

THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205,
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION &
EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS SUMMER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO
EXPERIENCE CHANGE ON A GLOBAL LEVEL



United Nations Academy at Shedd Aquarium

Message from the Program Director

OUR ONE-OF-A-KIND PROGRAM was created to accomplish the goal of providing middle school students with a globally-based academic leadership experience that will develop critical thinking skills; develop an understanding of current and past issues affecting the local community and the world; and develop leadership skills for instituting positive changes within the students' school and community. This is a community program offering an amazing selection of eight themed enrichment courses for a summer experience like no other in the south suburban area. The academy structure of the program gives students from mixed communities opportunities to be exposed to some of the best cultural, ethnic and international activities the world has to offer.

The UN Summer Leadership Academy was created based on the vision and direction of the District 205 Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools. The program is grant funded and is a partnership between The District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation & Educational Talent Search and the local community. Donations are needed and accepted. Please see the "How Can I Help" Section of this publication for specific details regarding donations and giving.

Our Approach to Learning

As you explore the pages of this publication you will learn what makes the United Nations Summer Leadership Academy a dynamic program. Our program staff uses non-traditional and innovative teaching techniques to make the curriculum come alive and understandable for young students. The program operates seven hours a day. Students attend academically-based courses in the morning and transition to recreation and cultural activities after lunch. The District provides lunch and students participate in one field trip or cultural presentation a week.

Thank you for your interest in the United Nations Summer Leadership Academy. I am excited about the opportunity to meet and work with local elementary students. The staff of the United Nations Summer Leadership Academy work very hard to provide participants with an enriching globally themed summer leadership experience. Plans are already underway for next year's program. For more information, or to offer assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me via email doss.jerry@district205.net, or my office by phone at 708-225-4083.

Jerry B. Doss, Program Director

Essential Experience for Tomorrow's Leaders

The United Nations Summer Leadership Academy is an outstanding opportunity for middle school students to discover their talents through learning, cultural enrichment, sports and activities on one of District 205's high schools campus.

Our Vision

The mission of the U.N. Academy is to provide students in grades 5 through 7, from surrounding school districts and communities, with a global-based academic and enriched experience. The seven-week academy blends world history, economics, current events, and leadership training to equip students to become ambassadors for their schools and communities.

It is our goal that each student will learn and flourish through seven weeks of challenging events and workshops.

Together we will...

- Build stronger communities
- Increase students' knowledge of world issues
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Provide a world view of society
- Develop new learning techniques



Discover the World

The United Nations is an international organization that promotes:

- International law;
- International security;
- Economic development;
- Social progress;
- Human rights; and
- World peace

The UN Model

The United Nations model is comprised of eighty students assembled in eight groups representing eight countries.

Our Journey Around the Globe

Here is a list of some of the countries that we have and are currently studying.

Afghanistan

Brazil

Canada

Chile

China

Egypt

France

Great Britain

Haiti

India

Iran

Iraq

Kenya

Korea (North & South)

Liberia

Mexico

Morocco

Pakistan

Philippines

Russia

South Africa

Spain

Sweden

Ukraine

United States

Venezuela



Our Approach to Learning

The UN Academy is able to go beyond the books and classroom walls to show students that the subjects we study and the topics we discuss are all around us in the “real world.”

The academy offers creative, non-traditional methods of instruction. Students rotate classes and use technology to learn about different cultures, customs, and issues affecting the world. Weekly cultural fieldtrips are also a part of the academy.

Courses



United Nations

In this activity, students conduct a “Model United Nations General Assembly” session. The activity is designed to acquaint students with issues in international relations and the structure, aims and procedures used by the United Nations to resolve disputes between nations. Students learn about the early history of the United Nations.



Math

During this class we teach a non-traditional blend of social studies, geography, and math. We will explore each country’s location (latitude, longitude), physical climate, and important land forms (bodies of water, mountainous areas). It will incorporate the differences in currencies (conversion, estimated global market value), time zones, temperatures, and math symbols (universal and regional).



Art

Art class will allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills to create visual works of art using design, sketching, constructing, imagination, and creativity. Works of art such as 2 and 3-dimensional objects, banners, sculptures and drawings will be created. Students will understand how the arts shape and reflect history, society and everyday life in their respective countries.



Culinary Arts

Culinary Arts will teach students the key tools used for cooking and how to apply them in a safe and responsible manner. Students will be able to read and utilize different measurement tools; prepare snacks, appetizers and entrées from different countries; and identify the main ingredients used in dishes from their respective country.



Recreation

Recreation will be used to demonstrate the activities that are done in different countries. Students will actively participate in several activities from soccer to swimming. This activity will be lead by the teacher to foster communication through the teamwork and introduce new experiences to participants.

Courses Continued



Theater Arts

Theater Arts will be used to help students come out of their shell and display the many talents that they have. Students also use the class to practice for the End of Summer production.



Foreign Language

As we develop global leaders within the UN Academy, it is imperative that our participants are able to compete on the world stage by understanding and speaking foreign languages. We have taught languages that range from Arabic to Spanish.



Real World Learning

The U.N. Academy also includes workshops, mock U.N. sessions/votes, guest speakers, cultural enrichment, college tour and educational fieldtrips.

These educational fieldtrips are to enforce diversity and reduce cultural gaps within our society. For some students these fieldtrips may serve as a first-time experience outside of their neighborhood, and these trips may give them life long impressions of the city in which they live.

Museums

Dusable Museum
Holocaust Museum
Oriental Museum
Spertus Museum
Shedd Aquarium
Museum of Science & Industry
Mexican Art Museum
Brookfield Zoo
Art Institute of Chicago

The Arts

ETA Theater
African Dance
Latin Dance
Urban Gateways
Roller Skating
Chinese Dance
Bowling

Cultural Experiences

Bronzeville
China Town
Navy Pier
Pilsen Neighborhood
South African Consulate
Mi Tierra Restaurant
Chinese Circus

College Prep

College Tours



UN Academy Leadership

Highly qualified instructors facilitate the classrooms courses, and top ranked high school students serve as tutor/mentors for each of the ten countries to be researched during the program. All staff members are carefully selected for their credentials, experience and enthusiasm. The academy's staff is committed to making the students' experience intellectually rewarding and socially enjoyable. They will be key resources for the students' successful preparation and participation.



Everything You Need

Each summer's success has only increased enthusiasm and interest for the 2014 UN Academy. With that in mind, please prepare your child now for next summer's program, as our admissions criteria will be changing and space is limited.

Admissions Requirements

- MUST RESIDE IN DISTRICT 205 COMMUNITY (Proof of Residency is required)
- INCOMING 5TH through INCOMING 7TH GRADE
- COPY OF LATEST REPORT CARD
- COMPLETED TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM
- MINIMUM OF B AVERAGE (3.0 GPA) Minimum behavior issues/referrals

How to Apply

The United Nations Summer Leadership Academy features small class sizes and low student-to-instructor ratios. Room is limited and each year more people apply than we can accommodate. Please apply today to reserve your student's space. Please visit our website for more information at www.District205.net.



How You Can Help

The United Nations Summer Leadership Academy is a community-based program operated on one of District 205's campuses. We are very pleased to have the support of various partners in the community, as well as Thornton Township High Schools District 205.

Friends of the UN Academy

Individuals can also become a Friend of the UN Summer Leadership Academy by volunteering, offering in-kind donations, making selective contributions, or donating supplies. Friends of the UN Academy work with program leadership to help provide the many activities and tools needed to operate the program a daily basis.

As we prepare for another summer of activities, your help is needed more than ever. There are many means to support our efforts. Financial contributions are always needed and appreciated. Direct financial contributions can be made to the District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation, which is a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization.

Becoming A Sponsor

- Sponsor Field Trips/Activities
- Sponsor an Enrichment Course (i.e. Culinary Arts, Recreation, Dance, Life Skills, etc.)
- Create Your Own Sponsorship Opportunity (i.e. Visit to UN Headquarters in New York)

Sponsorship Levels

- Platinum Sponsor: \$1500
- Gold Sponsor: \$1000
- Silver Sponsor: \$850
- Bronze Sponsor: \$700

For more information regarding assisting the UN Summer Leadership Academy, please contact Mr. Jerry B. Doss at 708.225.4083 or email doss.jerry@district205.net.



A Typical Day

- 8:00-8:20a.m. Student Arrival: Optional Breakfast
8:25-8:50a.m. Morning Warm Ups
9:00am-12p.m. Morning Classes (Math, Foreign Language, Art, Recreation & United Nations)
12:00-12:45p.m. Lunch
12:50-2:50p.m. Special Activities (i.e. Culinary Arts, Swimming & Theater Arts)
2:50-3p.m. Dismissal

United Nations Summer Leadership Academy Administration

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Mrs. Ellene Beard, Program Co-coordinator

Ms. Rakyah Merriweather, Program Co-coordinator



