

Falls Church High School Students With President Obama

Wednesday, February 1st—President Obama spoke before hundreds of Falls Church, VA residents at the James Lee Community Center. At the beginning of the presentation, students from Falls Church High School helped lead the singing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Students Gabi Cohn and Rakeb Teshome, both National Honor Society members, were quite nervous but went on with pride as they knew they were representing their school. Gabi led the pledge and Rakeb the anthem. These students were selected as a result of their work with the Readers are Leaders program—a program that the FCHS National Honor Society has been working with at the Graham Road Elementary School. This program has high school students that go to the elementary schools and the James Lee Community Center to assist with young readers that may be struggling with their skills. When asked to describe their experience, the students both said that they were extremely excited about getting to shake hands with the President, found the White House staff welcoming and helpful, and the overall experience highly impressive.