

# highschoolNGOconnect.org™

## Academic Enrichment Without Borders

...where highschool students meet global change makers

### Who we are

**HighschoolNGOconnect.org** supplies global-minded extracurricular academic enrichment at no cost to high schools in urban, suburban and rural school districts where more than half of the students are eligible for free or subsidized meals. The program features Skype interviews between the students and leaders of international non governmental organizations, known worldwide as NGOs. Lively exchanges connect students under the guidance of local teachers to current humanitarian challenges.

Launched in 2017, the program is poised to expand in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York State and Connecticut high schools under the banner of the High School Network for Global Philanthropy, Inc., based in Montclair, New Jersey.

### Our pilot program

- In March 2017, highschoolNGOconnect.org completed a six week pilot program with a cohort of students at International High School in Paterson, New Jersey.
- Students developed skills in leadership, critical thinking, interviewing and writing.

### Our core skills-building mission

- Connects students via Skype to inspirational global NGO leaders.
- Equips compassionate students to champion humanitarian goals.
- Bolsters advocacy skills with computer based research.

#### Students who participate in extracurricular programming: <sup>1</sup>

- Experience gains in test scores
- Have higher rates of attendance
- Are more likely to complete high school

Our 4-minute film documents the **highschoolNGOconnect** pilot program: [Academic Enrichment Without Borders](#)

#### Demand for afterschool programming: <sup>2</sup>

**37%** High school students are unsupervised after school.

**56%** Low-income households cite cost as a barrier to enrolling children in afterschool programs.

**31%** High school students would enroll in afterschool programs if they were available.

“Our students had an opportunity to connect, via Skype, with leaders of NGOs throughout the world and they gained far more than they ever could have seated in a classroom with a book in front of them.”

– Dr. Robina Puryear-Castro Principal, International High School

“With this program I learned something new that will stick with me for the rest of my life...it’s helping me expand my mind as a young educated African American student.”

– David Sisco, 11th Grade, International High School

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