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In what has now become an annual tradition at Silver Oak Academy, three Silver Oak Academy students recently joined a group of students from across the country to participate in a Civil Rights Tour that included stops in Atlanta, Mississippi and Birmingham. Through the support and sponsorship of The Ira and Mary Zepp Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education, Charles E. Collyer, Ph.D. and Pamela H. Zappardino, Ph.D., the students were able to take part in an experience of a lifetime by learning firsthand what the civil rights struggle was all about.

The 4-day tour involved visiting historical sites such as the King Non-Violent Center, the home of Dr. Martin Luther King, the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the Ebenezer Church and the 16th Street Baptist Church. The Silver Oak Academy students were able to gain competence and character through healthy interactions with adults, peers and other community members.

Silver Oak Academy's programs embrace the Positive Youth Development approach, which focuses on strengths rather than weaknesses, and views youth as assets who can contribute to their communities rather than simply as problems to be solved. We look forward to continuing to provide students with the opportunity to participate again in 2020.
