

2009 Young Native Writers Scholars' Trip
Monday At National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)



Here we are walking down Third Street on our way to NMAI

Monday - Continued



Renee Gokey of the Education Department at the National Museum of the American Indian, our partner in the Young Native Writers Essay Contest. Renee met us outside for an overview of the architecture and landscape of the building.

As we walk through the museum, we learn so very much.



Renee walks us through exhibits, and offers valuable information. (Note: We had groupies following us to hear Renee!)



Waiting for the shuttle to go to the
Cultural Resource Center in Suitland, Maryland.



Cultural Resource Center – History stored and treasured. Viewing the artifacts of our ancestors.



Uncovering History



Carefully preserved for the ages



Up High – not missing anything!



So much to tell about when we get home.



So much to see in one day.



Many thanks to NMAI, and its curators at the Cultural Resource Center for arranging this awesome tour



We pose once more before going on to Hard Rock Café!



Hard Rock!



Waiting for the burgers – listening to the music.



We walked and walked, and then – there it was!

The White House.



After the White House, first stop is the WW II Memorial at twilight.
We stop to remember and give thanks.



It has often been said, "You better get right with Lincoln."



Kelsey and Helena in front of the “Quite/Respect” sign. They are both young women of great esteem and quiet grace.



Mariah and Washington's Memorial



Goodnight Lincoln.



Good morning Craig! We're off to the Smithsonian Museums!



To see American History!



Air and Space!



The National Gallery of Art



Colonel Guy Johnson and Karonghyontye
(Captain David Hill)

oil on canvas, 1776

BENJAMIN WEST

American, 1738–1820

Andrew W. Mellon Collection 1940.1.10



Lunch at the Dirkson Building Senate Buffett, thanks to Philip Baker Shenk (Holland & Knight Indian Law Practice Group)



Senator Durbin's Whip Office Welcomes the 2009 Young Native Writers



Senator Durbin's office arranges a VIP tour for the 2009 Young Native Writers
Thanks to staff member Michael Fields for an excellent tour.



Amazing Arches and Artwork



Author and Storyteller Greg Rodgers joins us at the Kennedy Center



Just before we go inside to see
Shear Madness!



Ben and Jerry's on the way home.



Wednesday – Writing Workshops. Our friend Greg Rodgers starts us off.



Author and Poet Reva “Mariah” Gover leads a wonderful writing and art workshop



Writing and Creating



Hiking the Piscataway Trail



Remember the spiders?



After a wonderful dinner prepared at the home of Kathleen Nilles,
storytelling under the stars



Thursday – Honor Day



Kevin Gover speaks of the accomplishments of the winners and their teachers. Kevin is director of the National Museum of the American Indian.



Gerry Sikorski (Holland & Knight Washington) speaks about the promise of the 2009 Young Native Writers



Each student approached Kevin Gover at the podium to be presented with a winner's medallion. Each shared his and her thoughts with the audience.



Tim Evans, Angela Ruth, Gerry Sikorski, Christine Hicks, Rob Boling, Helena Cross, Craig Merrick, Kelsey Proctor, Pat Barry, Bob Carsten, Mariah Oney, Kathleen Nilles, Gigi Modrich, and Debbie Roman.



In the Patron's Lounge, a luncheon where teachers speak of their experiences, and scholarships are presented to students.



Kelsey and her grandmother, Pat are among the honored guests.



Rob Boling and his teacher Christine Hicks



Congratulations to all!!

