

Graduate 10,000 students from our Leadership Series by 2030

Challenge

According to the National Education Association, there has been a rapid increase in jobs involving nonroutine, analytic, and interactive communication skills. Today's job market requires competencies such as critical thinking and the ability to interact with people from many linguistic and cultural backgrounds (cultural competency) as well as emotional intelligence.

Aligning our Program with 21st Century Skills

In addition, students graduating from high school today lack the critical skills to be successful and competitive within the global workplace. SGAP Leaders' programming provides a vehicle for motivated students to gain critical 21st century:

Problem solving - The more we focus on our students' ability to devise effective solutions to real-world problems, the more successful our students will become. Our Think Design and Sustainability Challenge workshops provide a vehicle for our students to grapple with complex real-world problems effectively in real time using carefully designed steps.

Creativity - Our students need to think and work creatively in both digital and nondigital environments, so that they may develop unique and useful solutions. Our customized tours and workshops - Energy Tours, Global Experience & United Nations Tours, and Think Design - invite creativity as part of experiential learning.

Collaboration - Today's workforce (with the use of technology) collaborate with team members from varied locations (nationwide to worldwide) to solve problems, grow global markets, or exchange ideas. Students who are exposed to collaborative classrooms will be better prepared for the workforce climate. In addition, connection and collaboration with others are essential not only for our students' learning but for their mental and emotional health.

Our Leadership Series incorporates a two year curriculum for 13-17 year olds to explore and develop their leadership skills through our STEM, Sustainability and THINK DESIGN workshops and our dialogues with alumni and subject matter experts via our SGAP LEADERS SPEAK speaker series. Topics and customized projects over the course of the academic year tie into the overarching theme of Climate Change. Students collaborate virtually with other students from different schools, neighborhoods, states and countries.



Critical Thinking - the ability to think analytically, which includes proficiency with comparing, contrasting, evaluating, synthesizing, and applying without instruction or supervision. Tasks that require linear thinking and routine cognitive work are being outsourced more and more. So it's essential to guide students towards being able to perform analytic thinking. All our workshops and programs engage our students in critical and analytical thinking through our pre-work and recommended post-work readings and real-world case challenges.

Empathy - Understanding and managing emotions is “key to building healthy relationships and achieving academic, career and life goals.” As teens master their own emotions and understand the perspectives of others, they will also be able to control, develop, connect, and motivate themselves more effectively. Our THINK DESIGN Workshops use design thinking strategies to engage students in cognitive and motor empathy exercises. In addition, the use of virtual and augmented reality tools encourage empathy and engage the students as part of our workshops. Source: TeachHub

Sources: GlobalDigitalCitizen.org

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