

GLOBAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE COALITION (GEEC)

GEEC YOUTH SUMMIT 2018

JULY 14-24TH 2018 (JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA)

The Global Education Exchange Coalition (GEEC) is a collaboration of international universities, community organizations, schools, businesses and other NGOs, to connect youth and educators from across the United States with youth and communities around the world via video conference and travel abroad. The GEEC Youth Summit allows youth from different cities around the world to think globally and act locally in their communities.

During the Swaliga South Africa Exchange 2018, learners and educators from across the U.S. will work with their peers in South Africa to engage in meaningful dialogue and interactive workshops that build well rounded young citizens through Music & STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts & Math), Entrepreneurship & Leadership, and Health/Wellness & Sports. Over the course of 10 days July 14 to July 24, a group of more than 40 students and educators from Washington, D.C, Nashville, TN, Houston, TX and Los Angeles, CA will travel to South Africa to participate in this week-long experience full of workshops and excursions; all culminating at the GEEC Youth Summit (July 20, 2018), a community concert celebration in Eldorado Park.

Following general plenary sessions, learners will have the opportunity to engage in breakout sessions that build well rounded young citizens through activities such as Engineering Design, Yoga, Professional Development, Music Production and more, all while strengthening their leadership, confidence, and communication skills. These diverse activities include facilitators from both countries to encourage a mutual exchange of ideas and talents.

During this trip the group will work directly with over 1,000 young people in South Africa culminating in a community concert that will highlight the youth from both countries and their accomplishments at the GEEC Youth Summit. One of the goals of this year's trip is to complete an Engineering Service Project (ESP) that could provide free lighting solutions for over 100 families currently living without electricity. By designing and constructing solar powered jar lamps, learners will engage in Engineering Design and solar energy concepts that teach new skills to youth in South Africa; allowing them to sustain the project and provide light for more families in the future.

Thanks to our esteemed partners including From The Heart International Education Services, South Union Community Development Corporation, the Village Health Foundation, Word Live Youth Foundation and Tseyo Yoga we have the opportunity to create a dynamic and sustainable global impact with the youth we serve. With your support we will achieve our goal of providing opportunities for young people to build relationships internationally while developing lasting solutions to improve their local communities.