

# CU students travel to D.C. for presidential inauguration

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Aaron Nosich and Kassie Little, both Campbellsville University seniors, among others, joined the masses to witness the inauguration of the 45th president of the United States in Washington D.C.

Nosich and Little were accompanied by 12 other students and two professors from Campbellsville University.

Nosich, a political science and pastoral ministries major and Student Government Association president, said that he found the inauguration to be interesting, as he listened to fellow students' opinions that ranged from support to disagreement.

While this past election was one of great controversy, Little, a political science and history major, said she went with an open mind so that she could respect everyone else's opinions, despite not being a Trump supporter, herself.

"An inauguration is a historical event, and what happens in Washington affects us all whether we realize it or not," Little said.

Little engaged in conversations, and at times debates, throughout the trip with others who held opposing views from her own but were willing to respectfully listen and disagree.

"We are all human," Little said. "Regardless of who won, it was an opportunity that you don't always get.

It's a historical event that whether or not you supported the president elect, you as a citizen should support and pray for your elected leaders," Nosich said.

CU students also visited various monuments and museums around the D.C. area following the inauguration.

While they were all significant and held historical meaning, there was one in particular that stood out to Nosich-- the Holocaust Museum.

Upon entering he was given the name of a boy, Nikolas, whose story he followed throughout the tour that led him through different rooms with displays and information about what took place.

“I had to sit down after every room and I cried, praying, “Lord, why?” and hoping that this never happens again,” Nosich said.

Little, along with four other students, participated in the Women’s March in Washington, D.C., the day after the inauguration.

Streets were packed full of men and women who were there, to speak out for things such as immigration, islamophobia, women’s rights, and several other issues, according to Little.

Little had only planned on checking out the event, but she ended up joining marchers.

“I joined the marchers because I had to stand up for immigrants who don’t have a voice and refugees who haven’t made it here yet, but are fleeing terror in their countries and who don’t have a home left,” Little said.

Both students encouraged their peers to care about what is going on in today’s world because, one way or another, the decisions made today will affect you tomorrow.

Nosich remained in D.C. after the inauguration to attend the National Association of Evangelicals Christian Student Leadership Conference.

This event featured a multitude of speakers possessing different ideologies. Speakers addressed issues posed in today’s world such as: domestic poverty, criminal justice reform, advocacy, and sanctity of life.

“The whole event was eye opening,” Nosich said.

“It helped me better understand and want to advocate for the alleviation of domestic and international poverty,” Aaron said.

He encourages students to take the opportunity to attend the conference if they ever have the chance and promises it is one that will not disappoint you.