



The Global Citizenship Alliance (GCA) was founded as an independent organization to continue, strengthen and expand the work of the Salzburg Global Seminar's successful Global Citizenship Program. Within twelve years, the GCP had become one of the largest, most systematic, and most comprehensive program on global citizenship education in the United States. Its focus was on institutional development and change with the goal of enabling colleges and universities to graduate students who are aware of their place in a globalizing world, have a sound understanding the challenges we are confronting, and are willing and capable to make a difference.

The GCP offered a unique combination of a short-term and intense study abroad experience for students and weeklong workshops for faculty and administrators to develop tailored approaches of incorporating global citizenship education into the DNA of their institutions.

Since its inception in January 2004, the GCP had

- partnered with about 80 colleges and universities across the U.S. from San Diego to New York and from Miami to Chicago
- conducted 71 weeklong sessions on global citizenship education at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria
- involved more than 3,000 participants, roughly two thirds students, one third faculty and senior level administrators

By virtue of their involvement in the GCP, partner institutions have

- initiated the reorientation of mission/vision statements, strategic plans and student learning outcomes to include global perspectives
- created countless new global education lesson plans, courses, programs, certificates etc
- built critical mass among faculty and administrators to launch and sustain an institution-wide change process to 'globalize the campus'
- formulated their own, institution-specific response to global literacy of their students
- won prestigious national awards for their achievements in promoting global citizenship education*

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- are aware of their place in a globalizing world
- have a sound understanding the challenges confronting humanity and the planet
- are motivated and empowered to make a positive difference in their overlapping local, national and global communities.

Future plans of the Global Citizenship Alliance include

- organizing regional seminars and workshops in the U.S.
- creating a web-based platform to share best practice and facilitate inter-institutional learning communities
- involving universities and colleges outside the U.S. in the GCP
- making the GCP a recognized voice for global citizenship education in the U.S. and beyond

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*San José State University was selected as one of America's Top 10 Programs in Global Citizen Diplomacy by the US Center for Citizen Diplomacy, NAFSA, and the US Department of State in 2010; Borough of Manhattan Community College was recognized with a Paul Simon Spotlight Award by NAFSA, also in 2010