

# Ambassadors in Sneakers 2023 -

## A Young Leaders' Transatlantic Summer Academy on Human Rights



### What?

Ambassadors in Sneakers is a four-week educational program that brings together members of youth councils, student councils and similar youth leadership committees from the U.S. and Germany. Its central focus is on the topic of human rights. Against this background, participants learn about both countries' political structures and interrelations.

While travelling together in Germany and the U.S., the young leaders learn about places and institutions significant for the development of and struggle for human rights. They meet activists, media representatives and politicians and learn from them, as well as from and with each other, to gain a broader perspective on the issues at hand. The program has already taken place to great success in Georgia, Alabama, Michigan and Pennsylvania in previous years.

Please find more information here: [www.dai-tuebingen.de/projekte/ambassadors-in-sneakers.html](http://www.dai-tuebingen.de/projekte/ambassadors-in-sneakers.html)

### Why?

Ambassadors in Sneakers

- empowers politically engaged young adults to become citizen diplomats for both human rights and transatlantic relations within their local communities
- gives insight into German and American culture, with a particular focus on political structures
- teaches intercultural skills
- contributes to the transatlantic exchange of ideas on current issues like migration, Big Data and Data Protection, free trade, civil rights, climate change and environmental protection
- combines intercultural learning, politics, and fun

### How?

The 2023 program vitalizes the youth education aspect of the state partnership between Baden-Württemberg and California. Topics of focus will be social media and big data, filter bubbles, populism, representation of indigenous groups, human rights issues at the US-Mexican border, water scarcity, environmental protection, the LGBT movement, politics of drugs, Democracy vs Authoritarianism.

### When and where?

Trip 1 (Germany) to Tübingen / Stuttgart and Berlin: Sat, June 3, 2023 – Sat, June 17, 2023

Trip 2 (California) to Bakersfield and San Francisco: Sat, July 29, 2023 – Sat, August 12, 2023

### Who?

Ambassadors in Sneakers is organized and carried out by the German-American Institute in Tuebingen (*Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Tuebingen* or *d.a.i.*), a bi-national educational and cultural organization that provides the city of Tuebingen as well as the larger surrounding region with information about cultural, social, political and economic developments in the U.S. and in Germany. The institute is supported by the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, the German Federal Foreign Office, the city of Tuebingen, the U.S. Embassy and over 1,400 members. You can find more information about our work on our website: [www.dai-tuebingen.de](http://www.dai-tuebingen.de)

## Highlights from 2022:



*Congress Visit, Washington DC*



*German Ambassador Emily Haber, Washington DC*



*U.S. Ambassador to Germany Amy Gutmann, Berlin*

## Sponsors and Project Partners 2023:

Ambassadors in Sneakers 2023 takes place under the umbrella of the **state partnership between Baden-Wuerttemberg and California**. The program's patron is Baden-Wuerttemberg's Minister-President Winfried Kretschmann.



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