



# FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA

*A newsletter produced for past and present Future Presidents of America Alumni.*



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## FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA 2021

The Future Presidents of America program for 2021 consisted of two cohorts this summer. We had two weeks of amazing “Profiles in Leadership” speakers and amazing Future Presidents in attendance.

Those of you who are Alumni will recognize familiar presentations like etiquette, public speaking, the walking tour and trips to Crown Hill. We added a few new features like business cards and presentations by two of our alumni, Maggie Sears and Stuart Anker.

See below for some pictures from the two weeks. We will stay in touch about upcoming events and hope that you will be interested and available to attend. If you have events, stories, updates on your life in general or ideas to share, get in touch, we would love to hear from you !

# PRESS POOL



*Maggie Sears, alumna of the Future Presidents 2017 program was a guest speaker. She is currently an IU Bloomington student studying abroad in Manchester England. (and she met Alan Turning!)*



*Stuart Anker, Future Presidents alumnus of the very first Future Presidents program in 2015 shared his experiences with the 2021 classes. He is now a junior at Wabash College majoring in Economics.*



*Etiquette class*



*Crown Hill Cemetery*



*First Lady of Indiana, Janet Holcomb, joins our Profiles in Leadership series.*



*Jeff Bennett, Deputy Mayor of Community Development for the city of Indianapolis.*



*Tamika Catchings receives Future Presidents Profiles on Leadership pin.*



*Many of you will remember another of our Profiles in Leadership speakers, Konye Ori.*



**YOU ALL KNOW THIS GUY !!**

## KATHERINE SABO

FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA  
ALUMNA, 2021

My name is KK Sabo. I am Future Presidents, Class of '21.

I am currently in 9th grade at Culver Academies.

Since graduating from Future Presidents of America I have arrived on campus at Culver (a big change!). I have also been selected as Community Director for the State Executive Board of Indiana High School Democrats (INHSD). So far, we've been doing a lot on redistricting in Indiana. We are working towards a more transparent and citizen-led process. This is a non-partisan issue; people's votes are not being counted equally and the very idea of democracy is being tarnished. We are also planning a rally in September right before the new proposed maps come out. In addition, INHSD is working heavily on expansion and creating new chapters across the state. If you are interested in creating a chapter visit our website, [www.indianahsdems.org](http://www.indianahsdems.org).

In October 2020, when I wrote an opinion piece for my school newspaper on Columbus Day. That's when I realized Columbus day is not a federal holiday. It's up to the individual states to decide whether to celebrate, rename, or overhaul it. This prompted me to send a letter to Senator Taylor, my state senator. We spoke in February via Zoom. We agreed that celebrating Columbus Day was not right. He asked me to write an editorial on the topic. I was recently officially invited to read said editorial to the Indiana Senate during the upcoming legislative session (January-April).

He also asked me to submit it to some newspapers to get publicity rolling. Look out for it in your local newspapers soon! (It should also be in this newsletter.)

On a fun note, my poem "Plague, Patriots, and Prejudice" is being published in a poetry collection in the coming months!

## KATRINA MACHETTA

FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA  
ALUMNA, 2021



### SPRINGS, TEXAS

Editor in Chief, Legacy Press Newspaper  
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Poet-in-Residence, Heritage Society

Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope

From the touch of the language to the delight of every quinceanera.  
We remember our ancestors,  
those who came before us,  
reflecting on all of their contributions:  
generations of sacrifices,  
the sweat of every struggle and triumph,  
and bring history alive through every fiesta and family gathering.

We sing the world into our songs of Mariachi  
and the world sees our grace  
through our bond with every generation.  
We are bonded through sisterhood  
and the brotherhood pillars of strong men.

Our bond expands beyond state lines and deeper than the Gulf of Mexico.  
In the midst of silence, whispers of hope float in the air - Esperanza  
(hope in Spanish).

Every year is a wave in the ocean of our heritage  
from Tex-Mex murals to family-owned restaurants.  
This month is not here to celebrate one of us but all of us.  
We all gather for our rich heritage  
to celebrate our resilience and vision of a bright tomorrow-  
proverbs and stories passed down  
like a torch from one generation to the next.

We come from a line of artists, activists, teachers, and more.  
We paint color in every generation.  
We walk unified among every culture, ethnicity, and group of people.  
We gallop along,  
educating others through our contributions,  
poetry, and works of art to show them history being born again and  
created in new ways through the Hispanic Heritage commemoration.

### KATRINA MACHETTA

to watch katrina perform her poem, click [HERE](#)



FUTURE PRESIDENTS ALUMNI AND STAFF ATTEND THE MARY JASPER TUCKER SPEAKER SERIES EVENT AT THE INDIANA ROOF.

Future Presidents of America Alumni and staff at the Mary Jasper Speaker Series at the Indiana Roof Ballroom 11/11/2021. Right to left: Martha Buenher, Olivia Simon ,Maggie Boncosky, Adeline Lindsay, Guest Speaker Jade Thomas, Jayna Ndiaye, Kennedy Boler, Jennifer Hodge& Roger Hardig.



Zoom with Senator Taylor



KK at Matriculation, AKA officially becoming a student of Culver Academies (August 2021)

# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## Harrison Civil War Sword



Benjamin Harrison went down in history as the last Civil War general to serve as President of the United States. Once the Civil War began in 1861, Harrison initially joined the army as a lieutenant in the 70th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Throughout the war he worked his way up and by 1865 he would attain the rank of brevet brigadier general. Following the Civil War, Harrison returned to Indianapolis to resume his law career, and he took a souvenir home with him. Harrison took home with him a Civil War Sword. What is unique about this artifact, is that by the time the Civil War began swords were practically obsolete. During this era swords were used primarily for cavalry charges or close combat, but since gun technology became more popularized, these types of fights were reduced. That being said, swords were primarily used by generals as a symbol of their authority. It was a very useful tool to direct men in battle. Being that Harrison earned the title of brevet brigadier general by the end of the war, it is likely that he used this sword in an orchestrated manner to command troops. Harrison's sword remains in tact at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, and the following is an excerpt from the website describing it in depth: "Benjamin Harrison's Civil War sword. Handle or grip is covered with leather or skin. The pommel at the top of the hilt is brass or gold color metal with a rosette or flower design on top and an eagle on one side. The grip has an extended handle of brass or gold color metal with design. The bottom of the hilt or rain guard is hinged on one side. The guard is brass or gold color metal with a shield design on the hinged side and an eagle design on the other side. There is a finger guard opposite the handle that extends out about 1 1/2". The scabbard or cover is plain with two rings at the top and one ring 7 1/4" lower. The rings have fancy brackets that go around the scabbard. The end of the scabbard is decorated with an additional metal cap with a star on one side and draped flags on the other side (bhpsite.org)"



"Civil War Swords." Civil War Academy, 26 June 2019, [www.civilwaracademy.com/civil-war-swords](http://www.civilwaracademy.com/civil-war-swords).

"Harrison Civil WAR SWORD." Benjamin Harrison, 17 Jan. 2020, [bhpsite.org/collections/harrison-civil-war-sword/](http://bhpsite.org/collections/harrison-civil-war-sword/).

History.com Editors. "Benjamin Harrison." History.com, A&E Television Networks, 29 Oct. 2009, [www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/benjamin-harrison](http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/benjamin-harrison).

# NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

## Future Presidents of America, Andrew Jackson's the Hermitage. June 2021

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage enjoyed a very successful Future Presidents of America Youth Leadership Camp. This year's camp was the inaugural year for The Hermitage, with 13 students participating. Future Presidents attended from all across Tennessee as well as Michigan, Florida, and Indiana and they represented the range of demographics from race to socioeconomic status to religion. Highlights of the week included a performance of "The Duel: the Art of the Southern Gentleman" to explore issues of honor among men in Jackson's time; the Presidential Mentors Honor Reception; and visits from two presidential descendants. As with the Future Presidents, we courted a diversity of speakers to address the camp's major themes: Among others, Senator Marsha Blackburn addressed the importance of community service; TN State Park Ranger David Britton addressed the importance of public lands in building E Pluribus Unum; Judge Sheila Calloway stressed the importance of commitment to a cause greater than oneself. One theme heard across the week from both parents and students was how Future Presidents of America Camp allowed the kids to "find their kind of people." To hear such feedback from adolescents working through issues of identity and place in our society is highly gratifying. And while the students enjoyed an exciting week of growth, the staff, volunteers, and board members of Andrew Jackson's Hermitage equally enjoyed the opportunity to meet these bright young leaders. Seeing the students' enthusiasm for learning ignited the staff's excitement to share their experiences and expertise. Plans for 2022's Camp will begin in early October with some new initiatives outlined to enhance the program.

Enjoy the accompanying images of our best week of the year!



*Future Presidents practice the etiquette and protocol of flag handling, led by our School Coordinator, Patrick Martin*



*Future Presidents Jaden and Yusuf participate as Seconds in The Duel, a reenactment to explore issues of honor among gentlemen. Here they examine the weapons that will be used by their principals.*

*Juvenile Court Justice, Sheila Calloway engages the Future Presidents with passion and humor as they discuss the importance of causes that serve the most vulnerable society members.*



*Future Presidents read presidential declarations aloud during Tuesday's Walkshop, which explored the rhetoric used by various Commanders in Chief to inspire the young people of the nation in times of war, including Jackson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt.*

FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA,  
THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM  
JUNE 2021

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum held our inaugural Future Presidents of America program in June. We had 18 Future Presidents from the Springfield area and offered an action packed and meaningful week with impactful experiences and successful outcomes !



Our Future Presidents all expressed how much they loved the etiquette luncheon. During this plated, served meal, they learned how to host a dinner table, encourage appropriate conversation among guests, and dine following recommended etiquette. Future Presidents also received instruction in how to write (and why they should) handwritten thank you letters.



LIEUTENANT  
GOVERNOR  
JULIA STATTON



During their tour of the Illinois State Capitol, the Future Presidents made sure to find Senator Mike Simmon's desk so they could take their picture sitting in his seat. I also believe they tagged him on social media and he replied.



STATE  
SENATOR  
MIKE  
SIMMONS

Oakridge cemetery and  
tour of Lincoln's Tomb.

