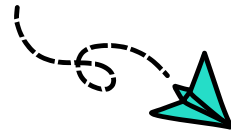
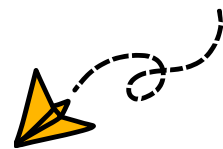




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WELCOME TO GLOBAL SCHOLAR

**Summer
2024**

A LETTER FROM: AMP'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Dear Future Global Scholar:

Welcome! We are so excited to meet you this summer.

Our country and planet face many challenges: the pandemic, climate change, hunger, extremism, polarization, and so much more. Today's youth will inherit these issues. And only the unique energy and creativity of youth can solve them. Your work is cut out for you.

As a Global Scholar, you are joining a select and distinguished group of young thinkers who have risen to the task. Scholars come with diverse interests and experiences, and a common passion for understanding our world, getting involved, and making a difference.

Throughout the program you'll deepen your understanding of the global system, including mechanisms like the G7/G20 and the United Nations. You'll unpack challenges like immigration and climate change. You'll practice and deepen skills around strategic communications, complex problem-solving, diversity and inclusion, dialogue and conflict resolution, and more. You'll explore schools, careers and professional opportunities in the field of international affairs. And you'll forge deep bonds with a tight group of like-minded peers. All of this in just under two weeks.

I discovered my passion for international relations and social entrepreneurship during my time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa. That experience instilled in me a deep sense of global citizenship, and a feeling of obligation to get involved in issues that affect us all. Indeed as Carl Sagan said, no one can save the inhabitants of this "pale blue dot" but ourselves.

My wish for you is that Global Scholar serves as a milestone on your own journey towards global citizenship. Regardless of the career path you choose, the skills you will gain will put you in the best position to be a thoughtful, engaged, effective change maker. A leader who can help us design and demand a better future.

We're sharing some helpful information about the program enclosed, and remember to check the Admitted Students page on our website, too. Note that the final paperwork is digital, so watch for links to the permission forms, student agreement, and more on our website in May (we'll notify you by email that it's been added.)

We know that choosing a summer program is a big decision. Thank you for choosing Global Scholar, and we can't wait to meet you very soon!

Karen Showalter

Program Director

A LETTER FROM: AMP'S TRAINING DIRECTOR

Hello Friend!

Welcome to Global Scholar!

I'm excited to see that you're joining us this summer. On behalf of the entire team: let's go!

You've come to this program because you're fired up, you're passionate about social change, and you believe we can do better. You're more than just hopeful; you're resilient. Because in spite of everything we've faced in recent years, you've continued to push forward. To witness, to learn, to question. Resilience isn't about keeping things the same way. It's about being able to adapt and bend and flow with the winds of change. So the simple fact that you're joining us shows that you're pretty awesome.

Throughout the program you'll spend time discovering our greatest challenges and discussing what can be. Through interactive workshops and speaker sessions, you'll have the opportunity to question old systems, and propose new ones. So let's investigate, let's act, and let's get started. This is our time and your voice is more important than you know.

Our entire mission and purpose at AMP is to amplify your brilliance and power. Hopefully Global Scholar will be an opportunity that is life changing, and eye opening. You're going to get the tools, support, network, knowledge and awareness that you need to make change in a deeply meaningful and lasting way. I discovered my passion for international education and youth development during my time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cebu, Philippines. That experience allowed me to see that no matter how big the world seems, there's always someone willing to listen, willing to care, and willing to make a difference. The greatest change starts with a little bit of passion and a whole lot of self-awareness.

So welcome to this moment and this experience. This summer is going to be fun, and full. You're going to meet with a wide range of experts working on global issues. You're going to explore what inspires each of us to get involved. And more importantly, you're going to practice standing up and speaking out.

This is our moment. We are the ones we've been waiting for.

Welcome to AMP Global Scholar!

Aria Hines

Training Director



A LETTER FROM: GLOBAL SCHOLAR ALUM

Global Scholar Class of 2024!

A huge congratulations on your acceptance to what is about to be the experience of a lifetime! My name is Sanjoli and I am both a Global Scholar alum and a student leader with AMP Global Youth.

During the program, the workshops and sessions on global issues such as gender equality and climate change changed my perspective on the systems in the world and opened my eyes to how the world works. One activity that had a big impact on me was focused on describing how we make toast. Through dissecting each step, we mapped the many systems, processes, and inputs that go into something as seemingly simple as toast.

The speakers you're going to meet are extremely passionate about their fields, and the seminars are very engaging. One specific memory I have was meeting with a representative from Shot@Life, who talked to us about the need to use camels to transport vaccines in areas where cars were unavailable.

The facilitators are some of the kindest, most hard working people I've met and I know you're going to have a blast discussing global issues! Most of all, you will get to meet students from every corner of the globe and discuss food, music, culture, hobbies and so much more!

My wonderful summer experience inspired me to apply to be a Fellow with AMP, where I'm now one part of the broader team working to make global issues accessible for students.

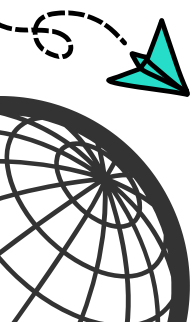
If I could offer you some advice it would be this: Come in with an open mind and ready to learn, but don't forget to enjoy yourself and immerse yourself in the culture of DC.

I leave you with a thought and challenge: Are you ready to change the world?

Warm Regards, and Welcome to the AMP family!

Sanjoli

Global Scholar Alum



A LETTER FROM: GLOBAL SCHOLAR ALUM

Hello Scholars!

Welcome! My name is Radhika, and I'm a recent graduate of the in-person program. CONGRATULATIONS on being accepted to this year's class! I'm so excited for you.

I chose Global Scholar over other programs because of how hands-on the experience was. Many of our sessions were led by experts working for think tanks, international organizations, or the U.S. Government, and meetings took place in their actual offices. That made the learning so much more interesting and "real". I absolutely loved how well rounded all the speakers and sessions were, and the wide range of issues we covered - from hunger to global security.

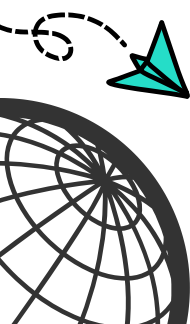
Some of my favorite moments were meeting the Ambassadors of Uganda and the Netherlands. To actually sit with an ambassador and discuss how they chose their career, what steps they took, what lessons they learned, etc. was very special. The session on the rights of women and girls was another favorite. Some of my other favorite moments were just hanging out with other Scholars in the evening, after dinner and evening programs were over. We opened up, watched movies, worked out, and talked about what we were going to do to change the world. It was crazy how close we got in just 2 weeks. I'm still in close touch with many of my classmates today; in fact, ten of us attended the United Nations Youth Assembly together! I also served on the Global Scholar Advisory Board the year after my program. Once a Global Scholar, always a Global Scholar!

As I look back, I'm just so amazed and thankful for the tremendous impact this program has had on me. Global Scholar helped me confirm what I want to study in college, and I was accepted into American University to study International Relations and Political Science. I am also a UN Youth Delegate, and dream of being the US Ambassador to the UN. Global Scholar has absolutely been a launching pad for my career in international affairs.

I also haven't attended another program with the same commitment to supporting alumni, and I have never seen anyone work harder at making our experience fantastic than AMP Staff.

Radhika

Global Scholar Alum



A LETTER FROM: GLOBAL SCHOLAR ALUM

Hello, Global Scholars!

My name is Lena and I am so happy to welcome you. I live in Senegal, and joined the virtual program, and then went on to be a youth leader with AMP Global Youth.

During the program, you will attend seminars, action labs, and have valuable discussions. One thing that surprised me the most was the diversity of speakers, seeing people from various backgrounds, countries, and working areas take time to talk to us and answer our questions was amazing. I made some incredible friends and I still am in contact with a lot of my classmates.

2020 was a tough year for all of us, and we all had to adapt. My experience was fully online. I had a lot of apprehensions but my worries came down quickly seeing all of the fun things the AMP staff had planned for us. Some of my favorite memories were made at game nights, social hours, breakout groups, and plenty of other things.

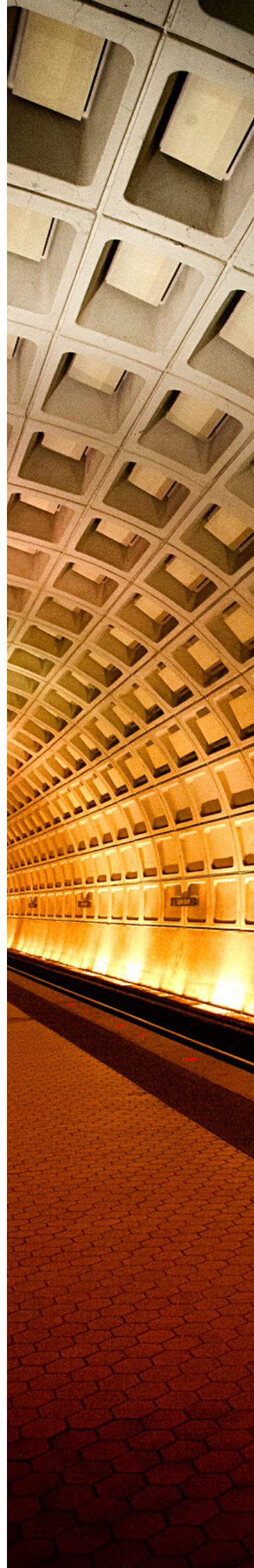
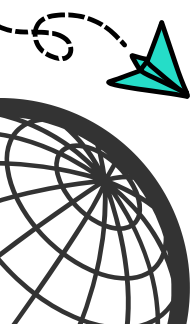
I have some tips to make the online experience more enjoyable. First, looking at a computer for hours can be draining so during the multiple breaks that are given to you, try to step away from your screens as much as possible. Second, keep some snacks around and turn your camera off when you need to. And most importantly: don't be afraid to speak up and ask questions!

Global Scholar is an incredible program that I hope you will enjoy as much as I did!

Best wishes,

Lena

Global Scholar Alum



PACKING LIST

Please review the items below, and visit the Admitted Student webpage for more information.



CLOTHING:

In general, daytime dress is casual (i.e. shorts and t-shirts are fine), but business clothes are required for our visit to Capitol Hill, and your final presentations. Please note that Washington, D.C. in the summertime can be hot and humid - you will sweat. Suggested items to bring include:

- Skirt/Slacks/Khakis and Nice Shirt/Blouse for formal visits
- Dress shoes
- Jeans/shorts
- T-shirts/shirts
- Sweatshirt or light jacket



- Comfortable walking shoes (an AMP must)
 - Lots of underclothing/socks
- Yes, you can do laundry in the dorm!*

ADMITTED STUDENTS WEBPAGE



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PERSONAL HYGIENE:

- Toothbrush/paste/floss
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- Mosquito repellent



WORK SUPPLIES:

- Laptop or tablet (not required, but convenient for activities and your final project)
- Note-taking materials (pen, notebook, etc.)

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS:

- Leisure reading materials
- Favorite athletic equipment
- Umbrella
- Water bottle

MEDICATIONS & ALLERGIES:

Please inform us if you are taking any special medications or if you have allergies. Our staff will work with parents and Scholars to ensure the health and safety of the Scholar at all times.



A NOTE ON HOUSING:

Our in-person Global Scholar Intensive program participants will be staying in dorm facilities at the host university. We will share the specific dorm and drop-off location in June.

Students will be housed two per room. If you would like to upgrade to a private room for an additional fee, please be in touch to make arrangements.

The campus has a strong commitment to upholding the highest safety standards. You can review safety protocols & cleaning practices in the links on our Admitted Student webpage.

Our final COVID safety protocols are based on recommendations from the host campus, DC Department of Health and CDC. In-person participants should be vaccinated and boosted, and stay tuned for final expectations on masking and spacing.

We will continue to share updated information on the website.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is Global Scholar different from other Programs?

Global Scholar stands out from other summer programs serving high school students in many ways:

- We focus on building global leaders who have both the knowledge and the skills to make our world a better place. Many programs just offer coursework. We go beyond the classroom to offer training on leadership and social entrepreneurship, and provide space for Scholars to practice and refine new skills through developing innovative projects they can launch back at home. We spent about half of our time learning from experts, offices and institutions.
- Our popular Action Lab workshops give you advanced training you won't get anywhere else, focusing on: Systems Thinking and Complex Problem-Solving; Diversity and Inclusion; Dialogue and Conflict Resolution; Strategic Action Planning; Activating your Story, Values and Vision; and Ethical Decision Making.
- We offer unique and unparalleled space and community. Nowhere else will Scholars be exposed to the brightest young minds thinking about global issues in a "can-do" way.
- Scholars develop real projects or actions during Daily Challenges and a Final Project, which they actually launch during the program. They can apply for small funding to continue this work after the program, too.
- Global Scholar is part of a broader youth movement of concerned, young global citizens. The experience extends way beyond the session; participants enter a family of student leaders affecting change on their campuses and in their communities. Over 100,000 youth have participated in our programs since we were founded by students at Yale after 9/11, and our alumni have gone on to lead student organizations; work for international organizations, the UN, the State Department and more; participate in prestigious gap year and language programs; and enroll at top institutions like Harvard, Columbia, Yale and the University of Chicago. Most importantly, they've developed a good sense of how they can have an impact on issues they care about, and launched their careers with a firm sense of purpose and strong set of skills to succeed.
- We're affordable. We're run by a national student organization, and we charge just enough to cover our costs. You'll find that our programs are significantly less expensive than other summer programs. This isn't a business for us; we're not out to charge students and their families exorbitant fees to participate. Rather, we see this program as our contribution to empowering a generation able to build a better world. We offer a Pay-What-You-Can model, scholarships and can help you fundraise from family and friends to attend.

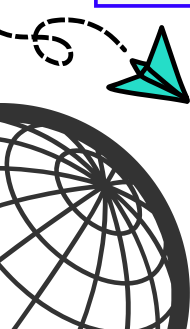
How is Global Scholar different from taking a class?

Global Scholar goes way beyond traditional learning. Through very interactive workshops, seminars, small-group activities, and engaging assignments and projects, Global Scholars not only learn information, they practice and refine how to apply their new knowledge and skills to their lives. Our driving belief is that it's not just what you know in the world, it's who you are and what you do to make it a better place.

Only through our powerful mix of content, alongside a group of equally inspiring peers, and driven by this urgent moment in time, will Scholars truly get the skills and the support they need to be global leaders.

"I haven't studied these issues before" – does that matter?

Global Scholar is intended to be an intense survey program. Although many of our participants have had some exposure to global issues, for example through school or travel, it's definitely not required (and many others don't). The only thing that's required is an interest in exploring global challenges like poverty and climate change, as well as the US role in addressing them. Sessions introduce key issues and concepts, and background readings and assignments provide additional depth. The sessions move at a quick pace, and even those who are familiar with these issues will be challenged to deepen their understanding even further. This is particularly true during the Action Lab, when Scholars design their own project or event.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who teaches the global issue seminars?

Unpacking the greatest global challenges facing us today is a cornerstone of the Global Scholar experience. Learning happens through seminars with experts with deep and hands-on experience working on the issues we discuss throughout the program, from climate change to global health to the rights of women and girls. Past speakers include: Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins; Former US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman; Asia Jackson, Actress and SKNFLUENCER Founder; Omer Kanat, Founder, Uyghur Human Rights Project; Franklin Morales, Head Of Commercial and Economic Development Affairs, Embassy of Panama; Niamh King, Deputy Director, Aspen Strategy Group, and many, many more.

In addition, we meet with many young leaders of organizations, movements and campaigns, too. This is a true highlight of the program, reinforcing our founding premise that young people have the knowledge and skills to be leaders in this work. Recent youth speakers include: Renata Koch Alvarenga, Founder and Director of EmpoderaClima; Marie Claire Kaberamanzi, Girls' Education Advocate with Malala Fund; Wadi Ben-Hirki, Ashoka Fellow and Nigerian Activist; and Sahana Kaur, Chair of Amnesty International Malaysia's Youth Committee. Check them out on the website (Under Global Scholar -> Speakers).

Who are the program staff?

Global Scholar staff are experienced leaders, educators, change makers, and advocates. Our longtime program director Karen Showalter has led the program the past twelve years, and has over 20 years of experience working on global and domestic policy issues. Training Director Aris Hines has extensive experience as a global educator in both the US and the Philippines, and is a recognized designer, artist and playwright. Our summer staff always includes program alumni, who return to give back to the program, too!

What are the Action Lab workshops?

Our Action Lab workshops are a highlight of the Global Scholar experience, and a real standout feature of our program. These aren't your generic public speaking seminars. We offer transformative experiences that engage, uplift, and challenge participants to build their personal leadership skills, their ability to engage others, and their savvy for engaging the world and systems around them. Workshops are led by our experienced youth trainers, including Aris Hines and Gabrielle Fullam. We also welcome many exiting guest trainers into the program, including other youth leaders and changemakers.

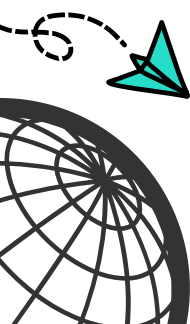
How should I prepare for the program?

We will share a list of useful background resources in June, including light readings and videos. which will help you familiarize yourself with some key terms and concepts we'll discuss during the program. The full list should take no longer than 6 hours or so to review, and it's not required.

Where can I find final paperwork?

All of the final paperwork for parents and students can be found on the new application portal in late spring, and you can sign the forms digitally. You can also make final payments via this portal. Watch for your log-in link, and let us know if you have any questions.

Find the full list of FAQ on the Admitted Student Webpage!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is Global Scholar part of a larger organization?

Global Scholar is run by AMP Global Youth / Americans for Informed Democracy, a non-profit organization founded by students at Yale after 9/11 to help youth understand global challenges and build their skills for taking action. Our mission is to amplify the voices of youth around our greatest global challenges.

Our goal is to inspire student conversation around our individual and collective role in the world and key global challenges facing us today. These conversations are based on the premise that the U.S. does have an important role to play beyond our own borders. We strive to help students understand all sides of issues and empower them to formulate their own opinions on the best courses of action for our country to take.

What if my plans change? What's your cancellation policy?

We work hard to keep costs low and to provide a valuable program that is competitive with similar offerings, so we ask for your understanding to respect our Cancellation and Refund Policy.

If you cancel within 30 days of the start date of your Global Scholar session, you won't receive a refund. If you cancel within 60 days but more than 30 days to the start date of your Global Scholar, you will receive a refund of 50% of the amount you've paid, excluding your non-refundable Application Fee.

If we are forced to cancel in-person programming, any student who has been accepted to an in-person program is welcome to switch to a virtual session, or receive a full refund of any fees paid.

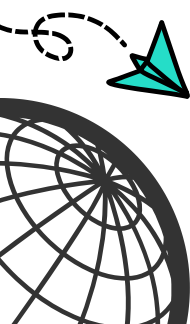
Space at our courses is limited, and we have to reserve student housing and vendors well in advance. As a result, our ability to provide refunds is limited strictly to these timetables. We understand that few can afford to pay for a program that they can't attend, so we strongly encourage you to consider our refund policy when making future plans and to plan carefully.

What is your COVID safety plan (for in-person participants)?

We follow the recommendations from the CDC, DC Department of Health, and our host campus. Participants will be required to be vaccinated and boosted, unless they have a medical exemption, and provide a negative COVID test. We are continuing to update final protocols around masking, COVID exposure and more on the Admitted Students page.

Have other questions?

- Our Admitted Students Webpage will always have the latest information and updates. We'll also email families with any important updates.
- Join us for one of our upcoming Welcome Calls in June. Date and links will be posted, you guessed it, on the Admitted Students Webpage! .
- Other questions? Please contact us at globalscholar@ampglobalyouth.org
- During the program, families and Scholars can also contact staff via cell phone. We will share contact information prior to the program start.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Washington, D.C.



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HOW IS THE WASHINGTON, DC PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

Here's a snapshot of a typical day in D.C.:

- 8 AM: Breakfast
- 9 AM: Group check in and welcome to the day
- 10-11:30 AM: Meet with experts at the Aspen Institute (Off Campus) to discuss Global Security
- 11:30-12:30 PM: Lunch and walk by the White House
- 2-4:30 PM: Systems Thinking Workshop (On Campus)
- 5:30-6:30 PM: Dinner
- 7-9 PM: Social Event / Project Work

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WHAT ARE THE DORMS LIKE?

Scholars stay in dorms, along with our staff. They are placed in well-equipped double or triple rooms, and share a bathroom with others on their hall. Laundry facilities, snack machines, a tv lounge and many other amenities are available in the dorm. A campus ID is required to access the dorm.. This is a real college experience!

We share meals in one of the dining halls on campus, which offers hot items, a nice salad bar, daily specials, and plenty of vegetarian items. The cafeteria can accommodate other dietary needs like gluten-free and allergies. A coffee shop and a couple of fast food restaurants are also located nearby. Please contact us with specific questions about dietary needs or concerns.

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HOW DO I FIND CAMPUS ON THE FIRST DAY?

Upon registration Scholars can opt for us to pick them up / drop them off at their points of arrival. Our program starts at 6pm on the first day.

Washington has good public transportation, and we use it as much as possible. We will share final details on pick ups, housing, contact information, and more with Scholars and families in June.

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WHAT OTHER COSTS ARE SCHOLARS RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY SHOULD I BRING?

The program fee includes room, board, materials and the program itself. Scholars are responsible for paying for transportation to/from Washington DC (including an airport transfer fee if we pick you up), snacks, laundry costs and spending money. Scholars are also expected to pay for lunch on the day when we sightsee downtown (we usually stop at food trucks, so this might be \$10-\$15). Although it's hard to estimate, a reasonable amount of spending money might be \$50/week. We will stop at a grocery store within the first day to give Scholars the chance to purchase snacks, shampoo, and/or other items they need.

Where can I find more information?

Our Admitted Students Webpage. Click the link in your acceptance email or follow the link below:

<https://www.ampglobalyouth.org/admitted-students-webpage/>



AMP GLOBAL YOUTH DIRECTORS



Aris Hines | Training Director

Aris Hines (He/Him) is an Explorer, Artist, and Activist. As an African and Native American identifying facilitator, Aris continues to build on his five-year background in community and youth development. He has an AA in Theatre Arts from the Community College of Baltimore County and a BS in Theatre Studies, Film & Media, and Women's Studies from Towson University. As a Theatre Teaching Artist, Aris has focused all of his work on youth, children, and families from underrepresented communities. A recently returned Peace Corps Volunteer and a certified TEFL/TESL instructor, Mr. Hines has taught and tutored English as a Second Language to students in the Philippines. His work as a Facilitator has also allowed him to train participants on topics such as global citizenship, project management, college readiness, and sexual health. Mr. Hines has taught students from the United States, South Korea, Morocco, Japan, and Africa. When not working in the field of education, Aris writes for MTV and New York's Broadway. Aris has a master's degree in International Education from George Washington University.



Karen Showalter | Program Director

Karen has led the Global Scholar program for the past 13 years, and has developed and delivered programming around social change, advocacy, strategic communications, and movement building for over 15 years. She was previously the Executive Director of AMP Global Youth. When not coaching AMP leaders, she's a Senior Director for a national women's organization where she leads state-level campaigns around equal pay, paid family and medical leave, access to childcare and early learning, and more. Previously, she ran Oxfam International's Essential Services Campaign in Mali, coordinating the interaction between national and global campaigns around access to education. She has also worked with Netcentric Campaigns as a movement-building and social media advisor for organizations working on human rights, women's empowerment, and security challenges. Karen got her start as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa. She has degrees from Princeton University (MPA), the University of Michigan (BA, Honors), and Horace Mann School. Karen also runs a sustainable historic family farm in Southern Ohio, is a Penn State Master Gardener, and is a mom of two.

Watch for the full list of summer staff in the spring!

