



Students selected for team-building trip to USA

Two Havering Sixth Form College students have been chosen for a fantastic opportunity to travel to the USA on a two-week trip aimed at building leadership and dialogue skills.

Antoinette Fawole, who is studying Accounts, Economics, English and Psychology at College, and Jahima Nasreen, who is on the International Baccalaureate course, have been selected from hundreds of London students to take part in the Hummer Tuttle Foundation and Windsor Fellowship's UK-US Youth Dialogue Programme in the summer.

Just eight places were available for students in London and eight from Birmingham. The team of 16 will have to take part in residential seminars in the UK before travelling to the States and staying at the School for International Training (SIT) college campus in Vermont during the first week and then with an American family in Chicago during the second week.

The aim of the programme is to develop global awareness of cultural and lifestyles issues along with strong leadership, teambuilding and communication skills – enabling the students to learn to express themselves with more confidence.

Antoinette said: "It is a real privilege to be recruited out of so many applicants to take part in this programme. The application was very challenging and competitive and it is a great achievement for me.

"I cannot wait for the USA trip and I am looking forward to all the other opportunities the programme will bring me. It will be hard work - there is a lot involved from now until the last session in September – and it all has to balance with my college studies.

"My aim is to maximise every opportunity I get to learn from this experience and continue to apply it to myself in terms of leadership and other forms of work I am involved in."

Rukiya Khan, from The Windsor Fellowship, said: "The selectors were impressed with the quality and calibre of the applications received this year, and found it very difficult to choose the final group. They were keen to select students that had undertaken some form of community work, and showed potential through their application. They also selected a mix of academic abilities, not just straight 'A' students."

College Careers Co-ordinator Nikki Phelps said: "Once again, talented Havering Sixth Form students have been selected to take part in this fantastic, life-changing programme. It is a huge personal achievement for Antoinette and Jahima to be selected from so many and it goes to show that it is always worth applying for an opportunity when it presents itself. I am sure that they will be excellent ambassadors for this College and will have a brilliant time!"