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## Three Riverwood students travel to Germany as global ambassadors

Three Riverwood International Charter School students have been chosen to participate in the 2018 Global Youth Ambassador Program (GYAP) to travel to Germany in June. Malcolm Stewart, LaBrauns Stinson and Zechia Weekley are currently engaged in the leadership training part of the four-week program, and will soon begin immersion in German culture. Now entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year, GYAP is a comprehensive leadership program for sophomores and juniors across Metro Atlanta area that takes them on unique trips abroad to learn about different cultures.

During the first two weeks, students take a pre-departure course learning the basics of the German language as well as study of culture and leadership skills. The final two weeks are spent with a host family and in schools in Nuremberg followed by cultural excursions to Munich and Berlin.

Founded by former Fulton County Board of Commissioners Chairman John Eaves, the program trips are in one country each summer and focus on different themes, from cultural and political exploration to ethical leadership to language immersion to study of the country's history. Since its founding in 2008, over 230 high school students have participated in this comprehensive leadership program, traveling to Brazil, China, Germany, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey. GYAP 2018 is entitled "Peer to Peer Teen Exchange" and will aim to foster transatlantic relationships in their German counterparts. To be considered for the program, the students must receive a high school counselor's recommendation, meet GPA requirements, and provide at least two letters of recommendation.

Eaves shared in a video promo that the mission is to "help education and inspire young people to be part of the global community." He emphasized that leadership experiences shouldn't be confined to one's home country but learned within a broader context of the larger world. In program evaluations, students have indicated that they saw growth in their leadership skills, public speaking abilities, foreign language proficiency and knowledge of the global economy.

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**About the Fulton County School System.** The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. Approximately 96,700 students attend 105 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.