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(Academic information is in the syllabus, distributed separately.)
Welcome, students!

Congratulations on being selected to be a part of the 2015 Keio University/College of William and Mary Cross-Cultural Collaboration. We are pleased to welcome you to the growing family of past and present program participants.

This interdisciplinary program will incorporate history, cultural studies, anthropology, art, media, and other disciplines as means through which to understand the United States and its people. Through lectures, fieldwork activities, and research, you will investigate many different aspects of American culture and learn how these parts fit together to create larger local, national, and global cultures.

We challenge you to think critically about what you see and experience throughout the CCC. Through the program you will not only begin to develop a deeper understanding of America, but hopefully also gain new insights into your own culture and the value of international experiences.

We are about to embark on the 25th year of this unique summer program. We hope this year’s program adds to the longstanding relationship of cooperation, sharing, and mutual learning, teaching, and increased understanding between Keio University and the College of William & Mary. We also hope that this year’s program remains a symbol of the friendships and partnerships crucial to peaceful and progressive international relations.

We are so pleased to participate with you this year!

Kristina Poznan  
Academic Director

Jessica Cowing  
Assistant Director
Introduction to the Program

As a participant in the Keio University/College of William and Mary Cross-Cultural Collaboration, you will have many interesting and unique experiences. This handbook has been prepared to help you throughout the program. It will provide you with information about what to expect, as well as explain the procedures and rules of the program. You will want to read the entire handbook carefully to make sure you understand all of it. Please refer to it throughout the program when you have a question, but remember that all of the staff members are eager to help answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Making your experience a success

The success of your time here depends largely on your attitude. It is important that you make a commitment to do your best to be successful. The key elements of a successful experience are a positive attitude, realistic expectations, and an open mind:

• Positive Attitude
  The more you actively participate in program activities and classes, the more you will learn about the United States and Americans.

• Realistic Expectations
  What you expect is not always what you find. One of the challenges you may face during your time here is adjusting your assumptions and expectations of the United States. You can learn and grow much more from your experience if you look for and appreciate the unique aspects of this country.

• Open Mind
  Probably one of the main reasons you decided to participate in the program is that you wanted to experience something different. Having an open mind and a willingness to experience cultural differences will help make your time in America a success. Remember that the United States is not Japan and that many things will be different. Remember also that you will be in the U.S. for only a short time and that you will soon be returning to your home country and to things familiar to you. It is up to you to take advantage of this rare opportunity and grow from it. Remember, things are not necessarily bad or good, just different. Take time to recognize and explore the differences.
Important Phone Numbers

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Sentara Williamsburg Hospital: (757) 984-6000
   Emergency Department: (757) 984-7111

W&M Campus Police: (757) 221-4596

Woodlands Hotel front desk: (757) 220-7960

Beacon Hotel front desk: (202) 296-2100

Human Rights Campaign Foundation Office in Washington, DC: (202) 628-4160

In cases of real emergencies dial 911 from ANY phone, on campus or off.
Explanation of Special Events

**Standard Days:** Williamsburg in August is hot and humid, with temperatures frequently in the 90s (F). Getting around between the dorm, breakfast dining hall, lecture hall, classrooms, etc. will all require substantial walking each day. Since most of the walking paths on campus are slick bricks, high-heeled shoes are not recommended for everyday wear, only specific formal events. Light summer clothing is encouraged, with a sweater or other layer available in case it is cold in the air conditioning.

**Keio U/W&M CCC 25th Anniversary Reception** (Monday, August 3)
We will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the program with a reception in the Great Hall of the historic Wren Building. Many faculty and university administrators who have participated in the program in the past will be present.
*Dress Code: Somewhat formal. We will also be taking group pictures immediately before the reception.*

**Colonial Williamsburg** (Tuesday, August 4)
Colonial Williamsburg is the world’s largest living history museum—the restored 18th-century capital city of Britain’s largest, wealthiest, and most populous colony in the North America. In Colonial Williamsburg’s 301-acre Historic Area stand hundreds of original and reconstructed buildings. Costumed interpreters tell the stories of the men and women of the 18th-century city—black, white, and Native American; slave, indentured, and free—and the challenges they faced.
*Dress Code: As a living history museum, much of what we will see in Colonial Williamsburg is outdoors and will require extensive walking. Attire is casual, with good walking shoes.*

**Baseball in Richmond** (Wednesday, August 5)
The Richmond Flying Squirrels are Richmond, VA’s minor league baseball team, the AA affiliate for the San Francisco Giants. The Diamond, their home stadium, is outdoors and the weather can be hot. We’ll be seeing some historic Civil War sites and having southern-style barbecue for dinner before the game at the Richmond Public Library.
*Dress Code: Casual*

**Hampton University** (Thursday, August 6)
Hampton University is a prestigious HBCU (historically black college/university) with roots going back to the American Civil War. On our field trip to Hampton, we will
explore African American history by visiting historic campus sites and viewing the University Museum’s rich collection of art.  

*Dress Code: Casual, prepared for walking and hot temperatures outdoors.*

**Church Services** (Sunday, August 9)  
Religion plays a major role in the lives of many Americans and has had an important impact on American history and culture. We will divide into Focus Groups and visit different churches in the Williamsburg area. You can discuss your impressions of and questions about your church experience in your dialogue class in the afternoon.  

*Dress Code: Many churches are far less formal than they used to be, but dressing up is recommended; consider dresses or skirts, button-down shirts and more formal pants*

**New Zion Baptist Church (Focus Groups 4 and 5)**  
3991 Longhill Road; 757-258-0491; Service at 8:30 am  
Baptists compose the largest Protestant denomination in the United States today, although they are divided into several groups. Baptism of mature church members rather than children was one of the original defining aspects of this denomination. Baptists practice a more emotional style of worship and emphasize personal spiritual conversion and relation to God. The service at 8:30 is held downstairs in a social hall. The ministers do not wear robes and there is more interaction between the ministers and the congregation. The music is also less formal. (They offer a more traditional and formal service upstairs in the Church’s sanctuary later in the morning. Here, the ministers wear robes and the music consists of hymns, instead of the “praise” music heard earlier in the morning.) **NOTE: Please do not take communion unless you are a baptized Christian.**

**Bruton Parish Episcopal Church (Focus Groups 1 and 2)**  
201 Duke of Gloucester Street; Service at 9:15 am  
The Church of England is a Protestant denomination of Christianity established by King Henry VIII of England. In 1534 he broke away from the Roman Catholic Church with the Act of Supremacy, which declared the king of England to be the head of the Church of England. The Church of England is also known as the Anglican Church. The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the Church of England, formally created in 1784. Since its construction, Bruton Parish has hosted many famous Americans, including revolutionary era figures such as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Patrick Henry.
St. Stephen Lutheran Church (Focus Groups 6 and 7)
612 Jamestown Road; 757-229-6688; Service at 8:30 am
The Lutheran Church led the way in Protestant reformation. Doctrines of Lutheran Churches are derived from the teachings of Martin Luther, the original leader of the Reformation in Germany. Because Luther was originally Catholic, many Lutheran doctrines are related to traditional Catholic doctrines, but religious practices tend to be simpler. The first St. Stephen congregation was formally organized in December 1956 with seventy-four confirmed members. **NOTE: Please do not take communion unless you are a baptized Christian.**

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalist Church (Focus Groups 3 and 8)
3051 Ironbound Road; 757-220-6830; Service at 10:00 am
Unitarian Universalism is a theologically diverse religion. This church has historic roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions, but today individual Unitarian Universalists may identify as Christian or as Atheist, Agnostic, Buddhist, Humanist, Pagan, or with other philosophical or religious traditions. Unitarian Universalism promotes reason and tolerance in the communities of its churches, and propagates a search for truth and meaning that does not rely on doctrine. As members of a non-creedal religious tradition, Unitarian Universalists are encouraged to determine their own beliefs about a variety of spiritual and religious topics.

Jazz Performance/Dance (Monday, August 10)
A group of local musicians, including former Classroom Instructor Renee Kingan, will perform a variety of jazz tunes and give some background on the cultural significance of jazz, one of America’s most exciting and complex native art forms. Be prepared to dance!
*Dress Code: Casual, with comfortable shoes for dancing.*

Farewell Dinner (Sunday, August 16): To celebrate the completion of the program, we will have a closing banquet in Washington, D.C. In addition to dinner, we will have various presentations, a talent show, and a chance to take pictures. We hope you will all prepare entertaining acts for the evening!
*Dress Code: formal (dresses, dress shirts and slacks, etc.)*
Packing List

To make sure that your stay in the United States is as enjoyable as possible, we ask that you bring the following items. (NOTE: This list does not include everything you might want to bring.)

Clothing

Please bring a variety of clothing that will allow you to be comfortable in the unpredictable weather conditions in Virginia. Temperatures will most likely be 80-95 degrees Fahrenheit, and may be very humid. Because it will be very hot, and we will often be outside, please bring comfortable summer clothes. Also, when we are inside, the buildings on the William and Mary campus will be air-conditioned. A number of students in the past have found the classrooms and dorm rooms to be cold. It is a good idea to pack a long-sleeve shirt or sweater to wear in the buildings.

- Comfortable shoes: Please bring a pair of comfortable shoes (not high heels). We will spend a good deal of the program standing, walking, and even dancing.
- Swim gear and towel: If you wish to go swimming at the water park, beach, or hotel pool, please pack a swimsuit and beach towel.
- Rain gear: In the summer in Virginia, rainstorms can occur quickly and last for a long time. You might want to pack an umbrella or a light rain jacket.
- Semi-formal outfit: Please bring an outfit such as a dress or shirt and tie with slacks for the church visits on August 10 and the farewell dinner on August 18.
- Flip-flops: You should pack a pair of flip-flops (cheap rubber/plastic open-toed sandals) to wear in the showers on campus. These can be easily procured at the William & Mary bookstore if you forget.

Note: Please understand that you will not be able to do laundry as often as you might at home. The Woodlands Hotel has coin-operated laundry facilities. Prior to our arrival at the Woodlands on August 11, however, we will NOT have normal access to laundry facilities. Therefore, you should pack enough clothing to last you at least 8 days if possible.

Linens

A towel and washcloth will be provided for you during your stays in Williamsburg and Washington. You should consider bringing a beach towel in case you decide to go to a water park, beach or pool.
Personal Items

- toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, personal hygiene products, etc.)
- sunscreen
- medicine: Please bring any medications you need
- electric outlet converter
- Talent Show items: If you wish to share a talent with the group during the talent show at the farewell dinner, please bring any items you will need to present your talent.
- camera!

Study Items

Computers: If at all possible, you should bring a laptop or tablet with you to Williamsburg. Make sure to remember electric converters. You will have Wi-Fi (wireless internet) access while on campus and in the hotels.

Note-taking items: Please bring pen, paper, and any other items you will need to take notes during lectures and dialogue classes.

Research materials: You need to bring all the research materials you have compiled for your focus group project. Although you will have access to computers, televisions, DVD players, and VCRs, we cannot access Japanese media from Williamsburg. You will not be able to obtain Japanese newspapers, magazines, or watch Japanese television or many films. Please bring all materials you may need to complete your project.

Items We Will Provide

- bug spray
- clothes hangers
- laundry detergent: There are laundry facilities in the Woodlands Hotel. Please note that laundry typically costs $3-$4 per load to wash and dry. We will provide detergent.

The day after you arrive in Williamsburg, we will take a trip to a store where you can purchase any incidental items you may have forgotten. If you have any questions or concerns about what to pack, please contact us at wmkeio@wm.edu and we will be happy to help.
The College of William & Mary is the second-oldest college in America. On February 8, 1693, King William III and Queen Mary II of England signed the charter for a “perpetual College of Divinity, Philosophy, Languages, and other good Arts and Sciences” to be founded in the Virginia Colony. And William & Mary was born. William & Mary has been called “the Alma Mater of a Nation” because of its close ties to America’s founding fathers. A 17-year-old George Washington received his surveyor's license through the College and would return as its first American chancellor. Thomas Jefferson received his undergraduate education here, as did presidents John Tyler and James Monroe.

William & Mary, previously private, became a state-supported school in 1906 and went coed (began accepting women as students) in 1918. As a premier public university in Virginia, it boasts a College of Arts and Sciences with 34 undergraduate programs and 10 graduate programs, a School of Business, School of Educations, School of Laws, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.
Preston Hall is one of several dorm buildings in the Randolph Complex, located on Ukrop Way in the area of William & Mary known as New Campus. The campus buildings we will be visiting regularly, like Tucker Hall, the Mason School of Business, Sadler Center, and Swem Library are in walking distance of Randolph Complex.

Amenities include:
- air conditioning
- smoke-free
- kitchen access
- wireless internet
The Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel and Suites is one of a number of hotels operated by Colonial Williamsburg. A very short drive from the William and Mary campus, the Woodlands will be our country retreat while you work with the peer assistants to finish preparing focus group presentations. Of course, there will be some time for fun at the Woodlands, too. Don’t forget your swimsuit!

Address: 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185
Website: http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/stay/williamsburg-woodlands/
Williamsburg Dining Guide

These restaurants are all within walking distance of campus. The following price codes indicate the average cost of a meal before tax and tip:

- $ = less than $10.00
- $$ = $10.00 - $15.99
- $$$ = $16.00 and above

Please note that in the United States you MUST tip 15% on top of the cost of your bill. For groups of 6 or more, tipping 18% or 20% is customary. Tipping is not optional.

Aromas ($)  
Aromas offers coffees, teas, sandwiches, fresh pastries, smoothies, and also more substantial restaurant fare. Aromas serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. 
431 Prince George Street  

Baskin Robbins ($)  
Baskin Robbins is a nationwide ice cream shop chain. They offer smoothies, blasts, tornadoes, sundaes, banana splits, and other delicious ice cream and yogurt treats, drinks, cakes, toppings and more.
416 Prince George Street

Berret’s Seafood Restaurant and Berret’s Taphouse Grill ($$$)  
Two choices, one location! Berret’s Restaurant specializes in fresh regional seafood—shrimp, blue crabs, scallops, oysters and tuna. It also offers steaks, chicken and lamb. The Taphouse Grill features grilled fish, steaks, and burgers in a casual outdoor setting.
199 South Boundary Street
http://www.berrets.com/

Blue Talon Bistro ($ for breakfast and lunch; $$$ for dinner)  
A local favorite, Blue Talon has a wide variety of delicious options. A great place for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Blue Talon offers everything from baked goods and excellent coffee to entrees with seafood, meat, and pasta.
420 Prince George Street  
http://bluetalonbistro.com/

Brick House Tavern ($)  
Brick House Tavern is a casual dinning option for lunch or dinner. Enjoy classic dishes such as sandwiches, pizza, chicken wings, soups and salads.
755 Scotland Street
http://brickhouse-tavern.com/

**The Cheese Shop (**)**
The Cheese Shop gets crowded at lunchtime, as many people come to try their fantastic sandwiches.
410 Duke of Gloucester Street
http://www.cheeseshopwilliamsburg.com/

**College Delly & Pizza Restaurant (**)**
Great for subs, pizza, and a variety of Greek and American cuisine. College Delly offers a family atmosphere, patio dining and takeout.
336 Richmond Road
http://collegedelly.com/

**The Crust ($-$**)**
Delicious pizza, sandwiches, and salads!
249 Richmond Road (Tribe Square)
http://www.thecrustcafe.com/

**Daily Grind ($)**
Our very friendly campus coffee shop next to the Sadler Center, serving the best coffee, tea, and espresso drinks in Williamsburg. For lunch, they have great sandwiches, paninis, and smoothies. Try the Jimmy Carter!
http://the-daily-grind.com/

**DoG Street Pub ($$$)**
DoG Street offers large and small plates of American and English cuisine (burgers, fish and chips, bangers and mash, etc.). DoG Street's owner also operates the more expensive **Trellis Restaurant ($$$$)**, located right next door.
401 W. Duke of Gloucester Street
757-293-6478

**Green Leafe Café ($$$)**
The Leafe offers a variety of burgers, sandwiches, pub food, and appetizers.
765 Scotland Street
https://www.facebook.com/greenleafecafe

**Jimmy John’s ($)**
Jimmy John’s is a chain restaurant that specializes in a variety of sandwiches. Jimmy John’s is a great place for a quick meal to go or to eat in the restaurant.
747 Scotland Street
https://www.jimmyjohns.com/

Mooyah ($)
Offers “build your own” burgers, fries, salads, and shakes.
Tribe Square
249 Richmond Rd
http://www.mooyah.com/

Paul’s Deli Restaurant ($)
In addition to hot or cold classic submarine sandwiches, Paul’s offers a variety of Greek, Italian, and diner-style dishes.
761 Scotland Street
http://paulsdelirestaurant.com/

Retro’s Hot Dogs and Sandwiches ($)
Visit Retro’s to enjoy the best hot dogs in town in a comfortable atmosphere. They offer a selection of hot dogs and toppings, sandwiches, French fries and milkshakes.
435 Prince George Street
http://www.retrosgoodeats.com/

Rick’s Cheese Steak Shop ($)
Check out Rick’s for lunch or dinner. Menu options include burgers, hotdogs, cheese steak sandwiches, and chicken wings.
603 Prince George Street
http://rickscheesestekshop.webs.com/

Triangle ($$)
Triangle is a great place to share small plates of food with a group of friends. Triangle offers a variety of shareable plates including chicken wings, potato bites, salads, and tacos. Triangle is only open in the evening.
601 Prince George Street
https://www.facebook.com/trianglewilliamsburg/

Mad About Chocolate ($$$)
Not just for chocolate! Salads and platters are a great lunch option. Mad About Chocolate also offers some breakfast items and a variety of sweets, chocolates, and desserts.
204 Armistead Ave
http://www.madaboutchocolate.us/

**Berrybody ($)**
Grab a cold smoothie or some frozen yogurt at Berrybody. A great place for dessert during hot summers!
445 Prince George Street
http://www.berrybody.com/

**Wawa ($)**
Wawa sells made-to-order sandwiches as well as ready-made salads, pastries, and fresh fruit and vegetables. Because it is a convenience store, Wawa also sells snacks, tobacco, beverages, magazines and toiletries. Open 24 hours a day.
315 Richmond Road
https://www.wawa.com/

**Colonial Williamsburg Historic Restaurants**
http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/do/restaurants/historic-dining-taverns/
**Chowning’s Tavern ($$$)**
Seating under the grape arbor or inside the tavern. The most affordable of CW taverns.
Very casual attire. **On Duke of Gloucester Street next to Market Square and the Courthouse.**

• **The King’s Arms Tavern ($$$)**
Like Chowning’s, but fancier (and a bit pricier).
Casual attire. **Dinner reservations recommended. On Duke of Gloucester Street, opposite Raleigh Tavern.**

• **Shield’s Tavern ($$$)**
Home-style cooking; casual atmosphere.
Casual attire. **Dinner reservations recommended. On Duke of Gloucester Street near the Capitol.**

• **Christiana Campbell’s Tavern ($$$)**
Priciest of the CW taverns, emphasizing seafood. **More formal. Dinner reservations recommended. On Waller Street near the Capitol, the part of CW furthest from campus.**
**Williamsburg Open Day Activity Options**

**Busch Gardens**
Ticket: $75.00; Food: $$
Busch Gardens is a European-themed amusement park. The park offers five roller coasters, including Griffon, the world’s highest floorless roller coaster, and Verbolten, a new addition to the park as of 2012. Along with the coasters, Busch Gardens offers a wide variety of rides and attractions—like Le Scoot, a water ride with a fifty-foot plunge. Visitors can also take in theater productions, numerous food options, and plenty of adventure. Visit [http://www.buschgardens.com/BGW/](http://www.buschgardens.com/BGW/) for more information.

**Water Country USA**
Ticket: $51.00
Food: $$
Water Country USA is a large water park, with over a dozen rides including a wave pool with four-foot waves, numerous slides, and a fast-moving action river. Many other activities are available at the park, as well as restaurants and shops. Visit [http://www.watercountryusa.com/](http://www.watercountryusa.com/) for more information.

**Yorktown Beach**
No ticket necessary
Food: $-$$$
Yorktown is a short, lovely drive down the Colonial Parkway from Williamsburg. With Williamsburg and Jamestown, it is one of the three historic areas that together make up what is known as the Historic Triangle. In addition to the beautiful Colonial Historical National Park, Yorktown is home to a great York River beachfront, including many shops and restaurants as well as places to sun and swim.

**Williamsburg area museums**
Ticket and food prices vary
Though Colonial Williamsburg is the best known, the Williamsburg area is full of fascinating museums, from the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum to Jamestown Settlement, site of England’s first permanent colony in America. Those students wishing to further explore history and the arts in the Williamsburg area will have the opportunity to choose museums to visit with a Classroom Instructor on our free day.

**Premium Outlets**
Williamsburg Premium Outlets is an outlet shopping complex located a short drive from W&M. The shopping center has 135 stores, as well as some food options. Visit www.premiumoutlets.com/williamsburg/ for store listings.

**Woodlands Hotel attractions**

The Woodlands Hotel offers a swimming pool, fitness center, miniature golf, shuffleboard, tennis, table tennis, bike rentals, and other activities.
Located near DuPont Circle in the heart of Washington’s embassy district, the Beacon Hotel features comfortable, modern, recently renovated rooms and easy access to the Washington Metro system. Numerous restaurants, shops, coffee shops, and points of historical interest are within easy walking distance of the hotel. The Human Rights Campaign office, where many of our meals and activities will take place during our stay in Washington, is only a few blocks away.

Address: 1615 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036
Web site: http://www.beaconhotelwdc.com/
Washington D.C. Program Information

August 13

Before we leave Williamsburg, the CCC staff will talk about specific sites, structures, and locales in the capital. Washington is home not only to the United States federal government, but also to numerous monuments and buildings celebrating important figures and events in the nation’s history. CCC staff members will hold a panel discussion to explore the meaning of Washington D.C. to Americans as both a city and a symbol of our national ideologies and heritage. There will be time for the Dialogue classes to discuss their perceptions of DC, as well as to plan which Smithsonian museums and other sites they’d like to visit there.

When we arrive in Washington, you will have the remainder of the day free to explore the DuPont Circle area and have dinner at one of its many restaurants.

August 14

During the morning of our first day in Washington, D.C., we will visit the Japanese Embassy. There will be an opportunity to share our experiences from the program with the Embassy’s staff and speak in small groups with diplomats.

After lunch we will have a Framework Lecture and Dialogue Class at the Human Rights Coalition office.

In the evening, CCC staff will lead a tour of the National Mall, the heart of Washington, D.C. and home to many memorials, museums, and government buildings. Sites of importance on the Mall include the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Reflecting Pool, memorials for soldiers of past wars, the United States Capitol Building, and many of the Smithsonian museums. The National Mall has played host to many historic moments in American history, including presidential inaugurations and Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I have a dream” speech.

August 15

Our second day in Washington will be given over to visits to branches of the Smithsonian Museum and government buildings. In consultation with their instructors, Dialogue Classes will choose 2-3 museums to visit, exploring the ways in which the museums depict American history and the nation’s place within the world. Students
should view the museum exhibits with a critical eye: what messages are the displays trying to put forward? Who is the intended audience? What does the museum’s presentation of art and/or artifacts actually say about the United States? Do you think the exhibits give a full and true representation of the United States? Students shouldn’t hesitate to use the many ideas they have learned about and discussed during the program to evaluate the work the museum is doing. Options include:

- American Art Museum
- Arthur M. Sackler Gallery of Asian Art
- Freer Gallery of East Asian Art
- Hirshhorn Modern Art Museum and Sculpture Garden
- National Air and Space Museum
- National Gallery
- National Museum of African Art
- National Museum of American History
- National Museum of the American Indian
- National Museum of Natural History
- National Postal Museum

**August 16: Free Day in Washington!**

Washington is a big city, with numerous sites of fun and adventure, and students are encouraged to find an activity that allows them to see a side of the city that interests them. Much of the city is easily accessible via the Metro; talk to a CCC staff member about planning your travel or activities if you need help. You are free to go wherever you would like! Some interesting options include (but are not limited to):

- **Georgetown:** This historic area of Washington has become a shopping hub for fashionable Washingtonians. Many famous boutique shops and larger stores occupy 19th and early 20th century buildings in this area. Georgetown also has many historic sites, including the oldest home in the District, and is home to Georgetown University.

- **National Zoo:** Those who choose to go to the zoo will get to visit with many different animals, including two giant pandas. Exhibition buildings include the Reptile Discovery Center, Bird House, Cheetah Conservation Station, Amazonia simulated rainforest, Invertebrate House, Great Ape House, Small Mammal House, and the Asian Trail, which hosts many species from the Asian continent.

- **Pentagon City:** This area of northern Virginia just across the river from Washington is a major tourist destination, primarily for its shopping choices. Pentagon City is home to Fashion Centre, a 170-store mall.
• National Capitol Building and other government buildings: Students can tour the building that serves as the home of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Other buildings open for tours include Senate office buildings and the Library of Congress. Students can also visit the Supreme Court building, the National Archives, the White House, and other famous government sites.

• More! Washington is full of sites you might like to visit. Feel free to do some research before you arrive, so you know where you would like to go. A good place to start is the Washington, D.C. tourism site: http://www.washington.org/.

On our final evening together, the events will include:

• Farewell Dinner: As the last full gathering of all students and staff members, this dinner will be an occasion to celebrate all that we have accomplished over the preceding two weeks and say farewell. Students and staff should dress in semi-formal attire, and enjoy fine foods and friends.

• Talent Show: Any student willing to share a special talent, whether it be singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting, juggling, or whatever else, can show off his or her skills tonight. Please consider participating! We would love to see you perform your special talent for the whole group.