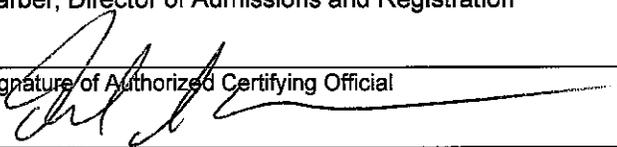


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Youth For Understanding USA, in partnership with YFU Germany, effectively administered the 2012-2013 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange to 50 American and 57 German participants. YFU USA also worked with Partnership International to effectively administer the 2012-2013 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange to 25 American and 15 German participants. Students, host families and schools were carefully recruited, selected and prepared to deliver optimum program results. All participants were oriented prior to the exchange and fully supported by trained staff throughout the year.

Host family placement, school enrollment and travel logistics were smoothly coordinated by YFU staff, allowing students to arrive and concentrate on making the most of their CBYX experience. Students adjusted to their new lives on exchange with the full support of trained YFU staff. Issues that arose in the course of the program were promptly addressed and YFU staff worked to help both students and host families make any necessary adjustments. Students in both countries were contacted by their support personnel at least once a month to assess their situations. Despite continued contact and taking advantage of available help, three German and nine American students did make the difficult decision to end the exchange for a variety of reasons.

Orientations were a special focus for the 2012-2013 CBYX program with the continuation of the re-entry orientation for the German students prior to returning to Germany. As planned, the orientation helped students to process their experiences prior to returning home and learn how to assimilate their experiences in the U.S. into their lives in Germany. Students discussed reverse culture shock, how to talk about their YFU exchange and how to further promote German-U.S. relations. This preparation allowed students to return home and interpret their experiences post-exchange. Students evaluated the re-entry orientation and wrote that they enjoyed the speeches about future opportunities, the sightseeing in Washington, D.C. and being with other students who could relate to their experience. YFU students also enjoyed local Pre-Departure Orientations (PDOs), the CBYX-specific PDO in Washington, D.C., the month-long Orientation and Language Course (OLC) in Germany, as well as post-arrival, mid-year and local re-entry orientations.

The American CBYX students also participated in local and CBYX specific re-entry orientations. The scholarship recipients spent 5 days in Berlin to explore the German capital, participate in the 'CBYX Berlin Day', and also visit the US Embassy. On June 19th, 22 CBYX winners had the chance to witness US president Barack Obama's speech in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin upon invitation by the US Embassy and the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As students were preparing to depart on their journey home, they were sad to leave but also excited to see their families back home. Many of the students were already planning trips for their friends and host families to visit them!

YFU is pleased with the progress participants made throughout the study and YFU believes that the program goals of creating personal relationships, language learning and lasting U.S.-German understanding were accomplished.