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Mrs. Cecile deJongh  
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Dear Mrs. deJongh,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am about to become [REDACTED] at the All Saints Cathedral School in the upcoming school year. This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Junior Statesmen of America Summer School Program Session I at Georgetown University Session I. Although I intend on becoming an Obstetrician/Gynecologist, I always wanted to attend the Junior Statesmen of America Summer School Program at Georgetown University since my freshman year of high school. Hearing stories from my classmates and schoolmates who had previously attended made me become even more interested in attending. I would just like to say thank for your support. Without your help I may have missed out on a beneficial opportunity. I would just like to share with you my experience there with you as a symbol of my gratitude.

When I first arrived, I was shocked that I was placed into Constitutional Law when I had chosen Speech and Political Communication. I even learned that undergraduate law students do not even take this course until their junior year, but my professor, Dr. Martin Sheffer, made it easy to understand. Surprisingly, I knew most of what he was talking about and referring to. He was down to earth and spoke to us and not over us so it was easy to understand what he taught. The main part of this course was completing briefs for one hundred cases. It was a lot to do but we were all separated into groups to lighten the work.

At first I was nervous about the Congressional Workshops, where students are placed into different houses and debate amongst themselves. As the debates started, I started to get

excited and even enjoyed speaking in front of everyone in my house. When it was time for me to lead a debate, I was well prepared but still a little nervous, but I still ended up winning my debate which was 'Resolved that, Every able-bodied American be required to perform some sort of National Service'. I was on the negative side of the resolution. Since I took speech during my junior year, I had a little more confidence than I usually would have.

I absolutely enjoyed the speaker days. I met several Congressmen and [REDACTED], the current [REDACTED] of the United States, who showed us the new hundred dollar bill. I also met Washington's first lobbyist for atheists. Although I am a Christian and disagreed with a lot of what she shared with us, I appreciated how she presented her speech. She did not make it seem like what I believe is wrong and she is right. She also encouraged students from the program who admitted that they were also atheists. I also visited the Pentagon, the Saudi Arabian and Israeli Embassies. One of my most favorite parts of this program was getting the opportunity to meet with [REDACTED]. I really enjoyed conversing with her because I have always admired her.

This program was both rewarding and beneficial. There were times that I really missed home and kept on complaining about how much I wanted to go home, but as the time passed I met many new friends and was even reunited with old ones and had a wonderful time. I also started getting used to the hectic work and I am prepared for whatever my college years have in store for me. Again thanks for your support, and I hope that you continue to help other students to have this wonderful experience.

Sincerely,

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