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Dear Omékongo;

Thank you for hosting a Leadership Workshop for the students of the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC)! Your preparation, activities and discussions shaped your workshop into a memorable and educational experience for the students during their time in Washington D.C.

Leadership workshops are a unique event in the NYLC schedule. They provide our students with the opportunity to select a particular topic that is of interest to them and explore it with professionals and other interested peers. The talents and insight of our workshop presenters is instrumental in helping these young leaders further develop their leadership skills and also in preparing them to apply their newly acquired leadership skills to their personal and professional lives.

Student response to your workshop was enthusiastic. One student commented, "This speaker was unbelievable. His message of how to get accurate, unbiased opinion on current events is a huge benefit to any leader that wants to have an informed opinion. It is important for any leader to have an informed opinion if they want to lead knowledgeably. This speaker was incredible and I highly recommend inviting him back. He had strong opinions, but he didn't force them. Rather he presented them in ways that we could use no matter our bias." A staff member commented, "O is extremely passionate and well informed. Not only does he talk about problems, but solutions as well".

It has been a true pleasure to work with you this cycle, and I look forward to continuing our relationship and having you back to present in the future. When students were given the opportunity to share about the component of the conference that was most memorable, a significant number of them wrote about their leadership workshop. Thank you again for facilitating such a memorable experience for our students and for your continued support of our program.

Sincerely,

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