OUR MISSION IS TO DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL LEADERS

THIS IS WHAT GLOBAL LEADERS LOOK LIKE

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OneWorld Now! is a pioneer in opening up life-changing opportunities to students through our unique approach to international education. Whether it is through learning Chinese or Arabic, being challenged to step out of one’s comfort zone in leadership workshops, or by having a transformative experience studying abroad, OWN makes a lasting impact on the lives of our students.

With over 13 years of successful programming, we are proud to see more of our students completing high school, going to college and entering the workforce. As emerging global leaders, they have the attitudes, skills and mindsets to navigate our complex and fast-paced world, and lead us into the future.

We remain firmly committed to making international education accessible to all young Americans, and are eager to explore new opportunities for expanding our work and working with even more students each year.

Our achievements would be impossible if not for a broad community of supporters and partners, a dedicated staff and board, and most of all our inspiring students. Thank you for being part of the OneWorld Now! family and for developing the next generation of global leaders!

-Jennifer Tanaka, Executive Director
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
October - June

This flagship program inspires students to realize their full potential as leaders in their communities and as global citizens. By learning together in diverse groups of peers, thinking critically about local and global issues, and participating in real-world exercises of decision-making, communication and collaborative teamwork, students gain valuable 21st Century Skills to support their academic and professional advancement. The after-school Global Leadership Program runs from October to June and includes weekly leadership workshops, Chinese, Arabic or Korean language classes and ongoing mentorship. During the summer, many students continue their leadership development and language studies through scholarship-based study abroad programs.

Sliding Scale Tuition: $10 to $205 per month

SUMMER CAMP
June, July & August

Our three-week Summer Language & Leadership Camp focuses on fostering language acquisition, intercultural understanding and a desire for experiencing the world. Students may enroll in either Arabic or Chinese and will learn through immersion classes, guest speakers and field trips. The last day of the camp features student performances in a culminating showcase for classmates, family and community members.

Application Fee: $25
See website for current programs and costs

STUDY ABROAD
July & August

Through our study abroad programming, students embark on a life changing journey to develop intercultural leadership skills, explore China or Morocco, and learn a new language. Participating students will: learn Chinese, Arabic or Russian; gain important 21st-century leadership skills and competencies; experience immersion learning and community service on a chaperoned trip abroad; and develop lasting bonds with a diverse group of youth from Seattle and peers from around the world.

GET GLOBAL CONFERENCE
April

Student-planned and student-led, the OWN Get Global Youth Conference is designed to empower youth to demonstrate their leadership skills. Students present dynamic workshops and inspiring “OWN Talks” to foster thoughtful dialogue about the intersection of social justice, global issues, and the role of youth. Get Global is one of few conferences in the nation that is organized and facilitated exclusively by high school students.
Nancy joined OWN in 2013 as a freshman in high school, and she consistently impresses staff and teachers with her personal growth and academic achievements. When Nancy first joined OWN she was shy yet determined to engage actively in the program and in her school. Nancy sought out mentorship from OWN staff to help build her confidence since she wanted to run for ASB Vice President at her school. Through OWN mentorship, support from peers and an expanding set of leadership skills, Nancy ran - and won - for ASB office two years in a row.

At OWN, Nancy eagerly stepped into leadership roles while increasing her self-confidence. In her first year, she volunteered to be on the Student Leadership Team for Get Global. In her second year, Nancy stepped into the role of peer mentor to support fellow students.

Thanks to her hard work, OWN nominated Nancy for study abroad to China in the summer. Once again giving it her all, Nancy was appointed as a 100k Strong Foundation Student Ambassador. The 100k Strong Foundation aims to increase the number and diversity of Americans learning Mandarin and studying abroad in China. In the fall of 2014, Nancy traveled to Washington, D.C. for a summit to share her experience. In 2015, Nancy was awarded a full scholarship to study abroad in Korea on the State Department-funded National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program.

As a multilingual global citizen, Nancy wants to major in International Business and minor in Computer Science in college.

-Nancy Nguyen, OWN Student 2013-2015

STUDENT STORY

OneWorld Now! means acceptance and opportunity. I am thankful for the time and effort all the teachers and leadership coaches invest in us.

-Nancy Nguyen
OWN Student, 2013-2015
Before joining OneWorld Now!, Preston called himself a “troubled kid going nowhere” and knew he needed to make a change. In 11th grade, Preston enrolled in OWN with a renewed commitment to do better in school. After a year with OWN, Preston called himself “a completely different person.” He not only found himself more mature, serious, and ambitious about life after high school, but also discovered a love of Arabic and language learning.

After graduating from high school in 2013, OWN supported Preston to take a gap year in Morocco on full scholarship from the National Security Language Initiative for Youth. From his appreciation for his host family to his love of the Arabic language, Preston discovered a second home and was deeply impacted by his time abroad. Now a freshman in college, he will continue Arabic by pursuing a career as a Cryptologic Linguist with the US Navy.

-Preston Davis, OWN Student 2011-2013
OWN STUDENT BODY

OneWorld Now! creates opportunities that first and foremost positively change the life trajectories of our students. That change is reflected in how students perceive the world and their place in it, how they set goals, and how they give back to their broader community.

OWN programming takes students on a journey to discover more about themselves, their peers, other cultures and how we are globally interconnected. Our unique curriculum, driven by the need for 21st Century Skills instruction, offers students the social and emotional skills and mindsets that are often not addressed in schools.

The “soft” skills that students acquire contribute to personal and professional development. These include: emotional management, critical thinking, collaboration, self-confidence, civic engagement, and risk management. These are all qualities of successful global citizens, those able to work across different cultures and to adapt and excel in diverse settings. In terms of “hard” skills, students are further endowed with abilities that will remain relevant throughout their lives: public-speaking, budgeting, project management, interview skills, essay writing, foreign languages and more. These lead OWN students to become drivers of positive change in today’s global economy.

In addition to global workforce readiness, our leadership program develops an interest in purposeful civic engagement and social responsibility. OWN students have contributed thousands of hours of community service in Seattle and abroad through social ventures, NGOs, and “give-back” projects. The impact is enormous, and we are seeing it grow significantly among OWN alumni as they graduate from college and begin careers as global leaders.

OUTCOMES

80% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, an income marker placing most students near or below the poverty line.

18 different languages are spoken in the homes of our students.

The majority will be the first generation in their families to attend college.

60% are female, 40% are male.

Students come from 14 area high schools, both public & private.

45% are immigrants or refugees to the US.

Students range in age from 14 to 18.

*Data from the 2013/2014 OWN Seattle Class

DEMOGRAPHICS
OWN has served 1,500 youth directly in our yearlong program, while engaging over 3,000 youth through various program elements. Over 98% of graduates enrolled in college, with most being the first generation in their family to attend college. At least 98% of OWN students have graduated from high school. Our unique leadership curriculum builds the social and emotional skills recognized as predictors of educational and professional success. OWN is the only program offering world language credit to students in Seattle Public Schools studying Arabic. Alumni and students show the profound impact that international education can have on the life trajectories of underserved youth. Our alumni have received scholarships & appointments with: Gilman Program, Rangel Fellowship, Fulbright, US Department of State & more. OWN has leveraged nearly $2 million in scholarship funding to support low-income students to study abroad.
As we approach the fifteenth year since OneWorld Now!’s inception, we continue to be encouraged by our evolution and the positive impact generated by the youth leaders we serve.

Although sometimes the world news dispirits our hearts with tragedy and despair, we believe that our OWN mission is more relevant than ever. Our students and alumni are the vivid representation of the globally diverse and interconnected society into which the world continues to evolve. Either through the study abroad experiences, the after-school language programs or the youth leadership development activities, our students make all of us proud and confident that the world of tomorrow will be better under them.

With enormous gratitude to our staff for their unwavering dedication to our students’ success, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you representing our community at large for your continued support over the years. Every contribution you make has an everlasting impact on the development of the next generation of global leaders. Thank you for joining us in building our OWN mission.

Respectfully,
Herman Uscategui, Board Chair
GET INVOLVED

OneWorld Now! receives support from hundreds of individuals, organizations and companies. It is through their generous support that our programs are possible. There are many ways that you or your organization can support OneWorld Now! and our mission to develop global leaders. This includes making donations, volunteering, providing space and resources, donating airline miles, or making in-kind donations.

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Donate securely online at OneWorldNow.org or make your tax-deductible donation via check and send to:

OneWorld Now!
220 2nd Ave S, Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98104

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VOLUNTEER

We love to have passionate and committed members of our community getting involved. We generally have a small, rotating team of volunteers who support in our office, and we look for a larger number during major events and busy periods. If you have interest and a skill to share with OneWorld Now! please e-mail hello@oneworldnow.org for an application.

OWN changed my views on other cultures and helped me become a better person and leader:

-Fatuma Mahmud
OWN Student, 2011-2013