2015 Summer Global Leadership Seminar

China’s Role on a Shifting World Stage

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"The Global Leadership Seminar was the highlight of my summer! Never before have I felt so inspired by a group of young people who share such a passion for international affairs!"

Olivia McGinnis, Phoenixville Area High School

Produced in partnership with Knowledge@Wharton, the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania’s online business analysis journal, the 2015 Summer Global Leadership Seminar was a week-long summer institute open to all rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The Seminar focused on China’s rapid rise as a global economic powerhouse and its pivotal role in reshaping international relations and world order in the 21st century.

Through guest lectures and interactive workshops, students explored the economic, geopolitical and cultural impact of China’s re-emergence on the world stage. Additionally, students took part in a half-day crisis simulation during which they role-played the decision-making processes of world leaders. Using online resources, one-on-one negotiation skills and a newly acquired understanding of key issues, players worked together, and sought solutions to an unfolding international crisis centered in the South China Sea.

The Seminar’s fifth-day field trip to Washington, D.C., offered students the exciting opportunity to meet with and hear from key policymakers at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars as well as a visit to the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China.

For additional information or questions about this past program, please view program resources and/or contact the Council’s Education department.