

Lee's Summit, Missouri

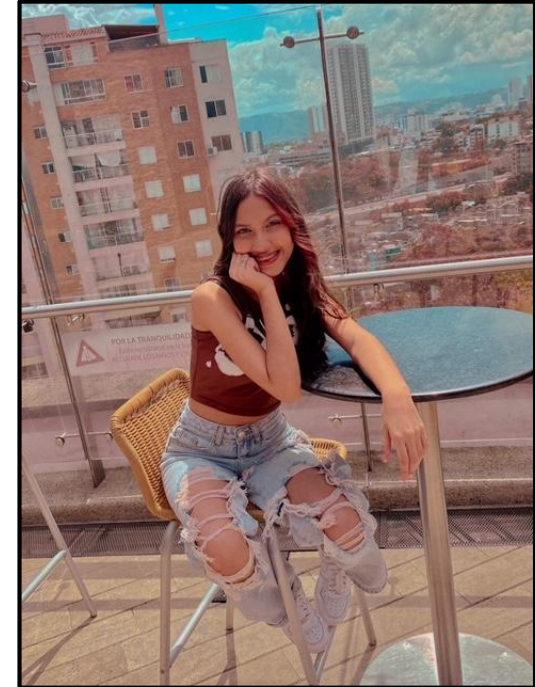
Ibagué, Colombia

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A'milah Weddington

1. Attends Grandview High School
2. Learning Korean
3. Reason for joining this program is because I want to go into politics and have an understanding of other cultures
4. Run track and bakes



Catalina Vargas Ojeda

- Attends Lee's Summit High School
- From Colombia
- Native Spanish speaker
- Learning French and Chinese
- Has befriended people from different countries

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Madden Stutts

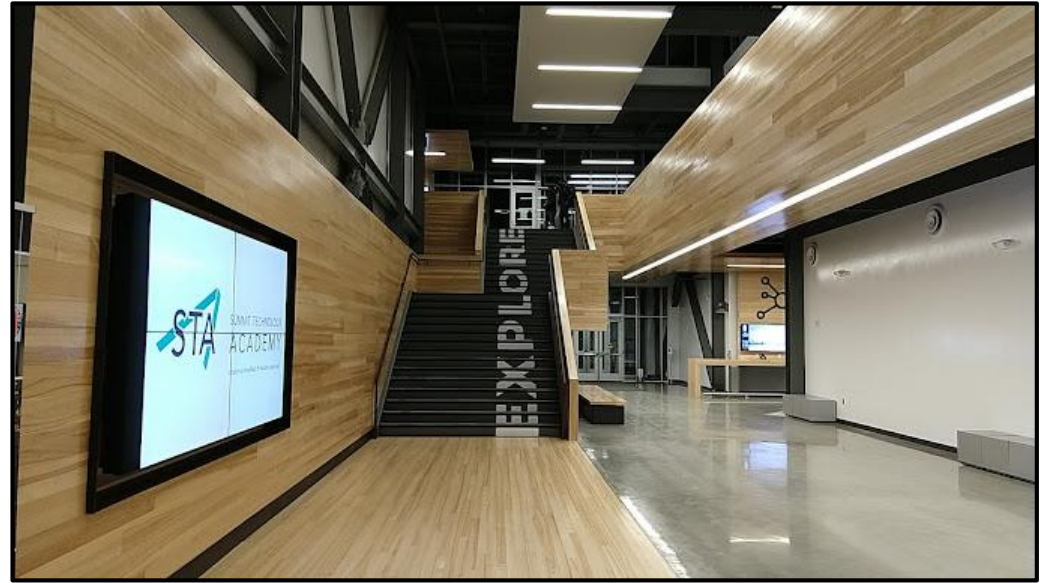
1. Attends Lee's Summit West
2. Learning German, but has studied numerous languages
3. Involved in debate at LSW
4. Has befriended students worldwide
5. Interested in business and marketing



Madison Morgan

1. Attends Kingsville High School
2. Have completed several projects with international students from Korea, India, and Bangladesh
3. I like traveling and learning about other cultures
4. Interested in hospitality and real estate

Summit Technology Academy is a facility where students from 18 school districts go to focus on specific skills in different career fields.



We are group of local students who attend the International Studies program at Summit Technology Academy.



The program we are trains us in managing international relationships and projects.

- Developed by Mr. Cook 14 years ago
- Over 1,000 projects worldwide
- Have worked with Colombia, Korea, Bangladesh, India, and many more
- Created relationships culturally, internationally, and economically.



We would like to help the city of Lee's Summit address cultural and educational goals in the strategic plan.



Identify opportunities to promote diversity

Improve Collaboration

Enhance and plan for educational opportunities to support economic development

Expand cultural and recreational events

Our proposal is to establish a Sister Cities partnership with Ibagué, Colombia to achieve these goals.

What is a Sister City?

A long lasting partnership between two cities and countries, that share ideas, resources, technology, ect.

Ibagué is located in Central Colombia and is known for being the music capital of the country.

Population

529,635



The economy grew rapidly from the production of coffee beans.



We have been in contact with the embassy, chamber of commerce, and city of Ibagué about a formalized partnership. They have sent us a letter expressing their interest in partnering with us.

“We are hoping to strengthen our ties of brotherhood to obtain and increase between cities and strategic allies.”



Mayor of Ibagué
Andrés Fabian Hurtado



Government Secretary
Claudia Gisella Renginfo
Parra

From their letter we know the city of Ibagué wants to...

1. Deepen ties and friendship with the city of Lee's Summit.

2. Have a virtual music exchange with students in Lee's Summit.

3. Have a common interest of promoting the development of our communities.

4. Focus in areas such as commerce, education, health, culture, environment, sports, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, etc.

To kickstart the relationship our team is currently in the first stage of a cultural musical exchange.

The first stage...

- Sending various musical performances from around Lee's Summit.
- Working with STA Digital Media Team to record and collect videos.
- The Conservatory of Ibague is also sending videos of musical performances.

The second stage...

- Zoom early next year.
 - We will have live performances from local musicians.
- Colombia will have pre recorded performances to showcase during the Zoom.

Moving forward, we would like the city of Lee's Summit to approve a resolution to show support of valuable Sister City partnership.

“RESOLVED, the city of Lee's Summit should start a sister city-like partnership with Ibagué in Colombia to achieve the goals stated in the city strategic plan”

WHEREAS, the city of Lee's Summit has laid out a strategic plan, whereby the city has a goal for educational partnership expansion and cultural diversity:

WHEREAS, a sister city partnership is an agreement between two cities in two separate countries that looks to improve cultural, commercial, and business ties.

- Sister cities have been shown to improve relationships, and enhance cultural and educational opportunities within the two cities.*
- Sister cities have been shown to benefit from cultural exchanges, as well as promote peace between the two countries.*

WHEREAS, the city of Ibague, Colombia is interested in starting a sister city relationship, where Ibague is interested in a musical and cultural exchange.

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit has recently succeeded in a sister city partnership with Kawahigashi Japan, in which relations are still held.

WHEREAS, Global Prep Squad is a student-led organization at Summit Technology Academy, whose mission is to work with clients world-wide to increase relationships. The organization has successfully run for 14 years and has done over a thousand projects throughout the world.

WHEREAS, Ibague has been in communication with Global Prep Squad about its interests in the partnership.

RESOLVED, the city of Lee's Summit should start a sister cities partnership with Ibague in Colombia to achieve the goals stated in the city strategic plan.

Draft Resolution
(In Packet)

With support from the city of Lee's Summit we hope to have a long lasting relationship with Ibagué, Colombia.

Thank You!

Questions?