

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



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This past summer, I had the privilege of participating in a transformative global youth exchange program in Seoul, South Korea. During my time there, I connected with peers from six different countries and familiarized myself with their music, cuisine, and cultural traditions. This experience ignited my passion for cross-cultural understanding and reinforced my belief in the power of global connectedness. Through this experience I have been motivated to actively seek opportunities for international exchange and to encourage others to do the same.



ALANA GABRIEL

During my time in South Korea, I not only made international connections with peers, but I also made lasting friendships from across the world. One of the things that stood out to me from my trip was the immersion of such a different culture compared to mine, and it changed my perspective in that I can see both the similarities and contrasts between cultures much better now. Similar to that, it also helped show how similar we all are as people and cultures, because even though my companions and I only spoke a few words of Korean, by keeping an open mind without bias, me and my peers made many connections with people that I otherwise would never have gotten the chance to even meet. My trip to South Korea was absolutely amazing, and was constantly engaging. I will be taking my experiences, changed perspective, and close friendships with me into the future. I would absolutely hope that others would get the opportunity to gain similar experiences because it was absolutely life changing.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

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Join us today in making a lasting impact on the lives of our youth and in our community!



CONNECTING LANSING TO THE WORLD

We believe in the power of citizen-to-citizen diplomacy. Through personalized and inclusive international exchanges, we strengthen global linkages and foster greater international understanding.

ABOUT SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission is a proud member of Sister Cities International. Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit which serves as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States. This network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers in over 300 member communities with over 2,000 partnerships in more than 140 countries. (SisterCities.org). The Sister Cities programs help foster increased international understanding

OUR MISSION

The Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission Endowment Fund is committed to providing high school students diverse global experiences through overseas travel and by hosting visiting students in the greater Lansing, Michigan area. This international exchange will give students the opportunity to expand their educational and cultural horizons at home and abroad.

OUR GOALS

The earnings accrued from our initial goal of \$100,000 will be used to cover traveling expenses for the students and chaperones. When our second goal of \$1,000,000 is reached, the earnings accrued will be used to sustain the program over time. Students from our sister cities from around the world will be hosted by Michigan State University for an annual weeklong educational and cultural experience with the support of this initiative.



**UP TO \$50,000
WILL BE MATCHED BY
COMMISSIONER PAUL SHAHEEN**