

# Global Student Leadership Network

Changing the way the World works...

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## Fall 2008 Newsletter

*Message from Richard Berman, President, Manhattanville College and Ann Marie Almeida, GSL Executive Director*

Have you ever asked yourself, "How do I want to show up in the world?" The Global Student Leadership program helps you answer this question. GSL's mission is to create generations of young leaders who revitalize villages, communities, and economies through social entrepreneurial leadership.

GSL helps you:

- ◆ Find out who you are;
- ◆ Understand how your personal awareness influences your leadership;
- ◆ Articulate your dream for social change;
- ◆ Discover the tools to make it happen.

How do you become an agent of social change? GSL's Leadership for Local Change™ curriculum provides hands-on and experiential training in leadership, entrepreneurship, advocacy, communication, English language proficiency, information technology, financial management and business plan development.

For those of you who haven't participated in GSL, find out who we are. For those of you who need a "refresher course," join us. For those of you whose time has come to live the GSL experience, let us hear from you today.

We have so much to accomplish and we need you now, more than ever. In the words of Mohandas Gandhi, "be the change you want to see in the world," Make the Global Student Leadership your path forward.

**"I realize I can be the best leader I can, I realize I can shake the world. I realize I am the lady to change my community."  
Milembe, GSL Africa**



### Thank You Michaela Walsh!

On behalf of the entire GSL program, we send our gratitude to Michaela Walsh who retired this year after nine years of service as the co-founder and director of Global Student Leadership. She has enriched the lives of so many students in the world and we are indebted to her vision and leadership.



“...it allows you to discover yourself and express how great your Ideas are...” - Alejandra, GSL Latin America



## GSL Celebrates 2008

- ◆ Launch of GSL Latin America coordinated by Claudia Dominguez, GSL 2001 in partnership with the University of Cristobal Colon. According to Claudia, “GSL LA is a great program that helps girls and boys to develop strategies to grow strong economies and societies in their part of the Continent.”
- ◆ GSL NY had an unprecedented season with nine students from the DRC, DR, Japan, Serbia, Macedonia, Ghana and the USA.
- ◆ A newly formed partnership with the Duchesne Center at Manhattanville College to create local change in our own back yard. Our collective commitment to leadership, social action and social justice makes this a win-win relationship.
- ◆ GSL Africa celebrated its fourth year with 23 students from Tanzania and Uganda.
- ◆ Proudly completed Impact Research studies. Carolina Casas-Cordero, GSL 2000 deftly led the year long leadership studies with Leticia Pio, GSL 2006 and Irene Kagoya, GSL 2003.
- ◆ Sent our heartfelt thanks to Irene Kagoya, GSL 2003, who courageously, relentlessly and successfully coordinated the GSL Africa program.
- ◆ Inaugurated GSL Train the Trainer program.
- ◆ Navigated and guided the creation of 43 social change, world class business/action plans, complete with financial statements, PowerPoint presentations, brochures, business cards and newsletters.
- ◆ Celebrated the leading edge creativity of the GSL LA movie and the GSL NY documentary.
- ◆ Received public recognition for GSL’s work in the

**Keep watch for the GSL Alumni Newsletter Coming out Soon!!!**

## Future Plans

According to Professors Gerzon and Ury, Global Leadership means to lead according to the values that are good not just for ourselves, for our own tribe or religion, for our country or region, but for the world. A global, boundary-crossing leader is a bridge builder, a teacher, a provider, a healer, a mediator, an arbiter, a witness, a referee, and a protector. These leaders have the tools to create and hold an integral vision, understand the importance of inclusive thinking, have solid presence, ask thoughtful questions, initiate conscious conversations, engage in dialogues to build relationships, establish bridges and partnerships and they innovate.

“I have gained strong confidence regarding all the things I want to achieve in my life”  
Wisoba, GSL New York

GSL’s future, vitality, longevity and soul are dependent on our collective involvement in training and supporting these types of leaders. We welcome and invite your thoughts, suggestions and participation as we build a solid financial base for ongoing programs and organizational capacity, scholarships, conferences, networking, mentoring, virtual training, website upgrades, etc. As we look for ways to provide funding for business plan implementation through an incubator and seed capital fund. As we explore opportunities to replicate GSL programs throughout Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe, and invest in research studies and program evaluation.

The four agreements invite us to be: impeccable with our words, learn not to take things personally, always check our assumptions and commit to doing our best. **We really need to hear from you.** Please call or write me, Ann Marie Almeida, at [almeidaa@mvile.edu](mailto:almeidaa@mvile.edu) or +914.323.7215.



I discovered that all of us belong to different cultures, yet there’s something that connects us at GSL. Itzel. GSL Latin America