



what we've been up to

We Are World Savvy!

The non-profit formerly known as Project Spera has a new identity: World Savvy! For the last four years, Project Spera has been sparking youth interest and engagement in current global issues. Thanks largely to community support, we've grown substantially to meet the enormous need for greater global awareness among young people in Northern California.

On the eve of our fourth anniversary, we are now poised to unveil the results of a six-month long rebranding process which will yield a new name, logo and look. This makeover is designed to clarify our message and reach a broader audience.

The name change was partly spurred by the confusion that 'Spera' created. You can admit it—you didn't know what it meant when you heard it. Well, you're not alone! So we decided to take initiative and do something about it. Director Dana Curran explains that, "The organization has always conveyed a message of hope for the future, and that was the impetus behind our original vision—'spera' is the Latin word for 'hope'. We are confident that engaged and educated youth today hold the promise to become savvy world citizens tomorrow. A name change has become essential to more clearly identify our work to a broader audience."

We chose "World Savvy" to articulate the mission of the organization: We educate youth about international affairs and build their skills for global citizenship so that they become well-informed and responsible—in a word, world-savvy—citizens. Savvy is defined as well-informed and perceptive with a practical understanding; this is what we hope young people will learn from their participation in our programs.

We're excited to usher in another academic year as World Savvy. Our quality programs remain unchanged, and we invite you to come celebrate our new image at our Launch Party/Quiz Night on Thursday, August 17th at Café Royale at 6:30. Our new name and look will officially be introduced at this event!

Thank you to all of you who have supported our work as Project Spera, We look forward to working together with you as World Savvy!



Quiz Night

Are you world savvy? Find out Thursday, July 20th at Café Royale at 6:30. See news and events page 3 for details.

Name Launch Party & Quiz Night

Come celebrate our new name! No need to make special plans—you'll already be there for our popular monthly Quiz Night. Thursday, August 17th at Café Royale at 6:30.

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The **2005 Global Youth Media & Arts Program** came to an official end at a closing ceremony on May 25th at the Crissy Field Center. Youth artists, community members, and Project Spera staff and supporters came together to celebrate the exhibition featuring art by local student artists, created around the theme *Peace and Conflict, from Local to Global*. In media ranging from printmaking and photography to print journalism, students considered their personal connections to global issues such as war, nationalism, race, and the environment. The theme for next year's Media & Arts Program was also announced: student artists will engage with the timely issues of *Immigration and Identity*.

On June 8th, World Savvy hosted our first **Quiz Night** at Café Royale. Over fifty people competed in such exciting categories as "Beers of the World" and "World Affairs." Special congratulations go to team Kelly's Chemistry Krewe, the night's first place winners. From donations at the door we raised \$265 altogether, and had a great time doing it. In fact, it was so much fun, we're doing it again! Mark your calendar for 6:30 on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next quiz night is set for July 20th. See you there!

Registration for the 2006/2007 **Teachers Program** is underway. If you have participated before or want to enroll for the first time, sign up today! Through this program, we work with teachers to create/adapt lessons and provide resources to include more global issues and current events in the classroom. Participating teachers also have access to guest speakers for their classrooms, access to borrow materials from our curriculum library, and email updates on current events and professional development opportunities.

New materials just added to our library and available to teachers in our program:

- *Destination America*, a PBS special about immigrants in America,
- *If the World Were a Village*, a book that breaks down global statistics to a village of 100,
- *High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them*,
- *Song of the Buffalo Boy*, a young adult novel about an Amerasian boy in Vietnam, and many MORE!

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A new component of our Teachers Program is the **Savvy Scholars Fellowship**, which will be awarded to selected middle and high school teachers – preference will be given to teachers of San Francisco STAR schools. Fellows will get access to our individualized consulting services to help build global issues into their existing curriculum, and at the end of the academic year, participating teachers will receive a stipend of \$500.

The priority deadline for fellowships was July 1, 2006, but we will continue to accept applications for a secondary round. To get an application and for more information about the Teachers Program, contact Kelly Korenak at korenak@projectspera.org or call 415-292-7421.

Welcome to our five **new summer interns** -- Adrienne Frieden, Anna Hake, Caitlin Christensen, Miho Yamaoka and Sarah Burdacki! These five brilliant women are assisting us throughout the summer in various capacities including website maintenance, programming, fundraising and administration.

who supports us

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS.

We are very grateful for the support we have recently received for our programs.

We are pleased to announce recent contributions from the following local businesses, foundations and corporations:

Celebrity Fight Night Foundation
The Island Fund of The New York Community Trust
J. Stuart Haldan Charitable Foundation
Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants
Microsoft Giving Campaign
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Thank you to the following generous individuals who have also contributed since our last newsletter:

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Being a donor of Project Spera/World Savvy means you are part of a community that believes everyone should have the opportunity to learn about world affairs in order to become responsible leaders and citizens.

We thank our staff, interns and volunteers who contributed to this newsletter: Alex Lee, Caitlin Christensen, Dana Curran, Kelly Korenak, Sarah Haldan, and Victoria Restler.

we need your support

Get *savvy* about donations: our **Savvy Sustainer** monthly giving program is the smart way to support World Savvy. Benefits include:

- More of your contribution going directly to youth (you'll save us admin. costs of sending reminders to give)
- Making a larger contribution by year's end (because paying in small monthly installments is often easier)
- Not worrying about or forgetting to make a donation because it's done automatically
- Feeling happy each month when you look at your credit card statement and see your contribution!
- For World Savvy: Increased stability, the ability to focus more on programming and to plan ahead

Please go to <http://www.projectspera.org/involved/donate.html> or call us at 415.292.7421. (To change or cancel, just call anytime). Thank you for your support to date and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our shared commitment to education!

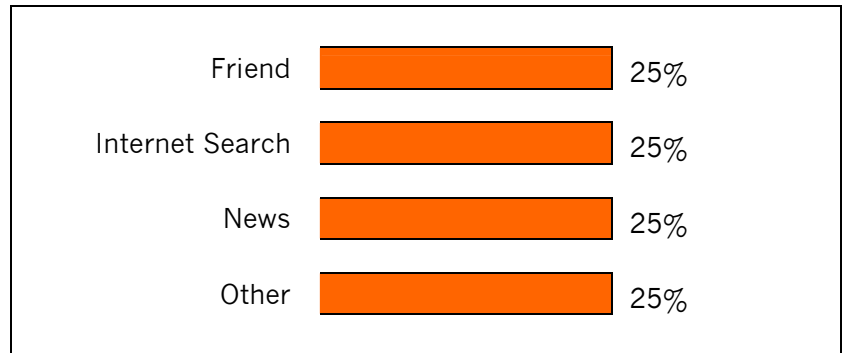
tell us what you think

Which Quiz Night category was your favorite (or what would you like to see at the next one?)

- Current Events/Pop Culture
- Small Country Trivia
- World Affairs
- Beers of the World
- Picture Trivia
- An even better one would be: _____

Please visit www.projectspera.org to submit your response.

This is how you voted on the last poll, which asked you how you found out about Project Spera.



test your global awareness! Take the quiz online at www.projectspera.org.

1. In January 2006 in Saudi Arabia, 345 people were killed and at least 1,000 injured during the Muslim pilgrimage that is called _____.

- a. Islamabad b. Ramadan c. the Koran d. Hajj

2. The technology company Google has been accused of helping which country censor the information its citizens can access on the Internet?

- a. Germany b. China c. Japan d. Vietnam

3. Which is NOT one of the three largest groups struggling for political power in Iraq?

- a. Shiites b. Sunnis c. Kurds d. Buddhists

4. More than 1.5 million people have fled their homes and tens of thousands of people have been killed by Arab militias (arguably government-backed), accused of carrying out a campaign of ethnic cleansing against non-Arab groups in this region of Sudan:

- a. Darfur b. Khartoum c. Kurdufan d. Nile Valley

5. The US Census reports the US population is 299 million as of June 2006. About how many were foreign born?

- a. 34 million b. 55 million c. 10 million d. 28 million

answers from the last quiz...

1. Q. Years of drought have pushed the _____ Desert south, destroying farmland in many countries, including Nigeria, Niger and Mali.

a. Sahara Correct: 96%

Incorrect: 4%

2. Q. The U.S. government continues to fund a multibillion-dollar anti-drug campaign to combat the "drug wars" in this South American country:

b. Colombia Correct: 86%

Incorrect: 14%

3. Q. Known as the world's most heavily fortified border, the Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ, spans the border between which two countries?

a. North & South Korea Correct: 86%

Incorrect: 14%

4. Q. What is the capital city of Canada, the country that is the United States' largest trading partner?

a. Ottawa Correct: 64%

Incorrect: 36%

5. Q. Condoleezza Rice holds what position in the United States' government, dealing mostly with foreign affairs?

b. Secretary of State Correct: 79%

Incorrect: 21%

news and events

Quiz Night

When: Thursday, July 20th from 6:30 – 9pm. Quiz starts at 7pm

Where: Café Royale, 800 Post Street (at Leavenworth), San Francisco

What: Bring a team or play solo to test your knowledge of world affairs. Winning team or person gets a free round of drinks. \$5-10 donation requested at the door.

Special Quiz Night: New Name Launch Party

When: Thursday, August 17th from 6:30 – 9:30pm. Quiz starts at 7pm

Where: Café Royale, 800 Post Street (at Leavenworth), San Francisco

What: Come celebrate our new name and new look at this special quiz night. In addition to our other brain-tickling categories, we will have a round dedicated to World Savvy knowledge. Head to www.projectspera.org to study up on our programs and our mission, and you could win some extra special prizes.

community profiles

Read about some of the teachers, students, volunteers and donors who are involved in World Savvy's global education programs. We are grateful for their commitment to education and youth development.



This month, we speak with Alex Lee, long-time Spera supporter and participant in the International Interview Project for two years running. The International Interview Project, part of our Teachers Program, gives students the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of the challenges faced by those who chose to immigrate. Students are first matched with an interviewee—drawn from a pool of Project Spera volunteers and Fulbright scholars. They then research the home country of their interviewee, conduct the interview, and make a presentation to their class to share what they learned. In 2006, over 100 students interviewed 20 immigrants and foreign nationals about their individual immigration stories. Here's what Alex, born in the UK, had to say about the experience:

1. How did you get involved with the Interview Project?

Madiha [co-founder and former ED] talked me into it!

2. Tell us a little about your student interviewers: How prepared were your student interviewers? How many questions did they ask? Did they share much of their research about your country with you?

They have varied. Some came with very set ideas about my background, some had no idea at all! The number of questions ranged about 20, often with a single student taking the lead. When research was shared it was either basically hearsay or a very specific example.

3. What was the most interesting or best question you were asked, and what was your response?

I was asked about the British National Party and how its current rise in the UK has come about. The fact that racism existed in the UK was a shock to the student. We discussed how immigration was a big issue, and how racism although different [from that in the US] was very much a problem in the UK. I think the concept of racism not just being a black vs. white struggle was a new idea to them. Another interesting question regarded sex education in the UK. They were shocked to hear that our teaching policies are liberal and don't generally include the 'abstinence approach'. The idea that education can be more progressive and liberal than in the USA seemed to make a mark!



4. What do you think the students took away from the experience, and what did you learn from the interview?

I think most of them came away with at least some idea that the same issues that exist in the USA exist elsewhere. I've seen students that think people come to the USA because it's paved with gold and I've helped show them it's not that simple. I've also met people who think that the UK is paved with gold and problem free. I've helped dispel that one too! (wow, I'm so negative). It was interesting to me to see stereotypes that people apply to me explained. Leaving the UK was the best way for me to understand it, as I can consider it from afar: explicitly, with consideration for it's differences to elsewhere.

Thank you Alex and all the other volunteers who shared their stories and made the Interview Project a success!

Thank you for supporting World Savvy and global education!