
A Vision for Global Leadership Education through Travel



Real World Complex Problems to Challenge Students

Presentation to School Committee

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The Global Leadership Academy Program

- Vision of developing global education opportunities for BHS students, through the development of a Global Leadership program.
- Students engage in real world, complex problems on a global stage, while interacting with adults who are working first-hand with these issues and problems.
- Why? To give *all* BHS students local, national, and international opportunities to understand development work on a global scale.

Mission

- Collaboration
 - locally, nationally, and internationally
- Respect for Differences
 - within and beyond the school, town, and country



Goal

- Every Student Prepared for Change and Challenge
 - Instill in every student the habits of mind and life strategies critical for success in meeting the intellectual, civic, and social demands of life in a diverse, ever-changing, global environment.



Current

Within the Classroom

- Study of Global Health
- Participation in local conferences: *Global Concerns Classroom* with Concerns Worldwide, *Global Health Challenge* at Harvard University, *State of Health Symposium* at the Harvard Chann School of Public Health

International

- *Women Deliver Conference*, Copenhagen
- *World Health Summit*, Berlin

National

- New York City - *United Nations Fund for Population Assistance, UN Women, UN Development Programme*
- Washington D.C. - *BHS Amnesty International Chapter*

Global Leadership Club

- Created by BHS trip participants
- Meets each Wednesday morning before school

Students Being Served

- 105 different students traveled to Washington, D.C. (including both trips this spring)
- 42 different students traveled to Denmark or Berlin
 - White: 28
 - East and South Asian: 5
 - Latino: 5
 - African-American: 4



Future

- Continue to attend international conferences
- Provide students a chance to see the work of international NGO's on the ground
 - Two more World Health Summit conferences
 - Global Health Film Festival
 - Pathfinder International and Coaches Across Continents

Global Leadership Academy

- 1) Support District Mission of Collaboration – within and beyond the school.
- 2) Smaller Learning Community within the larger school
- 3) Professional Experience with Adults



The Global Leadership Program - trips

- Montreal, May 2017
- Zanzibar, July 2017
- Berlin, October 2017
- London, November 2017
- Zanzibar, February 2018



Safety

- Refer to State Department Travel Warnings and Alerts
- Coordination with on-the-ground organizations and resources
- Government endorsement
- Precautionary measures
- Work with Mt. Auburn Travel Clinic
- Cell-phone communication
- Student/teacher ratio

Women Deliver – Copenhagen, Denmark

“I was able to talk, listen, and learn about topics that I had only heard of in a small way in a class discussion. These ideas were a huge reality check, allowing me to reflect and realize not only the unbelievable community and place that Brookline is, but to realize my power and ability to make a change for women and other disempowered people worldwide.” – Liam Downey



“This conference has taught me to go after what I want, to push myself to learn about anything that I am curious about. The less I know about it, the better, because I will learn and gain the most from it.” – Claudia Marza

Women Deliver – Copenhagen, Denmark



“Looking at myself a year ago, I would have never believed that I would become globally involved, never mind approach a stranger. Since then, I have grown and matured in unimaginable ways.” – Hugh McKenzie

“For me, meeting fellow young people who were making a difference in the world was among the best parts.” – Ethan Jampel



Collaboration

- Ms. Marta Fuertes, who teaches the Medical Translation class, brought five students to the conference at the Chann School and also chaperoned a trip to Washington D.C.
- Ms. Katya Babitskaya, who teaches ELL, chaperoned the trip to Washington D.C. in preparation for taking ELL students.
- We took twenty-four students from METCO and the African-American and Latino Scholars program to Washington D.C. in November.
- Coordinating with the 21st Century Fund, specifically with the help of Stacey Downey, who is on the Board of Overseers and has helped with several trips, including local ones, to Washington D.C., and also to Copenhagen and Berlin.