

STUDENT DIPLOMACY CORPS



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The Student Diplomacy Corps (SDC) provides opportunities for high school students from across the nation to explore the world on three to five week international summer programs that deepen understanding of global issues, build empathy, promote college readiness and unleash the potential and creativity of youth.

Talent Search

Partnerships with the Naples Council on World Affairs, top schools and select community organizations across the nation fuel a talent search for motivated high school students. We are looking for young authors, athletes, ecologists, artists, musicians, activists and leaders who contribute deeply to their school and community and seek opportunities to represent their country as a student diplomat abroad.

Impact and Outcomes

We are building a corps of student diplomats prepared to take their skills into the world of higher education and beyond. By the end of a Student Diplomacy Corps program, students will:

- Develop writing, interview skills and confidence to prepare for the college application process.
- Build cross-cultural competencies, language skills, independent living and critical inquiry skills.
- Adjust and adapt to the cultures of countries in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe and Latin America.
- Explore issues in the arts, ecology, sustainable development, anthropology and urban studies.
- Work with renowned international musicians, scholars, historians and civic leaders.
- Live with host families, take part in college level seminars and engage in experiential field projects.
- Learn from a diverse group of students from communities across the nation and around the world.



Join The Corps

Over the past four summers, 11 students from schools throughout Collier County have earned SDC NWAC Summer Cultural Ambassador scholarships.

Summer 2017

Jonathan Nodarse	Palmetto Ridge HS	Japan: Drums for Peace
Madeline Grucci	St. John Neumann	Chile: How to get to Easter Island
Natalie Zyblut	Barron Collier HS	Albania: Where the Eagles Soar
Sydney Sterk	Barron Collier HS	Morocco: Songs for Peace

Summer 2016

Elisabeth Govern	Gulf Coast HS	China: The Green Dragon
John Koga	St. John Neumann	Uruguay: Gaucho Culture
Marcella Bolenbaugh	St. John Neumann	Chile: How to get to Easter Island

Summer 2015

Alexandra Argueta	Golden Gate HS	Morocco: Songs for Peace
Cameron Rodriguez	Barron Collier HS	Chile: How to get to Easter Island
Savannah Irvin	Naples HS	China: The Green Dragon

Summer 2014

Carly Mambuca	Gulf Coast HS	Turkey: Country at the Crossroads
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Costs and Scholarships

Program fees for SDC summer programs typically range between \$5,000 and \$7,800. The fee includes international airfare (except for programs in Mexico), room and board, health, accident and evacuation insurance, program activities and costs associated with staff support. The fee will not include travel documents, relevant immunizations and medications, spending money and transportation to a departure airport.

The Naples Council on World Affairs provides generous \$4500 scholarships to motivated students from Collier County through the Summer Cultural Ambassador program. Successful candidates may also be eligible for additional SDC scholarship resources.

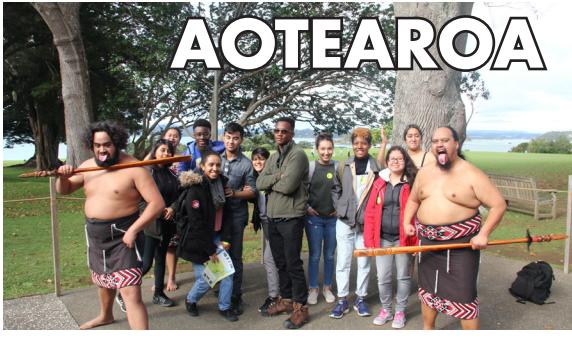
Application Process

Students must be current 11th graders in good standing to be eligible. The application process includes a written application and personal interview. Please visit <https://www.ncwa-fl.org/eil.html> for more information and an application. Successful candidates will then participate in a short supplemental application process with Student Diplomacy Corps staff.

Contact Information

For more information about the Student Diplomacy Corps, please contact Founding Director Chris Frantz at 802-258-1014 or csfrantz@sdcorps.org. Learn more about SDC programs at www.sdcorps.org.

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Title	Country	Seminar & Field Exploration
Where the Eagles Soar Anthropology and Human Geography in the Balkans	ALBANIA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore transnational identity in Albania, Greece, Macedonia and Montenegro. - Trek the Bjeshkët e Namuna, Albania's "Accursed Mountains."
Te Ika-a-Māui Maori Culture and Indigenous Rights on the North Island of New Zealand	AOTEAROA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with Maori artists, activists and scholars. - Practice and perform a traditional Maori haka dance for your host families on Waiheke Island.
How to get to Easter Island Anthropology and Rapa Nui Culture	CHILE & EASTER ISLAND 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study Rapa Nui language while collecting oral histories on Easter Island. - Learn about multi-party democracy at the Chilean Congress in Valparaiso.
The Green Dragon Environmental Action in the Middle Kingdom	CHINA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn about biodiversity at the Panda Institute in Chengdu. - Work with Chinese ecologists and professors at Tsinghua University in Beijing.
Drums for Peace Taiko Drumming and Traditional Culture	JAPAN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drum with Taiko masters at the Kodo Foundation on Sado Island. - Participate in a service project in a community devastated by the 2011 tsunami.

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Sustainability
Food for Thought**



**Mayan Quest
Mayan Civilization
Past and Present**



**On a Taco a Day
Cuisine, Cultures and
Geography**



**Songs for Peace
Moroccan Culture
through Music and Art**



**Gaucho Culture
Traditions in
the South of the World**



- Learn the art of Washoku during a Zen temple stay in Kyoto.

- Participate in greenery projects with Japanese fishermen and ecologists in Hokkaido.

- Study Mayan civilization with a Mexican anthropologist.

- Explore the ancient cities of the Maya from the jungles of Chiapas to the coast of the Yucatan.

- Prepare and serve local specialities in the markets of Merida.

- Learn pre-Columbian cooking techniques on a sustainable ranch in the hills of Hidalgo.

- Study Arabic and Berber language.

- Participate in drum, dance and choral master classes led by musicians and ethnomusicologists.

- Participate in animal vaccination projects in rural Uruguayan communities.

- Compare the industrial and sustainable agriculture movements in rural Uruguay.