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Government and ESL Classes Visit Nation's Capital

Chad Rose, Government Instructor

This summer, a U.S. Government class and an ESL (English as a second language) class, teamed up to take a trip to our nation's capitol.



After eating a hearty breakfast, the students travelled to see the depository of the people's power of our great republic.

The first stop on the trip was the D.C. Metro. The cadets were amazed at the hustle and bustle of a city at work.

After lunch, the students walked to the Capitol for a scheduled tour. The tour began with the statue named "Freedom." One student commented, "I

was most excited by the statues. Seeing all that history in one place really impressed me."

This year our summer students were privileged not only to receive a personally guided tour of the Capitol, but

were able to witness our government in action, taking a vote on the floor of the House chamber.

After the tour and watching the vote, it was time to meet Congressman Tom Perriello of Virginia's 5th District. It was a

privilege to be able to talk and meet with one of the legislators who writes laws and helps govern our nation.

One FUMA visitor announced, "He was nice and friendly... After meeting him I feel like I could do anything. I won't forget this day."



From left to right are Social Studies teacher Chad Rose, ESL teacher James Benson, Representative Tom Perriello, Jongmin Kim, Jongwon Kim (with hands on his brother Jongmin's head), Rasheed Ferreira, and Dan Qing Wu.

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FUMA Offers Half and Full Credit Leadership Course

Many parents and students opted to compliment a required Math, English or Social half-credit class to catch up and/or get ahead of

While much literature exists supporting one leadership model or another focusing on personality traits and leadership styles,

of FUMA's summer program.

Students in the half-credit course receive daily lectures, participate in group problem solving activities, as well as instruction in basic etiquette.



FUMA's summer program emphasizes the importance of influencing others through strength

their high school program with FUMA's half credit Summer Leadership Course. 18 students signed up for the half-credit course this summer.

of character rather than the power of one's position.

FUMA's summer leadership program is a unique course designed by FUMA faculty to meet the specific needs of high school-aged young men.



Servant leadership, character building, group dynamics, conflict management, and discipline are the foundation

FUMA also offers a full credit course. Ten full credit students this summer were provided lessons in gun safety/ marksmanship, survival skills, drown-proofing, basic knots, and a community service project, in addition to ropes, group activities, and lecture.



Cross country runners from all over the United States as well as the world will run across this bridge. What a great accomplishment."

This year the full credit class built a 16 foot bridge spanning a creek on FUMA's cross-country course. Coach Winston Brown, surprised at how quickly the bridge was built said, "This is awesome. The boys did a fantastic job.



Students Comment on Summer Leadership Course



Tony Romanini

When I first looked at coming back to FUMA, I chose the leadership class because I thought it would be an easy class. I found out the first day that this would not be the case. I learned that to be a good leader, one must be a good follower. Servant leadership, in my view, is the best way to be successful. I learned more life-lessons in four weeks than I ever thought I could. The course put me in the right (growth) mindset so I can push myself beyond my self-imposed limits. I am grateful for this class. It has helped me through a difficult transitions of my life...preparing for college.

Shane O'Hara

These four weeks have helped me learn things that will be extremely valuable for the rest of my life. From the time spent on the ropes course, building a bridge, and other classroom experiences, I came to understand the importance of relationships as it pertains to being a good leader. While the faculty might be hesitant to admit it, they served as role models showing what it takes to be good leaders while having fun at the same time.



Ryan Lentner

The main thing I learned in the leadership course is that being the one to "call the shots" is not the most important part of leading. Leadership is about doing what is right in the face of adversity, and playing your role to the best of your abilities.



Jimmie Thomas

After taking the leadership class I feel like I have more knowledge and have moved closer to success. I enjoyed learning the leadership material, even the stuff most would call the "boring" part.



Tom Regn

I was impressed with the curriculum of this class. It combined the scientific, spiritual, intellectual, and practical aspects of leadership into a well-rounded course. In the morning we were challenged with cold hard facts about leadership and character development. There was much to take in, and I was glad to be able to type my notes for future reference. The mornings were also fun when we worked on team-building exercises that forced us out of our comfort zones.



I always looked forward to the second half of the class when things really picked up. This is where the rubber met the road for practical leadership skills. The main focus was on the importance of learning the rules for success. We learned how to tie various knots that may come in handy in the real world.

The fact is, in order to tie a knot successfully to be used according to its designated function (which might save a life), it has to be tied according to a rule. Rules are everywhere in life and this fact was drilled into our heads as we learned about knots, edible plants, survival skills, drown proofing, and gun safety.

I could have spent my summer doing many things, but nothing would have been as enriching or as fun as the full-credit leadership course at FUMA.



Summer School Snapshots from Around Campus



Left: Students involved in the football mini sports camp endure an exhausting workout.

Right: Daniel Curran receives a "low five" from his hall counselor and FUMA PG basketball player, David Wis-hon.

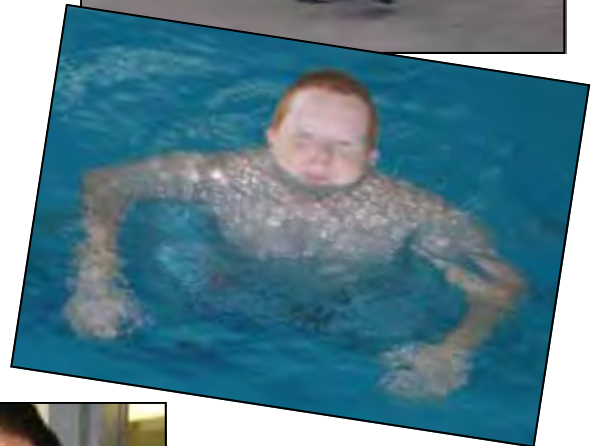


Right: Jongmin Kim (left) and Dan Qing Wu take a nap on the way home from Washington, DC.

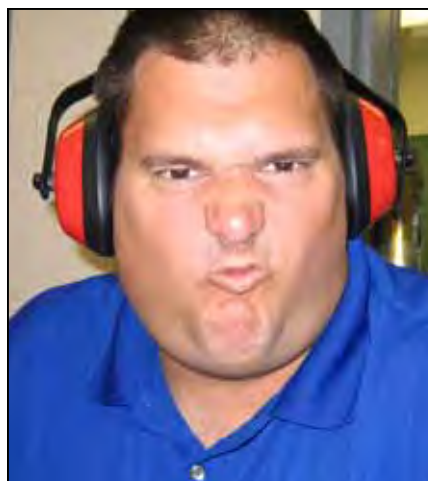


Left: Shane O'Hara (left) comments on Jonathan Dittmar's uniform. Jonathan contemplates using another tailor.

Right: Sean Coss enjoys pool time after a long day in the class room.



Far Left: Isaiah Zegeye flashes one of his best smiles to the camera.



Left: : Coach Brian Hur-locker, Assistant Leadership Instructor, flashes his best smile to the camera.