



Global Youth Media & Arts Festival

Opening: Friday, December 8

Performances: Friday-Saturday, January 12-13

Zeum: 4th @ Howard, San Francisco

Quiz Night

Are you world savvy? Find out
6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 16
Café Royale, Post and Leavenworth, S.F.

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our mission

To help students become well-informed and responsible citizens, prepared for personal and professional success in a global community.

What We've Been Up To

Savvy Scholars

Meet the 2006-07 Savvy Scholar Fellows.



Back row, L to R: Ellena Weldon (*Burton HS*), Hilary Hayes (*Youth Empowerment School*), Jeanmarie Dollard (*James Denman MS*), Michael Guenza (*Small MS for Equity*)
Front row, L to R: Dickson Lam (*June Jordan HS*), Ricardo Elizalde (*International Studies Academy*), Sophia Dollard, Lucy Karanfilian (*International Studies Academy*), Sada Ashkenes (*Burton HS*).
Not pictured: Carrie Haslanger (*Youth Empowerment School*), Kristen Ng (*Burton HS*).

World Savvy is proud to announce the recipients of Savvy Scholar fellowships for the 2006-07 school year. Ten public school teachers from San Francisco and Oakland were selected for the inaugural year of this fellowship program. Each shares an interest and dedication in educating youth about contemporary community and global issues, and will work collaboratively with World Savvy to strengthen their knowledge of
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international affairs and bring even more global resources into their classrooms. The ten Fellows teach a range of subjects, including language arts, journalism, math, history, government, and economics. At the end of the academic year, each will receive a stipend of \$500.

We Need Your Support

Thank you to all who supported and attended or 4th Annual Fall Fundraiser & Silent Auction on October 19. *We are excited to report that we raised nearly \$17,000!* That brings us closer to our fall **goal of raising \$35,000** to support our programs for youth and teachers. Thank you if you've already contributed this year. If not, please make a donation today!

Remember you can make a one-time donation or become a **Savvy Sustainer** - our monthly giving program. We accept donations in installments every month from supporters via credit card. It's done automatically (like your gym membership) and you save us administration costs. *Call us at 415-292-7421 to change or cancel your contribution at anytime.*

Log on to www.worldsavvy.org and click "donate" at the bottom right corner of the screen.

Collaborations and Community Engagement

World Savvy is now involved in the **Adobe Youth Voices Grant Initiative**, as the iEARN-USA site coordinator for the Adobe Youth Voices Project. This is a unique global project designed to encourage youth to use Adobe software to create with purpose.

We'll be working with six Bay Area school sites to help students create projects in publishing, storytelling, and film editing. Partners in the program include the International Education and Resource Network (iEARN USA), Educational Video Center Institution (EVC), Listen UP!, What Kids Can Do, and Arts Engine Inc. The project is underway in cities where Adobe has a strong business presence – the Bay Area/San Jose, Seattle, New York, London, and in India.

World Savvy was invited to serve as local site coordinator on behalf of iEARN (a non-profit that supports Internet and other technology use for student collaboration around the world) for our local knowledge and experience integrating a global perspective into student work. More information about the Adobe Youth Voices Project can be found at:

<http://www.adobe.com/aboutadobe/philanthropy/>

New Art on the Block

World Savvy has also been awarded a grant from the Salesforce Foundation to help oversee a mural project to be completed by young artists from Precita Eyes. The majority of grant monies will go directly to support the work of the artists. The mural will address the theme of this year's Global Youth Media and Arts Program – *Immigration and Identity* --and will be displayed on the outside of the World Savvy building at 999 Sutter Street. This project is a collaborative effort between World Savvy, Salesforce volunteers, and Healing Arts (aka Leif Coroon, co-owner of 999 Sutter Street). The mural should be completed by mid-Fall. We look forward to sharing the results!

World Savvy's 4th Annual Fall Fundraiser

Wow. It's the first word that comes to mind in describing World Savvy's 4th Annual Fall Fundraiser. What a success! Over 100 supporters crowded into Galley 16 on Third Street in San Francisco on Thursday, October 19th to bid on an array of silent auction items, socialize and admire the cool contemporary art.

The event raised over **\$17,000** for World Savvy, in the form of cash contributions, prior donations, silent auction bids and matching funds. We couldn't be more pleased. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated, as well as our staff and volunteers who managed to pull it off in short time. The fundraiser brings us closer to our fall fundraising goal of **\$35,000**. We're getting there!

Global Youth Media and Arts Program

This program began in late summer and is achieving amazing results. Youth have been exploring the theme of *Immigration and Identity* in their local communities and forging global connections by attending World Savvy workshops on issues such as xenophobia, language and assimilation. Youth have also been taking fieldtrips with artist mentors to Bay Area neighborhoods like Little Saigon and local arts institutions such as Intersection for the Arts. Their perspectives, expressed in original works of art and media, will be exhibited at the Global Youth Media and Arts Festival beginning in December. See the News and Events section for more details (page 3).

Community Profile

Read about 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.

On the Ground in Costa Rica

by Whitney Shinkle

Whitney has been involved with World Savvy since its inception as an enthusiastic volunteer and advocate. She is currently working on a graduate degree in International Affairs and spent last summer in Costa Rica. Below is a recount of her experience.

When I learned I would be spending the summer interning in Costa Rica for the International Organization of Migration (a global research and service group dedicated to the causes and impact of international migration), I did what any self-respecting American master's candidate would do. I went online and checked the Central Intelligence Agency's World Factbook for a Reader's Digest overview.

Whoever wrote it had a different take on the country that I would soon experience. The entry emphasized the presence of disease from mosquito-infested swamps, the country's searing heat, and the likelihood of pirate

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Tell Us What You Think

How did you get your information to vote in the November election?

a. Friends b. Internet c. News d. Mailers e. Commercials f. Other: _____

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

News and Events

Monthly Quiz Night

When: Thursday, November 16, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Quiz starts at 7:00 p.m.

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

What: Test your knowledge of world affairs and support World Savvy. **Free** round of drinks for winner. \$5-10 door donation requested.

Global Youth Media and Arts Festival Opening

When: Friday, December 8, 6-9pm

Where: Zeum: An Arts & Technology Museum for Kids and Families, 221 Fourth St. @ Howard, San Francisco

What: Youth perspective on *Immigration and Identity* presented through works of art and media.

Global Youth Media and Arts Festival Performances

When: Friday, January 12 & Saturday, January 13, 5-8pm

Where: Zeum: An Arts & Technology Museum for Kids and Families, 221 Fourth St. @ Howard, San Francisco

What: Youth performances expressing their perspectives on *Immigration and Identity*.

Test Your Global Awareness! Take the quiz online at www.worldsavvy.org.

Practice here, then hit the renowned **World Savvy Quiz Night** on the 3rd Thursday each month at Café Royale. Test your knowledge of all things global (and trivial) while enjoying fine beverages among good company.

1. Immigrants from which of the following countries had the greatest influence on Bordeaux's wine industry?
a. Sweden b. Ireland c. Portugal d. Russia
2. What is the only nation with a NON-rectangular flag?
a. India b. Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) c. Nepal d. Ecuador
3. Where in the world are you most likely to be caught in a hailstorm?
a. Kenya b. Antarctica c. England d. United States
4. Hailed as the 'Father of Microfinance' and the founder of the Grameen Bank, Muhammed Yunus was recently awarded the Nobel Peace prize. He is from what country?
a. Bangladesh b. Pakistan c. Indonesia d. India
5. Landmark post-war presidential elections recently happened in this African nation with help of UN monitors.
a. Democratic Republic of Congo b. Uganda c. Sierra Leone d. Rwanda

Answers from the last quiz...

1. **Q:** Lebanon presently occupies an area that borders the eastern Mediterranean. What ancient civilization originally called this region home?
d. Phoenicians Correct: 39% Incorrect: 61%
2. **Q:** Who is the current US ambassador to the UN?
b. John Bolton Correct: 77% Incorrect: 23%
3. **Q:** Which of the following is the farthest from sea level?
d. bottom of Mariana Trench Correct: 10% Incorrect: 90%
4. **Q:** Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe all gained their independence from what European country?
a. United Kingdom Correct: 17% Incorrect: 83%
5. **Q:** In which of these countries is the majority population Muslim?
a. Indonesia Correct: 40% Incorrect: 60%

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raids (despite over 180 years of non-violent democratic history – quite impressive given Costa Rica's neighbors).

Well, I avoided pirates during my stay, and modern medicine has curbed much of the disease. The heat, at least in the small Pacific coastal town where I stayed, was brutal, though. OK, so the CIA got something right. As for my own findings, it felt like I barely scratched the surface of Costa Rica during my 12 weeks – while getting fairly immersed in it. Ah yes, the classic traveler's paradox.

A visit to Costa Rica reveals its own economic and social paradox. As one of the most stable and prosperous countries in Central America, the country has become a popular tourist destination. This helps the economy, but it also brings unwelcome change, in the form of environmental damage and human trafficking. Some people live in almost unimaginably awful circumstances, having been forced or deceived into hideously exploitative situations. There are also others benefiting greatly from being able to migrate and work legally in a stable economy. A visit to any of the well-known areas of Costa Rica reveals a large number of visiting North American and Western European tourists – many of whom are supporting a growing sex tourism industry.



Our project was to find out the nitty-gritty details of where, why and how the trafficking of human beings was being conducted throughout Costa Rica. We were also assigned to raise awareness of this issue among the resident and tourist populations – with a goal of influencing local organizations to address the issue on their own.

During my stay, I finalized research and interviewing tools that would be used to continue the work after I left. These included an initial series of interviews with local government officials, religious/community leaders, service providers and tourism agents. It was encouraging that the people I spoke with were prepared to learn more about trafficking. However, I was struck by the difficulty they had in separating human trafficking from other types of legal and illegal migration and exploitation (the most common form is sexual exploitation for money).

But I was mortified when it came to my fellow Americans who were visiting the country. Prostitution is legal in Costa Rica, but our fellow citizens were quick to cite “the waves and the babes” as their main motivation for visiting. If I needed any extra motivation for my work, there it was – courtesy of my own country.

In contrast, I gained an enormous respect for my international co-students who spent each day engaged in high-level reading, thinking and speaking in Spanish. This was at least their second language and in some cases, their fifth. My own moderate improvement emboldened me to become more adventurous. The highlights? Well, I can't recommend driving in Costa Rica – both the drivers and the roads are erratic at best. But, if you're just going across town, you'll easily find a ride on the handlebars of someone's bike (or on their horse, if you're lucky). And while you'll incur inordinately long and frustrating waits for buses, fellow passengers are ready to play street-soccer in the event your transport gets stuck in a dry river bed.



Though the subject of my work was both serious and sobering, the interaction I had with the local residents always lifted my spirits. Every North American would receive a warm welcome from a “Tico” (Costa Rican resident), no matter their Spanish skills. So few Americans make an attempt to learn the language, even the merest hint of study is seen as a sign of decency. Plus, you can fill any lost-in-the-translation pauses with “que calor!” (what heat!), or my personal favorite, “moscas feas!” (ugly flies!- though this must be accompanied by distracted hand waving).

Sure, the tourist brochure images of Costa Rica exist. There is blinding sunlight, though only for 12 hours a day. Unless you have a thing for sogginess, avoid the rainy season. You can surf from dawn until dusk and explore a half dozen rainforests by zip-line. Even without the pirates, mosquito-borne diseases, and the brutal heat (only if you stay in the mountains), I recommend that you go. Just do your homework. And if you're asked why you're visiting, I have one request. Refrain from mentioning the “babes.” As American travelers, we can do better than that.

Thank you for supporting World Savvy and global education!

