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Youth Leadership Summit Students Find Success, Inspiration and Motivation

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During the 2016 NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual conference hosted in Washington, DC on July 17-20, 150 high school student leaders from around the nation came together for a three-and-a-half-day leadership training experience.

Sponsored by Texas Instruments, the Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) focused on providing GEAR UP students with the resources and tools to act as leaders in their schools and communities. The YLS is aligned with NCCEP's national strategy to Excel, Prove, and Mobilize the GEAR UP community. This year's training focused on storytelling and finding ways to share personal narratives via research, social media, presentation, talent, and video.

NCCEP and Seeds Training worked heavily on giving students the opportunity to identify and maximize their unique leadership skills, create a supportive network of leaders with other GEAR UP students, launch discussions about issues that affect them and their schools, and receive the tools and training to create positive changes in their communities.

Briana Crowley, 11th grader from Tennessee, shared, "I had so much fun and I will never forget the amazing people, students, and trainers, who I met and showed me how much hope and greatness this country has in store".

To get a glimpse of the students in training, follow this link to the YLS photo and video gallery:

<http://seedstraining.com/yls16/video-gallery.html>

Thank you to all of the GEAR UP Directors, chaperones, and parents for bringing your students to this year's Youth Leadership Summit.