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Imperial FFA was represented at the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) this summer by Chase County Schools senior Jordan Gibb and junior Jordyn Doetker.

The two Imperial FFA members and Advisor Jason Speck were in Washington D.C. for the conference July 24-29, one of seven conferences offered this summer.

According to Speck, the conference is a good opportunity to gain leadership skills at workshops given by past state and national FFA officers.

The Imperial trio also took in much U.S. history in D.C. through sightseeing that included a night tour of the many memorials, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian and museums.

During that week's conference, the 350 FFA members in attendance also participated in a service project on Saturday, at which they packaged 41,000 meals for the people of Nicaragua.

Speck noted the FFA members will again package food for the same effort at October's National FFA Convention.

Gibb will serve as Imperial FFA chapter vice president for 2012-13 and Doetker is one of several junior officers on the team.

The majority of their trip was paid for with chapter funds and support from the Imperial Young Farmers & Ranchers organization.