Mastbaum High School Students Reflect on Winter Meeting Internship

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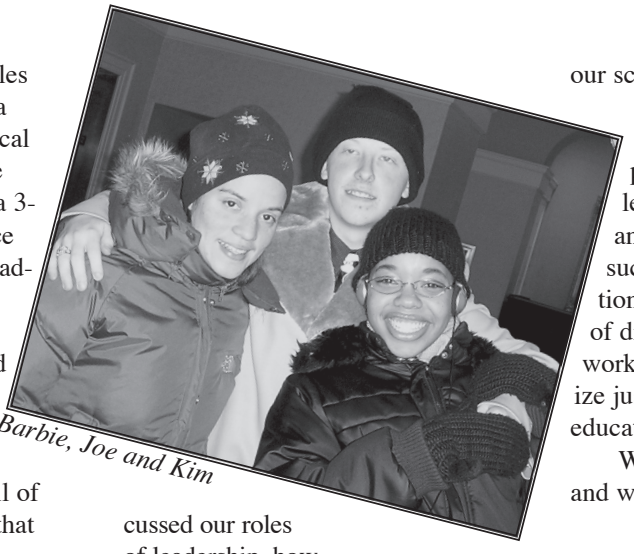
We are seniors at Jules E. Mastbaum Area Vocational Technical School in Philadelphia, PA. We were selected to participate in a 3-day conference. This conference was mainly about "equitable leadership." We were among many teachers and principals from around the country. Who would have ever thought that we would all be together in one place, expressing our opinions about leadership in schools? All of us enjoyed ourselves so much that we decided to stay another day. The students from Mastbaum High School were chosen because of their strong leadership skills. When we participated in the "World Café" it gave us a chance to put our leadership skills to work. We were split up into different groups. We discussed our roles of leadership, how often we use leadership and who our influential role models are. Some of us were in groups with people from Massachusetts, Kentucky, Tennessee, New York and even people as far as Hawaii! We were so surprised to see how our schools here had so much in common with other schools across the nation. For our personal experiences we learned about event planning and the procedures of having a successful event. We did registration and took memorable pictures of different teachers and principals working as a group. We didn't realize just how much was put into our education until now.



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We appreciated the experience and we will never forget you guys. ■

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