



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



# UCP SUMMER CAMP PRELIMINARY REPORT

JULY 20 – AUGUST 2, 2025

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The UNESCO Center for Peace Summer Camp was a transformative two-week experience held in the United States, marking a significant milestone for many delegates. For some, it was their first time boarding a plane, and for most, it was their very first visit to the U.S. The camp brought together delegates from 26 countries, creating a vibrant and multicultural environment that quickly became a “home away from home.” The delegates were filled with excitement and joy as they embraced the opportunity to make new friends, connect across cultures, and grow both personally and intellectually. Throughout the camp, they stepped out of their comfort zones, took on new academic challenges, and collaborated on solving real-world global issues. Equipped with fresh perspectives and enhanced leadership skills, participants left feeling empowered and inspired to become global citizens committed to driving positive change in their communities and beyond.

# OUR MISSION

The Mission of UNESCO Center for Peace is to help raise a new generation of peacemaker that will strive to make the Culture of peace a commodity of everyday life through Education, Science, Culture & Communication

## OUR GOALS

- To promote “UNESCO’s areas of work” – education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture and communication – as a strong force in individual and social transformation
- To promote the mission and goals of UNESCO in all areas of the United States of America in concordance with national, regional, local and international development efforts
- To assist UNESCO National Commission of the United States in evolving policies and standards in facilitating the attainment of quality education for all and lifelong learning for sustainable development; advocating for science knowledge and policy for sustainable development; addressing emerging social and ethical challenges; fostering cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace; contributing to building inclusive knowledge societies through information and communication.

- To establish and maintain close relationships among government agencies, private and non-government institutions in matters relating to UNESCO's areas of work
- To mobilize available resources for the conduct of continuing education of officers and members of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations
- To undertake a nationwide advocacy campaign for the promotion of peace, eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, communication, and information
- To gradually organize chapters in all regions of the country in order to create growing participation in UNESCO areas of work
- To develop and produce relevant training and instructional materials, produce books, manuals and the like on its own in partnership with duly recognized educational institutions in the country or in the international arena in order to promote UNESCO's area of work.
- To establish close coordination and linkages with other international organizations particularly the European and North American Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (EFUCA) and World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (WFUCA)

# Camp Activities

## Workshops & Seminars

- **International Model United Nations** : A simulation where students become diplomats ,debate real-world global issues ,and work on international resolutions -just like in the real UN.
- **STEAM** (Science + Technology + Engineering +Arts + Math ): Where creativity meets innovation , delegates learned about Robotics , Artificial Intelligence and made beautiful pieces of art
- **Local Project** :An educational program that helps students from all over the world design and carry out real community projects - aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

# Cultural Exchange

- The Bridge Cultural Fair : An international celebration where delegates represent their countries and explore many more in an exhibition format.
- Facilitator Groups :Delegates were organized into smaller groups consisting of 10-11 members, accompanied by 2 or 3 facilitators for coordination. These groups were engaged in shared meals and team-building activities. Efforts were made to ensure cultural diversity within each group.
- Cultural Show : Delegates took to the stage to represent their countries through various forms of expression, including dance and singing.

# Field Trips / Excursions

New York City ,Times Square

Gallery of Arts Museum

Natural History Museum

National American History Museum

Smithsonian's National Air and Space  
Museum

National Library of America

Inter-American Development Bank

AT A GLANCE

# Quick facts



Total Countries Represented: 56

## Virtual

1. Afghanistan
2. Argentina
3. Bangladesh
4. Bolivia
5. Bosnia and Herzegovina
6. Brazil
7. Burundi
8. Cameroon
9. China
10. Colombia
11. Democratic Republic of the Congo
12. Costa Rica
13. Dominican Republic
14. Ecuador
15. El Salvador
16. Ghana
17. Honduras
18. India
19. Iran
20. Kazakhstan
21. Kenya
22. Lebanon
23. Lesotho
24. Mexico
25. Nicaragua
26. Nigeria
27. Pakistan
28. Panama
29. Paraguay
30. Peru
31. Romania
32. Rwanda
33. Singapore
34. Spain
35. Sri Lanka
36. Syrian Arab Republic
37. Timor-Leste
38. Togo
39. Tunisia
40. United Kingdom
41. United States of America
42. Venezuela
43. Vietnam
44. Zimbabwe

## On-site

1. Austria
2. Azerbaijan
3. Belgium
4. Bosnia
5. Cameroon
6. China
7. Chad
8. Colombia
9. Democratic Republic of the Congo
10. Dominican Republic
11. Ecuador
12. Ethiopia
13. Germany
14. Ghana
15. Guatemala
16. India
17. Italy
18. Lebanon
19. Mexico
20. Moldova
21. Peru
22. Spain
23. Trinidad and Tobago
24. United States of America
25. Uruguay
26. Vietnam
27. Zimbabwe

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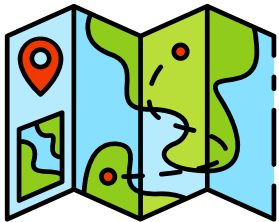
# Quick facts



Participants: 373(160 onsite  
and 213 virtual)



Age Range: 8–26 years



Venue: Catholic University of  
America, Washington DC



Duration: 2 Weeks (July 20 – Aug 2)

# WEEK 1 HIGHLIGHTS

July 20

Arrival Day

Campers received welcome kits and met each other



# OPENING CEREMONY



# SPORTS ,SEMINARS , AND MORE FUN



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# TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

NYC



# WASHINGTON DC



# MORE TRIPS



# Culture Fair



# Awards and Recognitions

## Local Project Awards

**Best LP delegate Award:** Khyati Boruah ,India

**Outstanding LP delegate Award:** Latifa Yamout,Lebanon

**SDGs Ambassador Award:** Kwabena Quainoo,Ghana

**Best Project Award:** Group 3

Khyati Boruah

Sofia Guadalupe Olaechea Ferreyra

Alan Agyeman

Gabriela Oviedo Rodríguez

Laura Valentina Acuña Jiménez

Theophilos Mulat

Antonia Baron Zapata

Mariana Ramirez Gaviria

**Most creative Project Award:** Group 7

Anghely Camil Suárez Tello

Anushmita Mahanta

PRAISE EKOFO

Andres Felipe Duran Ramirez

Fernando Valdés Pellegrini

**Best Project Presentation Award:** Group 6

Lea Elhoss

Raiyyan Abubakar Saddique

Nicolás Eduardo Aguilar Pichardo

Thuraya Abubakar Saddique

Leticia Huarcaya Candela

Sunpaire Tagel

# International Model United Nations Awards

## UNHCR AWARDS

**Best Delegate:** Jose Miguel Granados

**Outstanding Delegate:** Isabel Ochoa

**Honorable Mention:** Gabriela Marin

## DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

**Best Delegate:** Juan Antonio Puello

**Outstanding Delegate:** Lucas Sicard

**Honorable Mention:** Julio Bautista

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AWARDS

**Best delegate :** Malachi Senhouse

**Outstanding delegate :** Sebastián López Vázquez

**Honorable mention :** Linna Qiaoyi Wu

## SECURITY COUNCIL

**Best Delegate :**Valeria Castillo Hernandez

**Outstanding Delegate:** Ariadna Meier

# STEAM Awards

## **Best delegates**

Isabella Espina Ramírez (Mexico)

Nathan Ateneh (Ethiopia)

## **Science Award**

Thristian Cyril Thompson (Ghana)

## **Robotics Award**

Dang Doung Nguyen (Vietnam)

## **AI Award**

AlÃa Malagon Araque (Colombia)

## **Arts Award**

Krystel MarÃa Ixcamparic Choy (Guatemala)

## **Light of Youth Award**

Delasie Manso (Ghana)

# Overall Camp Awards

## **Best Delegate Award**

*Valeria Castillo Hernandez, Mexico*

Presented to a participant who demonstrated exceptional leadership, active participation, and a spirit of excellence throughout the camp. This delegate stood out by consistently engaging in discussions, collaborating effectively with peers from diverse backgrounds, taking initiative in solving global challenges, and embodying the core values of the UNESCO Center for Peace. Their outstanding commitment to learning, diplomacy, and cultural exchange makes them a true ambassador of global citizenship.

## **Best Facilitator Award**

*Praise K Machengere, Zimbabwe*

In recognition of a facilitator who went above and beyond in inspiring, guiding, and supporting delegates throughout the camp. This individual displayed exceptional dedication, creativity, and passion in delivering engaging sessions, fostering meaningful connections among participants, and creating an inclusive, empowering learning environment. Their positive energy, professionalism, and impact on the delegates' experience embody the spirit and mission of the UNESCO Center for Peace.

# Citations and Recognition Awards

Citations from Governor of Maryland .



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Recognition from the US Congress for outstanding contributions to the successful implementation of the UCP Summer Camp 2025.



# Guest Speakers

- The Catholic University of America President , **Dr Peter K. Kilpatrick**
- Director , Executive Services and Operations Office of the Governor - Maryland , **Shameka L .Littles**
- Vice Provost Office of Global Strategies , The Catholic University of America , **Dr. Duilia de Mello**
- Chief of Staff - on behalf of **Marvin E.Holmes Jr.**,Maryland State Delegate ,**MJ Sitton**
- Former President of the Inter-American Dialogue and Professor at Georgetown University , **Michael Shifter**
- US Education System Conference ,**Martha Acosta -Pieters**
- Advisor , Senior Director and Global Education Director of the World Genesis Foundation , **Heather Anderson**
- NASA rocket propulsion engineer , **Ravi Prakash**
- Research Scientist at MIT Computer Science and AI Lab, **Henry Lieberman**
- Ambassador of Chad to the United States of America , **HE Kitoko Gata Ngoulou**
- Interim Vice President of Education and Exchange ,Ambassador of Global for Black Professionals in International Affairs ,White House and State Department sponsored foreign affairs organization ,**Dr. Letisha Malcolm**
- Mayor , Chair International Forum ,**Karina Hou**
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# Camper Feedback and Testimonials

I've participated in many camps and workshops before, but UCP was truly a one-of-a-kind experience. Every aspect — from the sessions to the sports and activities — stood out as something special.

It was not only a pleasure but also an honor to be part of this camp. I'm especially grateful for the opportunity to meet such wonderful delegates and facilitators from diverse countries and cultures. The memories we created together will stay with me forever. Thank you, UNSCO, for this unforgettable summer camp. I wish you all the best in your next chapter.

**Latifa, Lebanon**

One of the most unique and wholesome experiences ever. Met incredible people, got exposed to varied perspectives, and was super inspired.

**Khyati, India**

*Thank you to UCP for this experience with our new international friends, i want to say thank you to mr Guy Djoken, all the facilitators, shaperons and friends for this 2memorable weeks, thank you love you Praise ,Congo*



It was my first camp but I'm sure no other camp will be better than this one. I got the chance to meet many amazing people and facilitators. Besides that, I created lifetime memories with people I'll always keep in my heart. I wish it could've been longer because it's an experience I'll never forget. Everyone made this the best camp ever :)

**Chris, Peru**

# Camper Feedback and Testimonials

I like that you are trying to help the youth generation as a way of giving to the future of the world and making the future world more responsible caring and capable, I am impressed that you guys have spoken of doing this for us for two whole weeks, I find it inspiring and at the same time I find that gives me a sense of responsibility to make the things that you wish for us to make happen, happen, I can't say no given you guys said yea every single time I met someone here.

The facilitators and the staff that are teaching us in our respective fields are great, polite, compassionate, energetic, interactive, and the list goes on, I imagine how it would be like if doing this each day and was possible and it would not be something that you guys would have take

such a great price for us to do, this opportunities has not only helped me acquire new skills I, they are changing me in a positive and meaningful way

The facilities are great, the people running them are also great, the dorms the dining hall, the conference room, you name it

What we are learning feels like it is relevant to day to day life, potential job admissions, building a future that you would want for yourself and the world

←-----Camper-----→

This camp definitely was the most unique experience I've had in my life. All the people I met and the friends I made along the way from different regions of the world have been the highlight of this experience for me:)

Each and every activity and the classes were very interactive and creative. All in all, I really liked how everyone in the UCP team encouraged us to express ourselves in every activity.

←-----Adeena, India♥-----→

UNESCO Center for Peace goes beyond being a summer program; it's the opportunity to change yourself and lift others up.

Each and every activity was designed for us to grow, meet people from around the world, create our own path, and to remind us that the key to a great world is teamwork and peace. And now, after UCP, I find myself with thousands of great memories, awesome friendships from around the world and with opportunities to create a better life for myself and others. :)

←-----Bella ,Mexico-----→

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