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“The Daniel D. Bumstead Global Scholar Program”

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The Global Scholar Program

Introduction: Certification

The goal of the Global Scholar Certification is to create an NCWA program which encourages students in our community to seek a career in International Relations and Foreign Policy. The strategy is:

1. To encourage students to take academic courses furthering their knowledge of countries outside of the United States.
2. To expose them to in-depth discussions of critical global issues.
3. To learn a second language which facilitates a life-long dialogue in world affairs.
4. To provide training which encourages a career in foreign service.

We are committed to supporting full student participation regardless of their socio-economic status. Rewards for participation include attendance at a Georgetown summer program, mentoring throughout the program to support developing a career in International Relations and Foreign Policy plus a \$5,000 award for the winner.

Program Description

-Educational and other Requirements:

1. A program of coursework taken during the sophomore, junior and senior years accepted by NCWA as suitable for an understanding of global history and geography, i.e., basic information required of a "global scholar". To facilitate compliance, sign-up for the Global Scholar Certificate begins during the spring term of a student's freshman year. NCWA will work with all schools to insure there is a course of study available which satisfies these requirements.

2. Proficiency in a second language is considered essential for this program. As a minimum 2 years of study in a foreign language before the completion of the participant's junior year is required.
3. Students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average to apply and must at least maintain this to remain in the program. Preference is given to students participating in our Model United Nations Program [MUN] and/or Academic WorldQuest.

NCWA will work with schools to ensure these requirements are communicated to interested students no later than the spring term of their freshman year.

-NCWA Participation:

Access to discussions on critical global issues is provided through participation in the two NCWA flagship programs; the Lecture Series and Great Decision programs. Participation is required for three years, i.e., during the sophomore, junior and senior years.

Lecture Program:

1. Global Scholar participants are invited to all of the lectures, and are provided access to all live streams and lecture videos. While attendance to at least 3 lectures each season is required, it is also expected that participants will view as many of the remaining lecture videos for that season as is practicable.

Students will be seated together at lectures and introduced to speakers. Efforts will be made to grant credit for community service to students attending all lectures within a season and participating in greeting and registering NCWA members. If needed cost will be reimbursed for transportation to lectures. Should family members, mentors, or friends provide transportation, they are invited to attend the lecture.

2. For each of the 3 lectures attended, within a week after the lecture participants will produce a single page summary identifying key elements of the lecture and their relationship to foreign policy. Results for each lecture are reviewed and commented on by an NCWA facilitator, who then distributes papers with comments to student participants.

- 3. A 2 to 3-page essay will be due at the end of each lecture season describing the top three lessons learned and their implications for a current foreign policy matter that is particularly worrying. List all lectures attended and viewed.**

These essays will be incorporated in the final newsletter to the NCWA membership.

- 4. Participants are evaluated each year on the quality of the lecture summaries, the year-end lecture essay and overall effort to learn from the lecture program.**

Great Decisions:

- 1. Students will be given a Great Decisions Briefing Book with eight current event topics on foreign affairs. These topics should be read by the students in preparation for participation in a Great Decisions discussion group, with both students and Council members participating at a time and location accessible by all.**
- 2. At the conclusion of the discussions, Global Scholar participants are asked to write one essay describing the major challenges presented by at least 3 selected briefing book topics. This will be judged by NCWA, with the winning paper distributed to all Great Decision Members.**
- 3. Global Scholars are evaluated each year on the quality of their participation in Great Decisions discussions and essay.**

-Exposure to Foreign Service:

- 1. Georgetown Summer Program (or similar future programs): In the summer between their junior and senior years all Global Scholar participants attend a one-week program on International Relations or National Security at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. funded by an NCWA scholarship. This provides an opportunity to experience lectures from prominent professors and access to key players in the respective fields. Visits are also made to important institutions, such as Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency, and foreign embassies.**

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2. **At the conclusion of the Georgetown Program, the participants submit an essay describing how this experience has influenced their ideas about a future career in foreign affairs; in order to document their experience and create an essay that can be used in their college application.**

-Management of the Global Scholar Program:

1. **The Global Scholar Program (GSP) is a program of the Naples Council on World Affairs operating under the auspices of and at the direction of the Board of Directors. Members of the Council who show an interest may volunteer to mentor individual scholars to aid them with questions that may arise regarding attending the lecture series, completion of essays, participation in Great Decision discussions and maintaining their commitment to the program throughout their high school years.**
2. **Given the breadth of international experience of NCWA members, an opportunity exists to mentor our Global Scholars in international careers and will be encouraged.**

-Awards for Global Scholar Program:

1. **A committee established by the Naples Council on World Affairs will select winners based on essays reviewing lectures, the summary of the Great Decisions workbook, the description of the Georgetown experience, participation in MUN or AWQ, plus the quality of participation in NCWA Lectures and Great Decision discussion sessions. The winning scholar will be given a \$5,000 award.**
2. **A Global Scholar Certificate will be awarded at graduation to all participants and the winner of the competition.**
3. **An effort will be made to recognize participation in the Global Scholar Program in each student's transcript.**

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