
“People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them.”

- **George Bernard Shaw**

Piper Christian, 16 y.o., Junior at Logan High School

“Never have I found an organization that gave me such confidence I can change the world. As I learned more about CCL during the conference, I was very impressed by its philosophy and structure. Its emphasis on organization, punctuality and delegating tasks made it far more efficient than any other organization I’ve been a part of.”

Piper Christian, 16 y.o., Junior at Logan High School

“But what made CCL stand out more than anything was its culture of inclusivity and respect. The lobbying meetings were so uplifting. For the first time in my life, I watched and participated in a civil, friendly discussion between republicans and democrats who searched for shared values and strived for collaboration. Before this experience, I viewed congress as a bickering political dead-end. I was so inspired by these positive interactions between our lobbyists and the staffers that I’m now considering running for office someday...”

Piper Christian, 16 y.o., Junior at Logan High School

“Beyond the lobbying meetings, I felt this culture of inclusivity extended to me personally. Because I’m so young, I’ve sometimes not felt taken seriously, but at the conference I was treated as though my may age and unique point of view was actually an asset to the organization.”

Logan Christian, 21 y.o., USU Student

“I found myself jaw-dropped at how inclusive this battle has become. However, what inspired me most was feeling an important transition, one from fighting against something to fighting for something. The CCL model, finding common ground and common values with others, has greatly expanded my ability to be a part of this fight. More and more, I am seeing the importance of fighting for the creation of political will, for the inclusion of more voices in this battle, and ultimately for a livable world.”

Mia Vinding, 14 y.o., Rowland Hall Middle School

“I never knew that ordinary people could wield so much power. I had always thought that people who have big roles in our government were the only people who could bring about change, but this experience has taught me that anyone had change the world if they try hard enough. Coming away from this experience I realize that I might have just helped change the world for the better, and that gives me hope that I can continue to do that in the future.”

Ileana Ros Lehtinen



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I'm a virgin to these global climate change events. I had no idea that these events were fun.

Dexter and I have three grand kids, the fourth one is coming tomorrow. They have made me really pay attention to our planet and to the damage that we are doing to it and how we can save it for our kids and grand kids.

Ted Deutch's Speech

“It is through your hard work that we've been able to bring members together from both sides of the aisle.

We've been able to change the conversation from burden to opportunity and from fear to hope and from obstruction to action.”

Ted Deutch's Speech

“Our work so far and our plans to make climate solutions a priority in Congress are wholly dependent -- and I feel really good about what I am about to say given what I've seen so far -- our success is wholly dependent on your energy, your passion, and your commitment.”

Ted Deutch's Speech

“It is only through your continued effort that this caucus and our nation can meet the many challenges that climate change presents.

I look forward to joining you in that effort. I look forward to expanding this movement.”

Ted Deutch's Speech

“I look forward to showing that the U.S. Congress is not broken beyond repair.”

Ted Deutch's Speech

I look forward to turning climate solutions into law and policy that will drive a sustainable future for us, for our future, and for our planet.”