OUR STUDENTS ARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL LEADERS

Welcome to OneWorld Now!
OUR MISSION IS TO DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL LEADERS

LANGUAGE, LEADERSHIP & STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

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At OneWorld Now!, we open up life-changing opportunities to students through international education. Our unique model of world language instruction, leadership development and study abroad equips today’s youth with the skills needed to succeed in the 21st Century.

After fifteen years of successful programming, we became an officially accredited supplementary school in 2016. This positions us to bring our programs to even more students, while continuing to ensure access for those furthest from such opportunities.

We continue to see the impact of our work with students after high school. It has been incredibly rewarding to see so many alumni complete college and enter the global workforce. As emerging global leaders, they have the skills and mindsets to navigate our complex and fast-paced world with compassion and understanding.

In current times, we feel that the values of inclusion, equity and social justice instilled in our programs are more important than ever. We celebrate wholeheartedly the diversity of our students and the richness that such diversity brings to our community.

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

Sincerely,
Jennifer Tanaka, Executive Director
**OWN PROGRAMS**

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

This flagship program inspires youth to realize their full potential as global citizens and future leaders. Students gain valuable 21st Century world language and leadership skills through after-school classes that run from October to June each academic year. At OneWorld Now!, students can learn Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Korean and Russian for high school credit. Biweekly leadership workshops develop social, emotional and intercultural skills, and students earn community service hours abroad and tackle current global issues with local experts. Participating youth develop lasting relationships with peers from Seattle and around the world.

**STUDY ABROAD**

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During the summer, students embark on life-changing journeys to China, Morocco, Russia or South Korea. These programs cultivate greater awareness of oneself in the world as students immerse themselves in the host culture, earn community service hours abroad and tackle current global issues with local experts. Participating youth develop lasting relationships with peers from Seattle and around the world.

**GET GLOBAL CONFERENCE**

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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.

**SUMMER LANGUAGE & LEADERSHIP CAMP**

July | Free, sponsored by STARTALK

Our three-week Summer Language & Leadership camp fosters language acquisition, intercultural understanding and a desire for experiencing the world. Students enroll in Arabic, Mandarin Chinese or Korean and learn through language immersion, cultural activities and field trips.

**AFTER-SCHOOL LANGUAGE & CULTURE CLUBS**

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Our clubs are engaging 8-12 week after-school programs for middle schoolers that combine language and cultural learning. By the end of the program, students are able to write their names, introduce themselves, count and say colors in the language. They explore clothing, art, music, and food from the target culture. Clubs can be adapted for high schools and are currently offered in Arabic, Chinese, and soon Korean, on a quarterly basis.
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October 14, 1991. That was the date I was born as a refugee in Hong Kong. I spent the first several years of my life in a refugee camp. At that point in my life, it would have been hard for anyone to imagine that one day I would graduate from college and attend law school, but here I am, the first of my family to graduate high school, to finish college and soon, hopefully, to become an attorney.

OneWorld Now! taught me how to believe in myself and to be proud of my heritage. Growing up, I would rarely share my refugee story with my peers because I was afraid I would make me different, I was afraid of becoming an outcast. But here I am today sharing it with you, people I don’t even know. OneWorld Now! was a major catalyst for that transformation.

The leadership workshops forced me out of my comfort zone and forced me to take the lead in discussions. I became more confident in my ability to lead. OneWorld Now! taught me how to believe in myself and to be proud of my heritage.

I also learned a lot of other lessons including ones about privilege and stereotypes. We played a game where one team was predetermined to win. By the end, the winning team was shocked to find out that the game was rigged, but the losing team, well, they suspected it all along. So that actually happened eight or nine years ago, but it’s something that I will remember for the rest of my life, and that is the kind of impact that One World Now! has on its students.

Some of the events of 2016 have caused people to become pessimistic about the future, but I’ve always been optimistic. I’m optimistic that the future is bright. I’m optimistic about a future where every child will have an equal opportunity to succeed. I’m optimistic about a future where children, the elderly and those with special needs are sufficiently cared for. I’m optimistic about a future where racism, xenophobia, homophobia and diseases like Malaria will become a distant past. I have a lot of reasons to be optimistic. I’m optimistic because a former refugee can stand in front of all of you today to tell you that she’ll soon become an attorney.

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Update: After giving this talk, Binh passed the Bar Exam and was soon hired as an Associate Lawyer working for Baker McKenzie in Vietnam.
Before joining OneWorld Now!, Preston called himself a “troubled kid going nowhere.” He 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 OneWorld Now!, Preston called himself “a completely different person.” He not only found himself more mature, serious and ambitious about life after high school, but he also discovered a love of Arabic and language learning.

After graduating from high school in 2013, OneWorld Now! 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.

In college, Preston has continued to apply his love of languages and international diplomacy in his career as an Intelligence Analyst in the US Army. Since completing his army training, Preston has been stationed in South Korea and is now beginning three years

"OneWorld Now! brought light to my life and gave me hope to succeed in school and work.

- Preston Davis, OneWorld Now! 2011-2013"
I am a Seattleite by birth. Ravenna Park was a local favorite when I could urge my Korean mother to muster the time or energy to take me. I spent a good amount of my childhood in a single-room studio with a family of four in an aging apartment.

By high school, I started wearing all black. I only listened to heavy metal and would stay out late like most teenagers. But, unlike other teenagers, I played violin in several orchestras and hoped to compete nationally. However, I could never afford those trips and quickly lost interest and hope in opportunities to travel or compete. I was deterred by the high costs.

This indifference soon spread to college aspirations. It seemed too expensive and out of reach. It was during these formative teenage years, spending too much time on the internet, that I stumbled across an advertisement for OneWorld Now!. It called to me: study abroad in China or Morocco!

When I joined the program, where many others would see a nuisance, an anxious and unfocused teenager donning all black clothing, OWN saw potential. The staff saw drive. Through the leadership program, they made me believe that I had worth and that my ideas were worth sharing.

Over the course of a year, OWN was able to channel this energy into guiding me to become introspective and comfortable taking risks. They redirected that drive into a self-sustaining graduate. I became part of the OWN family.

After completing one year with OWN, I was given the opportunity to study abroad in Morocco on scholarship. The trust that I had in myself and my ability to work towards achievable goals by securing that first scholarship became even more evident. With the mentorship I received from the program, I was enabled to do what may have been otherwise impossible.

I obtained a B.A. in International Studies at the UW and an M.A. in International Energy Policy from Sciences Po in France. I have lived in the Middle East for more than 16 months and am fluent in Arabic. Eventually, a wide array of experiences led me to my dream job. I now work for the Department of Energy right here in Seattle.

Thank you, OneWorld Now!.

Update: As of November 2017, Marianne has joined the Department of Nuclear Energy as a Associate Project Officer at the International Atomic Energy Agency.
OWN OUTCOMES

OneWorld Now! takes students on a journey to discover more about themselves and their peers locally and globally. Our unique curriculum offers students 21st Century social, emotional and intercultural skills that are often not addressed in schools. Whether through social identity development, building new peer relationships, developing grit, gaining confidence in public speaking or a discovering a passion for learning world languages, the transformative nature of our programs continue to leave a lasting impact.

Encouraged to be drivers of positive change in today’s rapidly changing world, OneWorld Now! students have contributed thousands of hours of community service in Seattle and abroad through volunteering, social ventures and “give-back” projects. The life skills learned in OneWorld Now! remain relevant throughout a student’s academic and professional careers.

“OWN has offered opportunities to my children to allow them to see the world, challenge their boundaries and broaden their views, help develop their leadership skills and cultivate friendship into adulthood. I thank OWN for shaping my children the way they are today.”
- Caroline, Parent

“Even though I have faced tons of atrocities throughout my life, I was able to maintain resiliency with the help of communities such as OWN.”
- Cesar, Alumnus

“OWN means a place where I can meet different people with different backgrounds, a place where I can be myself and not be judged by others, a place where I feel like my opinion matters.”
- Filsan, Alumna

“My sons are becoming more confident in who they are and their values, gaining an appreciation for others and of themselves, and they are learning that they as individuals can make a difference.”
- Kyong Yun, Parent

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 67% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, an income marker placing most students near or below the poverty line.
- 16 different languages are spoken in our students’ homes.
- 44% of students will be the first generation in their families to attend college.
- 69% identify as female, 28% as male, and 3% as gender non-conforming.
- Students come from 19 high schools.
- Students range in age from 14 to 18 years old.
- 85% are students of color.

Data averaged from the 2015, 2016 & 2017 cohorts
OWN IMPACT & MILESTONES

OWN has served 1,800 youth directly in after-school and summer programs.

Over 98% of graduates enroll in college.

One-half of OneWorld Now! graduates are the first generation in their families to attend college.

Our unique leadership curriculum builds the social and emotional skills recognized as predictors of lifelong success.

OneWorld Now! is the only program offering high school credit for Arabic, Korean and Russian languages in Seattle Public schools.

Our alumni have received scholarships and appointments with the Department of Education, FLAS, Freeman-ASIA, Fulbright, Gilman, the Departments of Energy and State and more.

OWN has leveraged over $2.2 million in scholarship funding to support low-income students to study abroad.

2002
OWN launches with one Arabic class and 12 students.

2003
OWN begins offering Mandarin Chinese.

2004
Our 100th student graduates from the program.

2005
OWN launches its summer language and leadership camp with STARTALK.

2006
Our 500th student graduates from the program.

2007
OWN expands to Hawaii.

2008
OWN launches Seattle Strong with the 100k Strong Initiative & the City of Seattle.

2009
OWN celebrates 10th year of programming.

2010
OWN adds a third language for students - Korean.

2011
OWN launches a study abroad program to Russia.

2012
OWN launches middle school language clubs.

2013
OWN becomes an accredited school.

2014
OWN adds a fourth language for students - Russian.

2015
OWN offers four language tracks for students.

2016
OWN works with local universities to host study abroad programs.

2017
OWN launches a new student leadership forum.
Dear OWN Community,

Since OneWorld Now!’s inception in 2002, we continue to be encouraged by our steady evolution and the positive impact on the young leaders we serve.

Although the world news can dispirit our hearts with division and despair at times, our mission to “develop the next generation global leaders” serves as a constant reassuring purpose. Our students and alumni are a vivid representation of the globally diverse and interconnected society into which the world continues to evolve, a beautiful plethora of cultures and ideas converging to build a better world for all.

Whether through study abroad experiences, after-school language classes or leadership development activities, our students make all of us proud and confident that the world of tomorrow will be better under them.

With utmost gratitude to our staff’s unwavering dedication to our students’ success, and sincere appreciation to all of you representing our community at large, thank you for joining us in realizing our OWN mission. Every contribution you make has an everlasting impact on the development of the next generation of global leaders.

Respectfully,

Herman Uscategui,
OneWorld Now! Board Chair
“This vibrant and innovative organization is generating excitement, training young people, and exposing high schoolers to strategic languages.”
- Lara Iglitzin, Henry M. Jackson Foundation

“Through foreign language and leadership training, OneWorld Now! serves a unique role in empowering students [of color] to become global leaders.”
- Felicia Hecker, Middle East Center, University of Washington

“OneWorld Now! is an outstanding community partner. Seattle Public Schools has partnered with OWN for over 15 years to offer critical world languages to students throughout our district with excellent scholarship opportunities.”
- Michele Aoki, Seattle Public Schools
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.

BE THE CHANGE

DONATE
Donate securely online at OneWorldNow.org or make your tax-deductible donation via check and send to:
OneWorld Now!
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Seattle, WA 98121

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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 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 info@oneworldnow.org for an application.

“OneWorld Now! changed my views on other cultures and helped me become a better person and leader.”

- Fatuma Mahmud
OneWorld Now!
2011-2013