

the YPFDJ conference

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"I thought the conference was educational, inspiring, touching, and filled with people who have lots of love for their country. Many of the people attending for the first time were surprised by the outcome of the conference. I have been attending the conference for the last 4 years and I have to say YPFDJ is growing stronger every year, which makes me so proud to be part of this organization. The conference was a total success for everyone that attended, and we are all waiting anxiously for the next conference!!"

TITA HAILE- YPFDJ MINNESOTA



"We may live in a world torn apart by selfish individuals that are more concerned of what they get instead of what they can give. Power, prestige, and wealth causes them to be blind to the bigger picture; we each have to seize the opportunity we are given to change history and affect future generations for the better. The idea of living in peace through many stormy situations can be unbearable yet there

"This was our first time going to the conference and I think it was a really good investment of time and money. I heard a lot of negative things about it but as usual it turned out to be exactly the opposite. It has truly inspired me to educate myself as much as I can on my country and I can't wait for the next one... AwetNHafash!!!"
AMAN STEFANOS MIAMI

"The Conference was amazing, I had a great time and am sure to go next year. I went to the Conference with no expectations at all; even questioning why I was going while on the bus. Now, I'm happy that I attended it was worth every penny and the 12 hour drive there. I met a lot of like-minded Eritreans, all over the United States; Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Atlanta, Minnesota, Charlotte, Florida, Seattle, LA, OC, South Dakota, Sweden, France, New York, and of course Washington D.C. I've got nothing but love for everyone that attended the conference. It rekindled my broken spirit with Eritrea. It was very uplifting. YPFDJ has a bright future in NA. Every night was

a fun night, and it just got better and better every night. I never danced so hard or had so much fun in my life than I did during those three days that I spent in DC." **MERIH TEKLE YPFDJ TORONTO**

"The YPFDJ conference was a great experience and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who has thought of attending the conference or joining the movement. I was motivated by the speeches and chapter presentations; even the dancing. I am sure everyone from Philly had a great time at the conference, overall I enjoyed it and I will see you there next year." **SIAMON PHILADELPHIA**



"First of all, I would like to thank those who encouraged me not to miss this conference, and I am glad I didn't. This was by far the best conference I have attended, and it was rejuvenating. I have never been more happy or proud to tell my family where I spent my weekend." **REDIET TADESSA MARYLAND**

"Some part of me felt like I was in Sahel---the conference overall was eye opening for me." **FILMON GHEBREAB YPFDJ DALLAS**

is hope and rest for the weary as long as the true meaning of peace is kept intact. We must all hold on to the basic truth that tomorrow can be a better day. It is the belief of the people of Eritrea and its youth that peace can only be experienced in whole, not in part: I matter, I care, and I chose to forgive. This was the conference."
SIMONE MARIOTTI YPFDJ DC

