

# INSPIRING MOMENTS in WASHINGTON, DC

## ABOUT THE GROUP LEADER

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## ABOUT THE TRIP



### *Safety and Customer Service*

It has been my pleasure to work with Brightspark for the past 25 years. No matter what, their staff is by our side or a phone call away to assist us with every stage of the trip. Once, we had a flight cancel, and the staff arranged for dinner and a movie before checking us into a hotel near the airport.



### *Meaningful Experiences*

Every year, our trip is made special by our guides and the memorials and museums that we add to the itinerary. One time, a driver shared that he lost a brother in Vietnam before dropping us at the memorial. One of our students found his name and made a rubbing from the wall to present to the driver. He was very emotional and said no student had ever done that for him before.



### *Tradition and Community*

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to our nation's capital has become a tradition in our community. I believe its success is tightly-linked to the positive relationships and communication we maintain with Brightspark representatives, school administrators and staff and parents.

### *Combining schools?*

"Each of our five schools has its own coordinator that selects chaperones and is a familiar contact for parents."