz, Tony Allen and John Meislin
Directors SDC

Enclosed: *Aotearoa itinerary, 2017 SDC programs and educational content list, 3 student essays*



Student Photography:
Maori Meeting House,
Auckland Museum