



Greetings:

While I said most of my words of thanks to many of you in person at our May meeting, I just got from the US JCI Senate Year-End meeting in St. Louis and had a chance to look back on the year that was. I can't tell you how proud I am of this past year and of our Senate organization.

We ended the year welcoming 18 new Senators into our family which helped grow our organization + 4 overall. Thank you to the chapters and Jaycee friends from chapters that no longer exist for remembering those most deserving and helping to recognize them with a Senatorship. We said fond good-byes to too many Senators this year. While heart-breaking it also warmed my heart to see fellow Senators attending the funerals of those who passed to let the families know how much they meant to all of us.

We travelled at each of our meetings through food and fellowship to Italy, Paris and Mexico. We donned hats, berets, and sombreros to mix it up a little.

When 2022-23 US JCI Senate President Susan Hatcher asked all of us to Play Ball, our merry band traveled to many other states Maryland, Delaware, Florida, California, Nevada, Arizona, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Colorado, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee to name a few. Some of us stamped our international passports by attending Senate meetings in Trinidad, Columbia, Great Britain, Germany, and Mexico.

Two Virginia high school students were recognized on the National level this year. I was proud to stand on the podium at the closing banquet to have a new named scholarship to ensure future generations of students receive scholarships.

At the Board of Directors meeting, the Virginia Senate was recognized as the #1 State for our efforts to support the US JCI Senate Sweepstakes program.

Behind the scenes, many your fellow Senators have worked tirelessly on behalf of all of us this past year. Thank you to every member of this year's team.

It has been my honor to serve this year as Senate President! Thank you for going on the Adventure with me! I'm looking forward to "Exploring the Senate" with President Sheri Polychrones this year!

With deepest gratitude and appreciation,

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*Here's a few photos from our travels to St. Louis this past week.*