

Two FFA'ers travel to Washington D.C. to learn and sightsee.

More than half of the United States population lives in poverty.

If you make more than \$10,000 a year, you're considered wealthy.

That's what Gothenburg Future Farmers of America members Jessica Schmidt and Kylee Beyea said they remember most about their trip to Washington D.C. July 16 through July 21, for a Washington Leadership Conference (WLC).

The two members earned points through different FFA contests and activities to be selected for the trip.

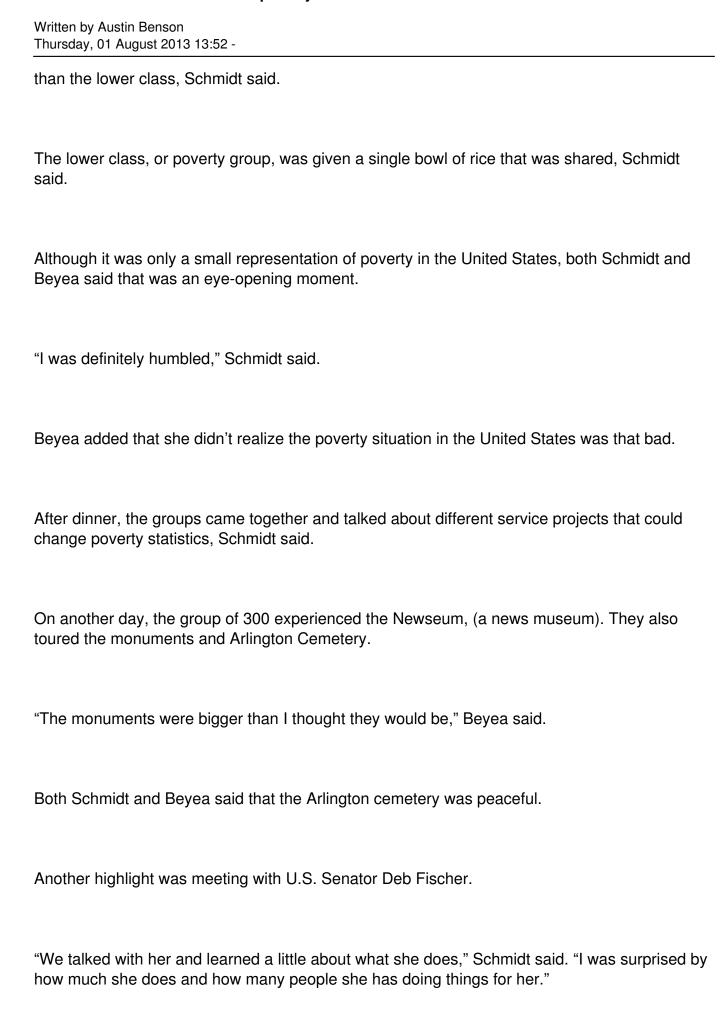
"My sister said D.C. was a lot of fun when she went a few years ago so I was really wanting to go for myself," Beyea said.

Schmidt doesn't have an ag background so her motivation to join FFA was the leadership and community service aspect.

To learn more about poverty, all of the conference participants were split into groups. Both Schmidt and Beyea were put into a lower class group.

There were groups also representing the upper and middle classes which had fewer people

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