

Student ambassadors go to Sacramento

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Students from the Academy for Academic Excellence accompanied members of the Apple Valley Town Council and staff on a recent trip to Sacramento for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

The students were given the opportunity to see how city governments work together on common issues across the state. They heard keynote speakers and attended various sessions. Chase Bains, an 11th-grader, enjoyed attending the session about memory and how to remember names, a useful tool for any career.

The highlight of the trip for AAE senior Stephen Campbell was being on the assembly floor listening to the politicians' debate bills. Stephen said, "It was an excellent opportunity and I enjoyed all of it."

During a visit to the offices of the town's lobbyist in Sacramento they ran into Cruz Bustamante. Bustamante served as lieutenant governor for two terms and placed second after Schwarzenegger in the 2003 recall election.

He gladly posed for photos and chatted with the students.

Students were also treated to a tour of the State Capitol by Councilman Nassif where they met with Assemblyman Anthony Adams. Chase Bains spoke for all of the students when he said "It was a life changing experience."



Submitted photo From left: Michael Crismali, Chris Lauron, Cruz Bustamante, Chase Bains and Stephen Campbell.