

While in Washington, D.C. Collins, Kurth and other Youth Tour program winners will witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery, and tour such famous, historical sites as the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, Ford's Theater, and the National Archives. The Youth Tour group will visit memorials honoring FDR, Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, the Vietnam War and the Korean War, and watch the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon perform at the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Museums to be explored include the Smithsonian Institution, and the Holocaust Museum. They will also visit the Hard Rock Cafe and take a cruise down the Potomac River.

“We are pleased and proud to be a part of the rich tradition of Youth Tour and to have such accomplished young people as these four representing VVEC,” says Alice Houston, VVEC general manager. “They are outstanding students and leaders in their schools and communities. They each submitted essays that reflect a high caliber of thought, development and organization. We applaud their commitment and the hard work required to reach this final level of our Youth Tour program. They each did a fantastic job.”