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Global Leadership Program 2019-2020 Program Information

The Pacific and Asian Affairs Council's (PAAC) eight-month Global Leadership Program develops globally competent youth leaders who are informed about global issues and their impacts locally, understand and appreciate different perspectives and worldviews, interact respectfully with people of different backgrounds, possess social and emotional maturity, and take concrete steps to contribute to a more peaceful, sustainable, and just world.

Program Goals

Students will:

- Identify the local connections and relevancies of complex transnational issues.
- Understand and appreciate different perspectives and worldviews.
- Develop leadership skills relating to communication, critical thinking, and project management.
- Enhance self-knowledge relating to personal values, identity, and privilege.
- Learn about and engage in creative solutions on a local level to address global issues highlighted by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Cultivate a greater capacity for empathy and deeper appreciation for diversity.

Program Components

PAAC's Global Leadership Program is built around five components: **Leadership Camp**, **Global Awareness Workshops**, **Global Vision Summits**, **Global Action Projects**, and **Study Tours**.

1. Leadership Camp

The program kicks off with a 4-day Leadership Camp over Fall Break that seeks to affirm students' personal identity, deepen understanding of their personal leadership style, and refine leadership skills. Activities utilize self-reflection, creative expression, and group discussion to encourage personal growth and self-discovery. The leadership camp also familiarizes students with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and lays the groundwork for students to begin thinking about their Global Action Projects. Ropes courses and team-building activities help students to form strong bonds and develop a social support network from the start of the program.

2. Global Awareness Workshops

Students meet on designated Saturdays during the school year to participate in Global Awareness Workshops. Each workshop is built around one or more of the UN Sustainable Development

Goals. Special effort is made to provide hands-on, place-based, and interactive experiences that enable students to explore their community, meet community leaders from diverse fields, and discover how global issues are intimately linked with local issues that impact our lives. Students also work together to identify clear actions they can take to address each issue.

3. **Global Vision Summits (GVS)**

Global Vision Summits are PAAC's interschool conferences open to all high school students interested in learning about global issues. Global Leadership students will attend two Global Vision Summits (one in Fall semester and one in Spring semester) and may be asked to take on leadership roles to facilitate conference activities.

Summits feature interactive simulations and activities, giving students the opportunity to meet and make friends with like-minded peers from other schools. Students are also exposed to diverse fields and international career paths through career guest speakers and community experts.

4. **Global Action Project (GAP)**

Students undertake a capstone project, or Global Action Project (GAP), that addresses an issue that matters to them. Planning for the GAP begins at Leadership Camp and projects should be completed by April 15, 2020 in time for PAAC's annual Student Showcase, where students will share their GAPs with the community.

This year, PAAC has partnered with Ceeds of Peace, a local non-profit organization raising peacebuilding leaders. Ceeds of Peace will help students develop their GAPs and provide guidance throughout the school year to support students in successfully carrying out their projects.

5. **Study Tours**

Upon successful completion of the program, each student is guaranteed a \$1,000 PAAC travel scholarship for designated PAAC study tours. Past study tour destinations include the Philippines, Vietnam, Japan, South Korea, China, and Bali (Indonesia).

Face-to-face interaction is a key component of all PAAC study tours, which have incorporated homestay and cultural experiences, school exchanges, service learning opportunities, and visits to embassies, local businesses, and non-government organizations. While study tours include must-see tourist destinations, sight-seeing is not the sole purpose; PAAC aims to foster meaningful, cross-cultural relationships and educate students about important issues in each country.

PAAC's unique study tours explore themes like poverty alleviation, food security, public health, environmental sustainability, service learning, and Polynesian cultural exchange. Students learn about the complex interdependencies of pressing global issues and meet people and organizations at the forefront of positive change. Students are also encouraged to apply the lessons learned abroad to their home communities in Hawai'i through meaningful action and sharing their newfound knowledge with their peers.

Program Cost

Program cost for the entire year is \$50 (includes camp, meals on workshop days, and conference registration fees). Up to five neighbor island participants will also be selected as McInerny Scholars and receive scholarships that cover airfare to O'ahu for all events (except September 14 Group Interview, which will be conducted on another day via Skype).

Program Schedule

September 14, 2019	Group Interview (1:00pm-4:30pm)
October 9-12, 2019	Leadership Camp
November 16, 2019	Global Vision Summit & WorldQuest Competition
December 7, 2019	Global Awareness Workshop
January 18, 2020	Global Awareness Workshop
February 15, 2020	Global Awareness Workshop
March 7, 2020	Global Vision Summit
April 25, 2020	Final Meeting & Student Showcase

Global Awareness Workshops and Global Vision Summits typically last from 9:30am – 4:30pm, but times are subject to change.

Eligibility

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Currently in grades 10, 11, or 12
- Available on all program dates
- Demonstrated leadership, maturity, and responsibility
- Demonstrated interest in global issues and international affairs
- Current GPA of 3.0 or higher (unless nominated by school counselor)
- Have not previously participated in PAAC's Global Leadership Program
- Currently residing in the State of Hawai'i

Required Application Materials

- [Online application form](#)
- Essay: In 500 words or less, what do you think is the most important issue facing your school, local community, Hawaii, the United States, or the world? Why?
- Most recent school transcript (unofficial copy ok)
- [Online teacher recommendation form](#) (to be completed by a teacher)

Application Process

1. Submit online application with supporting documents by midnight, September 8, 2019.
2. Finalists will be contacted to attend a Group Interview on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 1:00-4:30pm at the East-West Center on the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus.
3. Program participants will be announced by September 20, 2019.
4. PAAC Global Leadership Program will begin with a Leadership Camp from October 9-12, 2019.

[Apply online](#) for the Global Leadership Program by September 8, 2019.

Limited to 20 High School Students.

Testimonials

“Before starting this program, I was a naïve 16 year old, and now I am a naïve 17 year old with even more curiosity about the world. If there is one thing I will take away about the world, it is that it is much, much, much, more complex than I could ever fathom.... The actions and thoughts and words of a person living in the United States can impact an individual living half-way across the world.”

“I’ve become more aware of my words, thoughts, and actions, and of the world we live in. GLP has encouraged me to read the news more, be more aware of my role as a global citizen, and to care about what happens in the world and what I can do to help.”

“Being a part of GLP has helped me step out of my comfort zone. I’m an introverted person but this program really pushed me to break my boundaries and engage more with different people.”

“This program made me see my own potential and the power I have with the two hands in front of me.”

“I’ll never forget the bonds I’ve made through this program. Aside from the knowledge necessary to become an active global citizen, I’m also taking away lifelong friendships.”

“GLP has not only made me a better leader, but a better person.”

“PAAC changed my life for the better.”

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