


# ONE TO WORLD ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING IN THE  
FULBRIGHT TRADITION





**Our Mission:** To advance global cooperation, One To World fosters intercultural understanding by creating face-to-face experiences among local communities, international students and Fulbright scholars.

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# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY



Dear Friends,

This past year we faced a great deal of uncertainty. Each new day has brought new roadblocks to international peace and understanding, each new mandate making it harder for international students to feel safe or welcome in our country. These challenges have only served to make One To World more resolute in our commitment to our mission and to our community.

This report will give you a look at what international understanding in the Fulbright tradition looks like at One To World. You'll read about our unique programming and how we bring people together in conversation and action. Our programs are made successful by the young leaders from over 100 countries who, as international students and Fulbright scholars, call New York City their home away from home, and by the Americans and institutions who welcome them.

Through One To World's programs, both in-person and virtual, we have the privilege of witnessing wisdom, empathy, and perception

grow in our international and American participants. There is so much that can come from connecting with someone you previously thought you had no connection with, or whose life had no bearing on your own.

We see this in the international students who come here expecting an academic education but upon engaging with One To World, get a much deeper cultural education, as well – an education that builds unique relationships which last a lifetime.

We see this too in the joy and wonder of local K-12 youth for whom meeting international students through our *Global Classroom* program opens up new worlds of possibility for their own lives.

This past year has been perhaps the most challenging One To World has faced in its 43 years, but by joining together in the face of isolationism, we know that we can, and we must, keep moving forward with Senator Fulbright's vision for a more peaceful world.

To all our friends, members, hosts, and donors, we cannot thank you enough for your perseverance and belief in our work. We could not have come through this year without your steadfast support, and we will need it as we continue our work in the face of an uncertain future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Henderson".

Sue Henderson, PhD  
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jen E. Clarke".

Jen E. Clarke  
Executive Director



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By truly and deeply learning and experiencing American culture through different local tours/home stay programs my horizons were extensively broadened. Meeting new people gave me the opportunity to learn and share my culture and experiences with international students from across the globe. By exchanging culture/opinions we are like ambassadors.

In the long run, I believe we are building a harmonic world and have the potential to decrease conflicts among people from different cultures. I appreciate that One To World is doing such a great job and providing a wonderful platform!

— Shuaijun, China

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# 2019-20 PROGRAMMING

One To World programs enrich the experiences of international students and Fulbright grantees studying in the New York area and broaden their understanding of contemporary life in the U.S.

- **Dinner Diplomats:** New Yorkers host students in their homes for dinner and engaging cross-cultural exchange.
- **Foreign Affairs Conferences:** One To World's delegation of international students brings first-hand global perspectives to debates on American foreign policy with cadets and midshipmen at the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.
- **Community Visits:** American families host students in diverse rural, suburban, and urban settings from Lancaster, Pennsylvania to Bushwick, Brooklyn for day-long or weekend visits.
- **Community Service Projects:** Through partnerships with local non-profits, students give back to New York City and engage in the American tradition of volunteerism.
- **Conversations with World Leaders:** Fulbright scholars meet leaders in business, education, philanthropy, and the humanities for an intimate exchange of ideas and insights across cultures.
- **Behind-the-Scenes:** Students learn about NYC neighborhoods, communities, and institutions from local historians and guides.
- **Global Career Readiness:** Programs like employment workshops and job shadowing with NYC professionals give students the tools to succeed in and enrich business efforts here and abroad.
- **Social Gatherings and Receptions:** Social programs allow participants to get to know each other in informal settings.
- **Global Classroom:** K-12 students learn about the diversity that exists in the world and in their own communities through workshops led by international students on a range of global topics with local resonance.

2,621

INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS &  
AMERICAN HOSTS

194

PROGRAMS

104

COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED  
BY STUDENTS



"I really enjoyed spending Thanksgiving with an American family through One To World. Learning more about American history and traditions, and exchanging ideas and insights with people around the world was the most meaningful part of my abroad experience."

- Shiyu, China

"[Attending The Student Conference on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA) at West Point Academy] was a unique opportunity... I think we as foreigners get most of our preconceptions about the U.S. army from movies, and so it was very interesting to see such a place from the inside. It changed some of my perceptions and reinforced others, but now I have more solid opinions."

- Amalia, Spain



# SPOTLIGHT ON *GLOBAL CLASSROOM*

*Global Classroom* connects New York City youth with Global Guides—trained, international university scholars—to learn about world cultures and global issues. Through face-to-face and virtual interactions and meaningful cross-cultural exchange, K-12 students in the greater NYC area are challenged to develop 21st century skills necessary in today's globalized world.

264

GLOBAL  
CLASSROOM  
WORKSHOPS

Through *Global Classroom*, we encourage young people to:

- Investigate the world beyond their immediate environment by examining issues of local, global, and cultural significance.
- Recognize, understand, and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others.
- Communicate ideas successfully with diverse audiences by engaging in open, appropriate, and effective interactions across cultures.
- Take action for collective well-being and sustainable development both locally and globally.

755

K-12 STUDENTS

2019-20 *Global Classroom* Thematic Units:

45

COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED BY  
GLOBAL GUIDES

**Global Lives** encourages students to explore diverse cultures while reflecting on their own by investigating themes such as childhood, beauty, traditions, fashion, music, and dance. In the 2019-20 school year, students met with Global Guides from India, Mongolia, Trinidad, Canada, Peru, and Brazil.

**Global Citizenship** allows students to critically examine the world by exploring global issues and social justice movements. Students learn to use primary and secondary sources to study responses from governments, artists, NGOs, indigenous communities, and individuals. Students then make connections to their own communities through projects at the end of each program. 2019-20 programs centered around social justice, human rights issues, environmental justice, and income inequality.

To better support our partners with distance learning, all of our programs have been adapted for virtual or face-to-face engagement.



"Global Classroom is an amazing program that helps connect our students with citizens of the world. Each visit, we saw a rise in curiosity, compassion, and understanding. Our students gained insight about life in other countries, made connections to their own lives and built relationships with the mentors. They have laughed, cried, and been inspired by the Global Guides who openly and honestly share their stories."

- Shalonda,  
Cornelia Connelly Center



"Global Classroom has changed my perspectives and made me feel like I am powerful enough to change the world."

- 10th-grader,  
New York City



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As a membership organization, One To World is proud to partner with the following institutions in supporting international students:

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Mercy College	Wagner College
Montclair State University	World Education Services (WES)
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# CONNECTING VIRTUALLY

COVID-19 didn't stop One To World from connecting people from across the globe:

- In addition to moving many of our programs online, we launched a new "One To One" virtual program, pairing up international students and Americans via Zoom. We coordinated and planned over 70 of these programs for approximately 145 people!
- Within two weeks of shutdown, *Global Classroom's* interactive workshops were connecting international students and scholars with K-12 students via Zoom sessions straight from their homes.
- We initiated bi-weekly virtual meetings for our Member institutions with updates on visa regulations & resources to help students stranded in this challenging time.



The virus shut everything down, but it's like we are still traveling the world from our homes.

— 3rd-grader, New York City



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2

## Donate

With your support we will be able to keep forming lifelong connections across cultures, fulfilling Senator Fulbright's vision for a more peaceful world. A gift of any amount will make a huge difference to the lives of international students and American K-12 students, opening hearts and minds and creating relationships to last lifetimes. Donate online at [bit.ly/OTWGiving](https://bit.ly/OTWGiving) or call our development team at (212) 431-1195.

3

## Become a Host

If you are interested in hosting international students in your home or workplace, or want an opportunity to share your community with them, please contact Marisa Silva, Director of Membership & Programs, at [msilva@onetoworld.org](mailto:msilva@onetoworld.org) or call (212) 431-1195.

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## Make a Bequest

An act of generosity such as this ensures that One To World can continue its tradition of bringing Americans and students from around the world face-to-face to share their lives and perspectives, long into the future. Learn more about joining our Legacy Circle at [bit.ly/OTWPlannedGiving](https://bit.ly/OTWPlannedGiving).

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