Deconstruct the Rural-Urban Divide: #HoyasAndHighlanders Application

Thank you for your interest in joining Radford University’s Appalachian Regional & Rural Studies Center and Georgetown University’s Baker Center for Leadership & Governance on “Deconstruct the Rural-Urban Divide: #HoyasandHighlanders,” an experiential learning opportunity at Radford University’s Selu Conservancy, from July 28 - July 31, 2018.

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Are you surrounded by people with the same opinions? Are you confused by the sharp division in how people feel about our country? #HoyasandHighlanders will offer eight undergraduate Georgetown University and eight undergraduate Radford University students the unique opportunity to explore in-depth conflict resolution skills. In this three-day interactive program in rural Appalachia, students will:

- Understand typical sources of conflict in challenging conversations -- and how to manage them.
- Build skills to navigate contentious, values-based discussions.
- Engage in classroom and outdoor experiences with peers from Georgetown and Radford.
- Develop the cultural dexterity needed to serve as a bridge between urban and rural communities.

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Associated activities may include canoeing/kayaking, ropes course, hiking, attending an Appalachian music jam, and visiting rural communities.

The Georgetown Baker Center will cover lodging costs and all meals. Radford University students will be responsible for transportation to Selu.

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This opportunity is limited to students who are currently enrolled at Radford University and will still be enrolled in the Fall of 2018. To participate in this experience, students must have full availability from the afternoon of July 28 through late afternoon of July 31.

Please complete this form NO LATER than 11:59 pm on Wednesday, May 9, and include one letter of recommendation from a Radford professor. Submit application and recommendation form to Theresa L. Burriss, Director of the Appalachian Regional & Rural Studies Center, at tburriss@radford.edu.

General Information
First name:
Last name:
Email address:
Phone number:
Gender:
Are you between the ages of 18 and 22?
Home city and state:
Undergraduate major(s)/minor(s):
Class year (e.g. 2019):
Clubs and extracurricular activities (note any leadership roles you hold):
What is your party affiliation?
- Democrat
- Republican
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _______
Which statement comes closest to describing your views on healthcare?
- The government should expand Medicare to cover all Americans with government health insurance coverage free of charge.
- The government should stay out of healthcare. All Americans should be responsible for buying their own health insurance and go without it if they can’t afford it.
Which statement comes closest to describing your views on immigration?
- Legal immigration to the United States should greatly increase among all immigrant groups.
- All further immigration to the United States should be banned.
Which statement comes closest to describing your views on taxes?
- Heavily increase federal income taxes on all those making over $250,000 per year.
- Decrease all individuals’ income tax rates, especially high earners who pay the most in taxes.
Additional comments regarding the previous three questions (not required):

How would you characterize the community in which you grew up?
Application questions

For each question below, please provide one to two paragraph responses, up to 250 words max.

Please share a one-paragraph biography (not a CV) that includes education, work experience, hobbies, fun facts and anything else you feel is relevant.

What do you hope to gain through your participation in this seminar? How will you use the experience in your academic and professional careers? Please be specific.

Can you tell us about a time when you have been stereotyped? How did it make you feel?

Is there anything else we should know about you and your lived experiences?

Thank you for your interest in participating in the #HoyasAndHighlanders experience!