

THE LEADERSHIP/MENTOR–DISCIPLE RELATIONSHIP SESSION JENNY HOUNG, NEW JERSEY

Northeastern Zone members put on a presentation about the mentor–disciple relationship. It was fairly hard for us, as teenagers, to understand this concept. When most of us finally got a basic idea of how important it is to have a mentor, we put together our presentation: “The Mentor is the Heart, the Disciple is the Action.”

We started with scenes from *Star Wars* and *The Matrix*. This helped us convey our point that President Ikeda is dedicating his life to raising capable youth. He believes us to be the leaders of the 21st century. Thanks to him, we were able to challenge our lives at the Florida Nature and Culture Center.

This skit ended with a film of President Toda and President Ikeda’s relationship. It showed how the disciple succeeds the mentor.

Through this presentation, I learned that the disciple should not ask the mentor what she should do, but that the disciple should show what she can do by putting the mentor’s teachings into action.