

Social Science Club Members Tour Atlanta's Historical Sites

Eight Bainbridge College students experienced firsthand three important historical sites in Atlanta. Members of the Social Science Club, the students were selected for the field trip based of exemplary service to the club and the general community.



Participants in the Social Science Club field trip to Atlanta are seen at the entrance to Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Site. Left-right front are Elizabeth Cowart, Brittany Daniel, Jessica Bostick, Kelly McDowell, Kasey Gordon and Meghan Vickers. At back are Dr. Michael Stewart, Alan Killingsworth, and Anthony Yates.

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Accompanied by Associate Professor of Political Science Dr. John Vanzo and Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Michael Stewart, the students on the April 2-3, 2010, adventure were Bainbridge residents Jessica Bostick, Elizabeth Cowart, Brittany Daniel, Kasey Gordon, Alan Killingsworth and Meghan Vickers; Anthony Yates of Brinson, and Kelly McDowell of Thomasville.

They started their adventure in the city at the international headquarters of Cable News Network (CNN). They rode the world's longest free-standing escalator to the eighth floor for a behind-the-scenes guided tour of how 21st century media gathers, prepares and broadcasts the news.

Their second day started with a visit to Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Site. Students toured the museum, Dr. King's birth home, a turn of the century fire station, and the tomb of the Nobel Prize-winning civil rights leader. Then they ate lunch in the shadow of historic Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. King and his father preached for several years.

The trip culminated with a tour of the Cyclorama and Civil War Museum in Atlanta's Grant Park. The Cyclorama features the world's largest painting, an enormous 360-degree panoramic portrayal of the Battle of Atlanta, fought in the U.S. Civil War's last stages.

The BC students all agreed that the field trip was enjoyable and informative, especially the CNN tour. But for some students, the visit to the King Historical Site left the deepest impression.

"Walking along Auburn Avenue, literally in the footsteps of Dr. King, really helped us understand at a personal level America's march towards civil rights for all citizens," said Anthony Yates.

Funding for the field trip was provided by the students, club fees, and additional student activities money from the BC Student Government Association.