## **2016 CONTINENTAL CONGRESS**

KDS DAR School was honored to take part in the 125<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. June 13-19. Executive Director Heather Green; Development Director Beth Cagle; KDS staff member April Pendergrass; Board Chairman Peggy Johnson; Board Vice Chairman Cheryl Harrison; and student representatives Leeann Myers and Will Sanderson enjoyed a busy week of meeting with Daughters from across the country and throughout the world to share with them the story of KDS, the "Gem of Gunter Mountain."



Heather, Leeann and Will also had the honor of speaking about KDS during the DAR School Luncheon on Friday. KDS is one of two DAR Schools and one of only six total DAR Approved Schools to be featured during Continental Congress.





NSDAR President General Lynn Young took time from her busy schedule to visit with Will and Leeann during a reception following the Opening Night ceremonies.

In addition to working daily at the school's booth, the group had the pleasure of attending numerous events including Opening Night Ceremonies, the Alabama-Mississippi "Southern Sunrise" Breakfast, the Illinois Supper, the Texas Tea, the Indiana Tea, the California Tea, the Florida Tea, the Units Overseas Luncheon, the Michigan Brunch, the Georgia Luncheon, the Colorado Luncheon, the South Carolina Tamassee Dessert Extravaganza, the DAR School Supper, and the Junior Membership Luncheon.



At the Junior Membership Luncheon, clockwise from the bottom left: Will Sanderson, Shelby Ward, Cheryl Harrison, Peggy Johnson, Betty Moore, Leeann Myers, Heather Green, April Pendergrass, Beth Cagle, and Rita Horton



Much time was spent at the school's booth, answering questions and sharing information about KDS with DAR members from across the country.



Beth and Heather couldn't resist a photo op with KDS Board Members Yvonne Boone and Pat Dennert.



Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Johnson, Will and Leeann pose here in Constitution Hall.

Free time was scarce, but the KDS delegation did have the opportunity to visit several of our country's top attractions including the U.S. Capitol; the National Archives; the Smithsonian Institution's American History, Natural History, and Air & Space Museums; the International Spy Museum; and the numerous memorials and monuments along the National Mall.

