In Appreciation

Valeria Castillo Hernandez

December 29, 2025

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I wish to express my appreciation to Valeria Castillo Hernandez for your exemplary leadership in fostering cross-cultural friendship among young people worldwide.

In collaboration with Jah Kente International, Inc. (JKI), you skillfully organized meaningful activities for more than 200 youth in the 2025 JKI Model United Nations program, organizing everything from immersive tours of DC landmarks to outings to local sports events.

You have advanced civic literacy and strengthened international understanding by advocating to promote the goals of the DC Sister Cities program and by mentoring youth participants in JKI's advanced internship program on global politics, diplomacy, and foreign affairs.

As you receive well-earned accolades during the Model UN General Secretariat and Celebration of Sister Cities program, may you continue to inspire future generations to become engaged, global citizens.

On behalf of the more than 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, you have my deepest gratitude for your outstanding service and best wishes for continued success.

Muriel Bowser
Mayor, Washington, DC