

INITIATIVES

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What is Leadership Initiatives?

Leadership Initiatives (LI), an international NGO, approaches the problems of underdevelopment by empowering communities to address their own needs through focused education and local financing. We partner with local governments, businesses and other NGOs to train promising local entrepreneurs in leadership, business management and community development. These leaders then identify obstacles to development within their own communities, develop workable solutions, and create the community partnerships necessary to implement those solutions in a sustainable manner through local investment. LI is instrumental in identifying and promoting local funding sources with a goal of enabling the growth of middle class investment in their own communities. Significant funding and partnership for this process is provided by US students who partner with our international community leaders to develop each business idea. This mutual education endows the next generation of US entrepreneurs and civic leaders with a global view of management, development and leadership. By introducing young American leaders to international development in a way that builds their understanding and participation with these communities at a grassroots level, LI creates a new wave of sustainability through essential cross-cultural exchange. Your support helps inspire the next generation of Americans who are working in synergy with at-risk global communities. Work with us to enable global communities to enter the world market while helping to end their cycle of poverty, hopelessness and a trend toward terrorism.

What is Leadership Initiatives Business Alliance Program?

LI's International Business Alliance Program or IBAP is a program designed to inspire and coordinate the efforts of young leaders in American high schools to create global change. Leadership Initiatives expands leadership capacity of hundreds of high school students on a local and regional level throughout the United States creating a new generation of Americans with a greater understanding and depth of experience in international development than any of their peers throughout the globe.

American student leaders are paired directly with individual program participants/business leaders from around the globe with a mission to assist in solving local development issues through business development, thus fostering cross-cultural collaboration that strengthens developing leaders in both nations.

LI IBAP benefits students in the development of character, motivation and drive for the future. Once in the program many opportunities become available to participating high school students

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Experience

The single greatest thing any student can have when applying for college is experience that set them above their peers. Leadership Initiatives offers American students to help create a new business or expand a growing business in a developing country. American students are asked to help solve local problems with the development of each business. Previous students have created new feeding methods for fish farms in Birshi, developed new water purification methods, taught advanced welding techniques and streamlined tailoring shop assembly lines.

College Search & Application Assistance: LI staff will help all Sister School Program members narrow the college list and help to find a perfect match. Because LI staff members have attended a broad range of higher education, institutions, advice and beneficial knowledge will allow students to further understand and develop ideas for their futures.

Mentorship Program:

Leadership Initiatives partners business alliance students with US based mentors from Leadership Initiatives community of supporters. Many students are partnered with Leadership Initiatives board and advisory members to help navigate them to their future colleges and careers. Potential mentorship partners include the vice presidents of some of Washington DC and Virginia's top businesses, top legal experts in Washington DC, Harvard admissions members, former state department directors and more

Recommendations: With many colleges and universities requiring letters of recommendation from teachers, LI staff offers program participants an extra letter of recommendation, furthering information about each student while allowing college admissions to see a non-academic side of the student and the benefits of extra-curricular activities within the balanced life of the student. Written specifically for each individual, the recommendation is guaranteed to enhance the qualities of each student, while separate the application from the rest.

SAT/ACT Online Preparation Courses: Leadership Initiatives offers free online courses to improve students test scores for the SATs and ACTs which are becoming increasing important part of the application process. Similar courses cost between \$250 and \$500 for students around the United States.

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Where are previous Business Alliance Students now:

Harvard, Yale, UCLA, Brown, Georgetown, University of Michigan, American University, George Washington University, University of Columbia, Norte Dame and more!

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