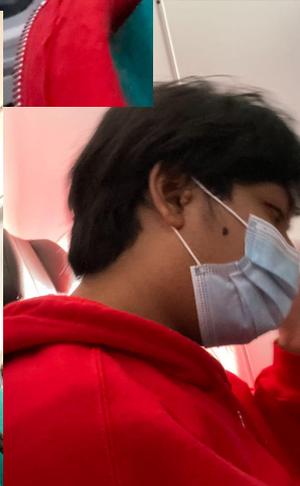
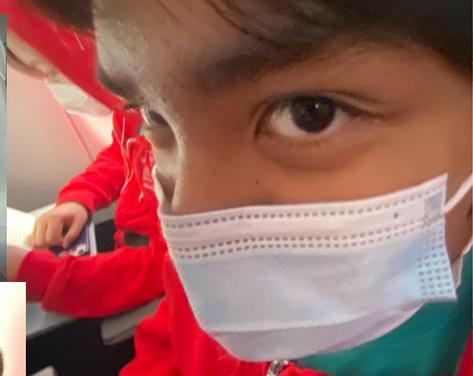
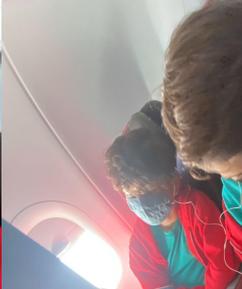
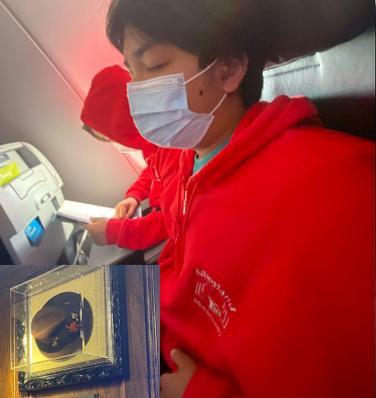


MY DC MEMORY BOOK

(April 10th - 15th, 2022)

DAY 1



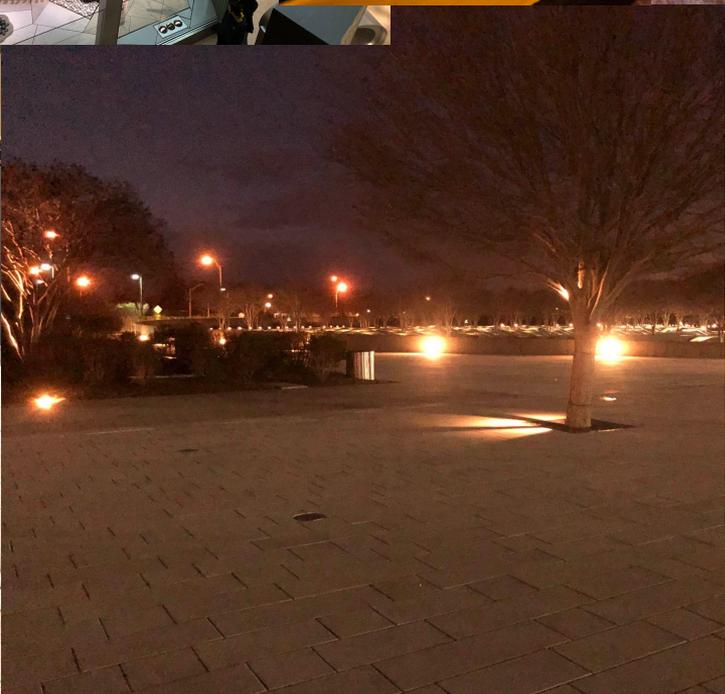
April 10th

The first day started very early. We met at the school at around 5:15 in order to put our belongings in a car and get everyone settled in the school van by 5:30 A.M. Once we got to the airport by 6 A.M., we checked in our bags, went through security, got snacks, filled our water bottles, and found our seats on the plane. During our 4 hour plane ride, we watched movies together, spoke about what we were most excited about, and even saw another school on their way to D.C.

Once we landed, we got our bags and met our tour guide for the week. Her name was Tara. Tara brought us to the metro/train with our luggages as we made our way to the Hotel. At the Hotel we were given our own key cards with our roommates. Having our own keycards meant that we had rules and responsibilities we had to follow at all times on the trip.

After unpacking a bit, by 5:30 P.M. we made our way towards the park in front of the white house nearby our hotel. There we saw protests, people selling merchandise, and people singing religious carols. After a quick walk in the park, we went to have dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe. On our way there we saw the house Abraham Lincoln lived in and the Theater he was killed in (Ford's Theater).

DAY 2



April 11th

To start off the day, we all met downstairs in the main lobby for breakfast at around 7 A.M. After breakfast, we left to catch the metro and go to the National Zoo. There we saw apes, gorillas, elephants, red pandas, pandas, and so much more.

After we went to the Zoo, we walked over to have lunch near the Washington Monument. After lunch, we made our way into the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. At this museum we were able to see and read information about historic animals, marine animals, gems, minerals, crystals, astrology and more.

Next we went to the National Archives. At the National Archives we were able to see our Nation's founding documents, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and the Constitution in person. There we were also able to learn more about our country's important speeches, papers/documents, and inventions.

Lastly, we ate dinner and visited the 9/11 Memorial. There we learned new facts for example, if the memorial "wing" faces towards the pentagon, they died in the building, and if it faces away, they died on the field.

DAY 3



The First Printed Book on Astronomy
Johannes Sacro Boccio's *Sphaera mundi* is the first printed book on astronomy and the most highly regarded of the medieval times. Originally published in 1481, it was used by educators well into the seventeenth century. Printed in three colors of ink, it introduces the Copernican astronomy.

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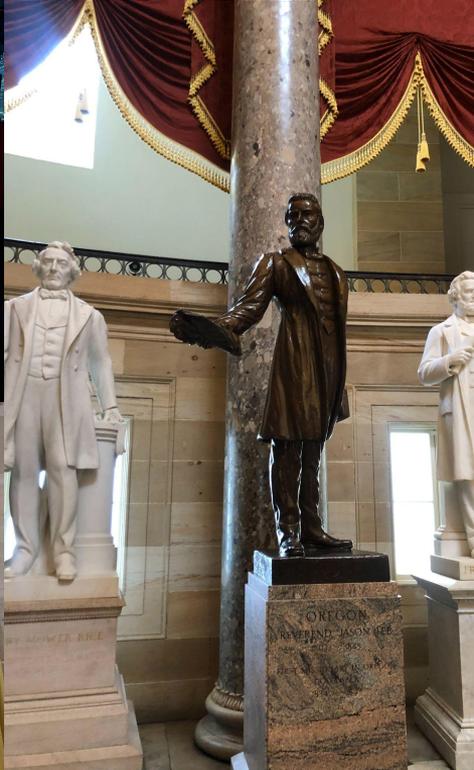
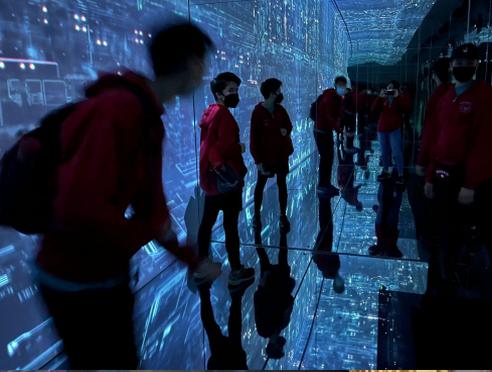
April 12th

To start off the day, we all met downstairs in the main lobby for breakfast at around 7 A.M. After breakfast again. After, we left to get on the metro and go to the Arlington National Cemetery. There we visited famous graves, learned more about our Nation, spoke to soldiers in the army, and watched a service for one of their many funerals.

After that, we had lunch and visited the Library of Congress. The building was beautiful and was hardly plain anywhere. Each part of the design was detailed and minimalistic or colorful. We were able to view the Library from above, but every other part of Library was pretty open.

After, we went to our Hotels for a break and had dinner.

DAY 4, 5, & 6



April 13th

To start off the day, we all met downstairs in the main lobby for breakfast again. After breakfast, we visited Mt. Vernon. There we were able to see George Washington's estate including his gardens, fields, and buildings.

After, we went to museums. My favorite being the NMAAHC Museum. At this museum, we were able to learn and view the culture and history of African Americans in person of such a great and big building.

Later on, we headed for dinner and got ready for bed in our Hotel rooms.

April 14th

Once we had breakfast, we headed for the International Spy Museum. This museum was very interactive. We were given cards to solve missions as we learned about our Nation's spy inventions and tactics.

Later on, we were given a tour of the Capitol building. It had beautiful statues/sculptures, art, and architect.

Lastly, we were given a tour of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial by our second tour guide, Mike. After we had dinner and visited different spooky buildings to give our final ghost tours.

April 15th

This morning we woke up a little too early to have breakfast at the hotel but thankfully, we were able to stock on some food the day before. As we got onto the bus to the airport most of us slept, listened to music, or viewed the last bit of what we would see of D.C.

Overall, this was an amazing experience. I was able to learn so much more about our country and have fun at the same time. Not only that, but I gained more trust in myself for being responsible and created a greater bond with my friends here at Arborland. This was a great opportunity I wouldn't want to trade with anything else. Thank you to my parents, Dr. Chen, Ms. Simms, Ms. A, and my fellow classmates for allowing this to happen, I am forever grateful.