PEN-INTERNATIONAL

SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Herstmonceux Castle
East Sussex, England
August 19 – 29, 2010
Jeff Barnette
August 21 (Saturday) – Our Arrival!

Upon our arrival to the castle grounds after experiencing a prolonged period of jet lag, we came across the beautiful Herstmonceux Castle!
AUGUST 22 (SUNDAY) – ICE-BREAKING ACTIVITY: “BE-FRIENDING”

• Every student learned from each other by sharing our variety of interests just like...

Facebook!
AUGUST 22 (SUNDAY) – STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRESENTATIONS
AUGUST 23 (MONDAY) – GROUP PHOTOS!
Wait, there is one more group photo!

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together“
– Woodrow Wilson
AUGUST 23 (MONDAY) – CULTURAL DIVERSITY: CROSS-CULTURE INTERPRETATIONS

1) Japanese: chopsticks sticking up in a rice bowl means death
2) China: a man who is given a green hat symbolizes that his wife is having an affair
3) Philippines: if you eat all your food on your plate, it means you want more food
4) Russia: Russians who do not smile or talk to strangers are inaccurately interpreted as “cold” or unfriendly
5) USA: Young couples engage in interracial relationships, which are thought to be socially acceptable
AUGUST 23 (MONDAY) – A HIKE TO THE MYSTICAL WOODS

An escape to this magical place brought with me a...

...a deeper discovery by which one must adopt the pace of nature, in that Mother Nature’s secret is patience
August 23 (Monday) – Japanese Cultural Night

- Cultural activities!
  - Origami Hats
  - “Hands Through/Helping Hands” Games

“Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.” – Mother Teresa
AUGUST 23 (MONDAY) – PHILIPPINES CULTURAL NIGHT

- Detailed presentation
  - Gorgeous man-made landmarks
- Cultural dances

“Dance is the hidden language of the soul.” – Martha Graham
AUGUST 24 (TUESDAY) – LEADERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL DEAF COMMUNITY

Some of the Challenges (shocking statistics!):

1) 90% of the world’s Deaf children and adults have never been to school

2) 33% do not allow Deaf people to have a driver’s license

3) 24% provide bilingual education in sign language and native language

4) 20% do not recognize Deaf people as equal citizens

5) 19% provide sign language interpreters at universities
August 24 (Tuesday) – Chinese Cultural Night

- More cultural dances!
- Art works
  - Portraits and face masks

“Make happy to those who are near, and those who are far will come.” – Chinese Proverbs
AUGUST 25 (WEDNESDAY) – ALLIGATOR RIVER

A group’s success is based on...

1) Effective teamwork
2) Clear communication
3) Patience and...
4) Having fun!
AUGUST 25 (WEDNESDAY) – THE NIPPON FOUNDATION BY MINORU YOSHIDA

- PEN-International was funded by the Nippon Foundation of Japan
- Former RIT graduate Minoru Yoshida currently works for the Nippon Foundation
August 25 (Wednesday) – Deaf Culture Activities
AUGUST 25 (WEDNESDAY) – RUSSIAN CULTURAL NIGHT

Activities and games!
- Tug-of-war
- Balloon “fencing”
- Blind-fold/String Cutting with snacks

“This time, like all times, is a good time, if we but know what to do with it.”
– Ralph Waldo Emerson
AUGUST 26 (THURSDAY) – WRAP UP: MOVING FORWARD AS DEAF LEADERS
August 26 (Thursday) – Closing Reception
AUGUST 27 (FRIDAY) – LONDON!
WAIT, IT’S NOT GOOD-BYE; IT’S SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

“Be the change you want to see in the world.”
– Mahatma Gandhi