



## **IBSC Student Forum — 2015**

When: June 22–26, 2015

Where: Montgomery Bell Academy  
Nashville, Tennessee, USA

We invite you to participate in a reflection of the era when the South was divided by the issue of race, civil rights, and voting rights. You will journey to the sites where some of the most famous marches of the movement took place and hear the stories of the young students who changed America.

Our focus will begin in Nashville where we will visit the sites where 50 years ago the African American college students had peaceful sit-ins at stores, lunch counters, and other businesses that refused to serve African Americans. Local students, clergy, and citizens led the Nashville Movement, while people like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited Nashville to learn from the city's successful model of nonviolent protest. At a rally at Fisk University, Dr. King declared: "I came to Nashville not to bring inspiration, but to gain inspiration from the great movement that has taken place in this community." Indeed, these college students changed the hearts and minds, and became the leaders of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee who played major roles in the successes of the Civil Rights Movement. After leading sit-ins and marches, these Nashville youth have gone on to become mayors, congressmen, and ministers themselves.



From Nashville our journey will go south to Birmingham, Alabama. The movement continued in this city as young school children marched peacefully in the streets for Civil Rights but were met by angry citizens and police who unleashed attack dogs and sprayed high powered fire hoses on the protestors. The year of 1963 in history turned even more violent when four African American girls were killed by those against the movement when a bomb tore apart a local African American Church. The next year Dr. King wrote one of the most famous letters while jailed in Birmingham. The letter called for continued action in this growing movement and to keep up his nonviolent efforts. We will also discuss Montgomery, Alabama where Rosa Parks' famous refusal to move to the segregated section of a city bus occurred and the march to Selma, another violent bloody violent chapter in the movement.



**We will discuss civil rights, human rights, and how they relate to the issues still happening in America and the world. These discussions should be applicable to schools and communities throughout our IBSC schools.**

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