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Mission To Ghana - Global Ambassador's Program

Program Description

The Asbury Park G.A.P (Global Ambassador Program) develops educational and 21st century technology awareness and puts students' knowledge to work by giving them the opportunity to interact with their international peers. This program is the first step in students becoming lifelong 21st century global citizens. The program brings schools together from different countries and takes learning beyond the four walls of the school building. International students are afforded the opportunity to represent their country, their schools and themselves. This program enables students to connect on a very real "LIVE" face to face level and to discover for themselves their commonality. This program literally opens up new worlds to them and what they often find is that despite the cultural and economic differences that may exist, at heart they share many of the same interests and passions. These experiences pre-prepare students for the interaction with students of different cultures when they enter college. Through our Global Ambassador Program (G.A.P), we empower students to take charge of their educational experiences, and assist in their preparation for college and the workforce.

Over the past year G.A.P has inspired students and teachers on both continents to see new and unique ways of learning and sharing. The program not only provided educational lessons on an international platform but developed cultural awareness, relationships and practical life experiences by putting knowledge to work for the service of one's peers abroad.

Specific Aims/Goals

The Asbury Park School District has partnered with Kean University, Rutgers Prep School, Oiadia International, and Polycom to work on a sustainable project in Abrem Agona, Ghana. This exciting adventure will begin with the student work in the 21CCLC Thought Leaders Afterschool Programs. The Asbury Park students are currently in touch with students in Ghana. They discuss local policy, cultural trends, and general things that effect students in their communities. This exciting news has sparked many conversations amongst the team in Asbury Park. We have decided to expand our reach and become true Global Ambassadors. The 21CCLC team, students, and other excited members of the Asbury Park Administration with your approval will be convening a service learning trip to Ghana, to break ground on our new sustainable container project in Agona, Ghana!

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

These containers will be shipped over to Agona and will serve as classroom and study spaces. These solar paneled spaces will use renewable energy to help the classrooms run all throughout the day. Providing some students with new air conditioned space to learn in all year. The containers will also be shipped with school and medical supplies to further assist families in the region. The students will be working on assessing the needs of the students in Agona. They will be presenting at the Human rights conference at Kean University to advocate for support for their friends on the other side of the globe.

This project is once in a lifetime experiential learning trip for the Asbury Park School District. The administrative team has already been in contact with the officials in Ghana to secure the space for sustainable containers. They are excited about the arrival of the Administrators and students.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to experience the vastly different Ghanaian Culture.
- Students will be able to interact with students that they have been working with for the past two years in person.
- Students will be engaged in a host of extracurricular activities while in Ghana
 - National Parks
 - Ghanaian Slave Dungeons
- Students will be interacting with district level administrators in global service initiatives.
- Students will take part in implementing a sustainable project while in Ghana.
- Asbury Park students will be involved in coronation ceremony of Superintendent Dr. Lamont Repollet as Chief of Education in Agona.
- As a result of student experience the Thought Leader Afterschool Academy students will be presenting at the Human Rights Conference at Kean University in April.
- The Thought Leader Afterschool Academy students will be presenting at the United Nations in regard to their global outreach efforts.
- STEAM learning is being expanded in every aspect of the Acronym
 - Science- The students will be working with professors at Kean University as well as in district professionals in order to successfully pull together the sustainable container project.
 - Technology- The students have been communicating with their sister school in Ghana for the past 2 years via Skype. The integration of technology has been key in establishing their relationship
 - Engineering- Students will be analyzing investigative topography reports to determine the best space to place the sustainable classroom containers. In this process students will have help from major innovators in the Engineering field in order to arrive at the best possible decision.
 - Art- Students will be engaged in the artistic expression of the Ghanaian culture. Site seeing has been arranged for the students. Students will also have the opportunities to go to many special museums while in Ghana.

- Mathematics- The students will be involved with fund raising initiatives, to bring materials over to Ghana. They will be involved with setting fundraising goals while also being involved with the overall preparation for the actual fundraising events.
- Students will bring back a wealth of knowledge for their fellow classmates.
- Students are provided with Experiential Learning Experiences-
 - *“Broadly, experiential learning is any learning that supports students in applying their knowledge and conceptual understanding to real-world problems or situations where the instructor directs and facilitates learning”.*
- All Student work is directly connected to the Asbury Park School District Learning Goals and Standards.
- Asbury Park Thought Leader Afterschool Academy Students become true Global Ambassadors.