

Hi, my name is Melinda Whipple. I am a junior at Oakridge High School. I have gone to Oakridge my entire life. I am 17 years old, and I go to school and I work part time at McDonalds. I get really good grades in school because I know how important my future is. I plan to join the military after high school. I think it will be such a great start to my life, and a wonderful experience.



I have lived in a small town my entire life, so going to Washington D.C will be such a great experience for me. Going to Washington D.C would be like a dream come true. I will have the opportunity of meeting our world leaders, and to get first hand experience hearing debates, visiting important monuments, and going to foreign embassies. Also, we plan to volunteer to help at the D.C. Kitchen, the world's largest homeless food kitchen.

This trip will be so educational for me. I am going to learn so much from this trip. Two of my roommates will be from another state and I look forward to meeting them, and living with them for a week. I feel it will be truly amazing to learn something about people who I have never met before, and maybe learn something about another culture. Not only am I going to explore Washington D.C, but I will also learn so many things. from this trip.