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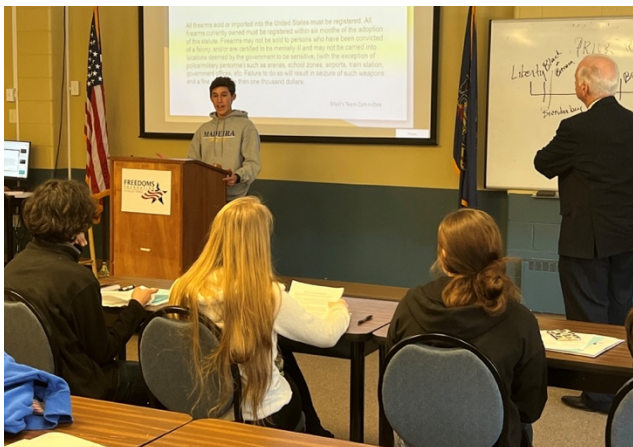
Madeira Student Inspired by Founding Fathers

Madeira High School (MHS) junior Aaron Altman was one of 100,000 high school students from across the country who participated in a leadership program that engaged high schoolers directly with the first principles of freedom.

The Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program was sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, PA. Born in 1949, amid post-war concerns about the future of the United States, Freedoms Foundation is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that now brings 1,500 students to its campus each year for History Encounters and Spirit of America programs. Students come away with a greater appreciation for our country's history, ideals, and the relevance of America's foundation documents – partially by hearing that history from Thomas Jefferson and John Adams re-enactors.

Aaron was nominated to attend the conference by MHS Business & Media Communications Teacher Jennifer Jordan. "After watching him work with his non-profit company, SproutEd, in my entrepreneurship class, I immediately thought of Aaron when I received information regarding this conference," Jordan stated. "Aaron is a mature and motivated young man with unlimited leadership potential." He was accepted through an essay and interview.

The conference was different than Aaron thought it would be, and said the seminars on history-related topics were anything but boring. He is a member of the Madeira High School Key Club, National Honor Society, Pickleball Club and Triathlon Club. He also plays varsity soccer and tennis. "My favorite part," Aaron stated, "was meeting a ton of interesting people."



Aaron speaking at the Spirit of American Youth Leadership Conference



Aaron and Cincinnati Chapter students with Thomas Jefferson and John Adams