

Ambassador NEWSLETTER





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A Letter From Yumi

Dear Ambassadors and Fellows,

Happy New Year from GCI!

2019 has been another year of firsts for us and for the GCI Family as a whole.

We held our first Summit (and Seminar) outside of Cambridge, Massachusetts and went all the way to Tokyo, Japan! For the first time all 7 of our Teaching Assistants (TAs) were Ambassadors. We could not have been prouder of how they utilized the mindset and skills fostered by their experiences during their Fellowships to help nurture a new group of Fellows.

Tokyo also paved the way for the Global Forum 2019: IGNITE! Japan, which opened the doors to more than 450 people to discuss how to prepare the workforce of tomorrow in Japan with guest speakers and panelists, including some of GCI's own Japanese Ambassadors.

This fall, we continued to develop the Ambassadorship experience by hosting reunions around the world and increasing the involvement of the Ambassador Advisory Council. We also celebrated five years of agents of positive change with a new marketing brochure and video to highlight not only GCI's journey, but also your stories and achievements as global leaders.

No matter where life takes you, whether that be any of a number of universities around the world to jobs with NGOs, research institutions, investment banks and consulting firms or your own start-ups, we continue to be inspired by your bright futures and ambitious resolves.

In this new year and new decade, please remember that it is also important to take a pause every now and then to think about how you define "success" and try to balance your career with things that are most special: family, deep and meaningful friendships, your health and the joy of philanthropy and giving back.

Thank you for sharing your accomplishments and updates with us. We continue to grow and expand our community around the world and could not do that without all of you. We are here to support you on your journeys as global citizens and look forward to building a global and dynamic community together.

Sincerely yours,

Yumi Kuwana
President and Founder

*Above, Yumi Kuwana giving
her plenary at the 6th Annual
GCI Summit in Tokyo.*

Fall 2019 Reunions

Alexandra S. Alicia. Birk. David S. Ghada. Hidehiko. Isabella.
Karishma. Kemmia. Kevin. Krissy. Kylie. Luke. Mako I.
Mako M. Marisa. Matthew. Michelle. Omar. Takunda. Wisdom.



This fall, GCI held 3 Mini Reunions in London, New York and Tokyo and a larger Reunion in Washington, DC. Over 25 Ambassadors, Fellows and special guests joined us around the world for these occasions and shared their life updates and aspirations with us.

The DC Reunion on Saturday, November 16 was hosted at Halcyon House, where we were treated to an introduction to the Halcyon Incubator for social entrepreneurs from Maggie Connolly and Halcyon Fellow Maksat Rysaliev.



Following a Harkness® style discussion and GCI updates over lunch, our featured speaker John Heffernan led us in a discussion and activity on human rights. Mr. Heffernan has over thirty years of experience in international development, human rights, humanitarian relief and post-conflict reconstruction projects in the United States, Africa, South America, Asia and Europe.



After our human rights activity, we heard from three GCI Ambassadors who are all members of the Ambassador Advisory Council and former Teaching Assistants: Krissy Truesdale (2014, TA 2017 and 2019), Ghada Amer (2014, TA 2017 and 2018) and Takunda Ushe (2015, TA 2018). The Ambassador Advisory Council (AAC) serves in an advisory capacity to GCI by helping to create a central hub for news, opportunities and events for the Ambassador community.

Thank you to Krissy, Ghada and Takunda for sharing their experiences, professional reflections and career goals. We are so grateful to all of our speakers for showing our Ambassadors the possibilities for their future as they graduate from university and begin their careers.



We also want to thank our generous supporters who joined us as special guests at these reunions and who make it possible for us to continue to engage our growing cohort of Ambassadors. Every opportunity for us to connect and hear from our youth is special and we are grateful for your continued interest in being a part of our Ambassadors' and Fellows' journeys.

2019

Our Newest Fellows

Alicia. Amirali. Anna. Ava. Can. Chaitanya. Dina. Duc. Elyes. Jennie. Karina Brunella. Kenzo. Kevin. Kimberly. Kosuke. Lucy. Luke. Milei. Mohammad. Nicole. Oluwatise. Osasenaga. Ranay. Rincheen. Sean. Takaya. Will. Yan Ying.



The GCI Fellowship 2019 began at the Summit in Tokyo, where our 28 Fellows from all over the world took part in our first international Summit. The world felt like it expanded with possibility and potential as our Fellows met for the first time and began to learn about each other.

The 2019 cohort is comprised of representatives of 26 different cultural heritages who speak 24 different languages. We are incredibly impressed by each Fellow's

unique perspective and desire to improve the world in innovative and empathetic ways.

Every day we enjoyed the thoughtful questions and fascinating discussions that took place during the Summit. The Fellows saw Tokyo from up high (thanks to dinners hosted at technology giant Google and Japanese newspaper publisher Yomiuri Shimbun) and reached amazing heights

of their own as they participated in activities that broke down barriers, built up trust and explored Discussion-Based Learning and Design Thinking.

Throughout the week, the Fellows had the opportunity to learn from the GCI Faculty, Teaching Assistants, Inspirational Speakers, Seminar Educators, the GCI Team and, most importantly, each other. Together, we explored our cultural diversity and unique understanding of the world to open our eyes to new perspectives and ideas.

In between the academic sessions, Glocal Service Project workshops, speakers and more, new and old friends found time to bond and connect. As the Fellows made their way to breakfast and Morning Circle each morning and as they

tried new foods and continued to connect over homework and presentation preparation each evening, they all found new ways to share their own experiences with one another.

While we were sad to see everyone go, we know that the conversations started at the Summit are far from over and we are all looking forward to the next GCI Reunion!

Since the 28 Fellows have returned home, they have continued to work diligently on their Glocal Service Projects and we continue to be impressed by their dedication to making an impact. We are excited to follow their journeys as they change the world for the better, just like our Ambassadors.



2018

Abby. Adya. Alexander. Alexandra. Alqaim. Anas. Andy. Birk. Diane. Eita. Elizabeth. Emiri. Jae. Khue. Louis. Maile. Maria Vitoria. Milgo. Nga Laam. Osama. Pratika. Rawad. Sama. Shelzy. Skylar. Tanner. Tsetsen. Zaid.



Alex
United States, Venezuela

Stanford University Class of 2023.



Right, Alex with Yumi Kuwana during a visit to the GCI office in Greenwich, CT.



Alex The Netherlands, United States

I am currently doing IB and working on university applications! Genuinely, GCI changed a lot about how I view the world and the way I carry myself. I am a lot more interested in learning more about the different places I know nothing about and excited to find out more.



Above, a photo shared by Alex as she participated in the Global Climate Strike in London on March 5, 2019.



Alqaim Tanzania

My transition to Columbia University has been very smooth and I am beyond thankful for the opportunity I have been afforded. I am loving New York City, especially its culinary scene and the wonderful people from all walks of life! I am on the Board of Columbia's Economics Society, a contributing writer for the Economics Review and an editor of the Journal of History. My GCI Mentor Josh and I recently grabbed coffee together and shared fond memories of my journey as a Fellow, and his role in my personal growth. Although I am not actively engaged with my GSP right now, I have met with faculty at the Columbia Business School to discuss potential plans for the future.



Birk United States

Duke University
Class of 2023.



Above, Birk at the GCI Reunion in DC with Wisdom (2016), Omar (2017) and Ghada (2014, TA 2017 & 2018, AAC).



Diane
Kenya

I am currently taking a gap year in Kenya where I'm still working on my project, to create better understanding and unity between Kenyans of different backgrounds and tribes, and turning it into an online platform. I am also working with a social media page to increase mental health awareness in Africa.



Eita
Japan, United States

I am currently applying to college. I submitted my early decision application to Columbia University and early action applications to Babson College and Northeastern University. I am waiting for good news in December... Wish me luck!



Above, a photo from Khue's graduation.



Khue
Vietnam

I am currently taking a gap year in Vietnam after graduating from high school.

Our Fellowship 2018 GSP Seed Funding Competition \$500 Grant Runner Up and \$1000 Grant Winner, respectively:



Louis
Nigeria

Since graduating high school, I'm actually taking a gap year so I have been home in Calabar until next year. I'm doing some other fundraising to see if I can get more money. Right now, my target is people I know already, which is a mix of people in the private and public sector. That way, I can reach more people.



Vivian
Hong Kong

Actualizing an idea into action in the scale of the community for the first time is tougher than I have imagined. Having to design the solution to the “How might we question” at the beginning, pitch my ideas to lots of people, and finally implementing it, I felt that I have stepped out of my comfort zone. I have learned to be persistent with what I believe in, even after facing countless rejections when finding venues and participants. At the same time, I become more aware of the importance of keeping an open mind when many others offered their advice to better the plans for EdQuity. I am grateful for the assistance provided by my mentor Katherine and GCI staffs when I was in doubt, and also the disapprovals from those who refused to give me a helping hand, such as my vice school principal and the social workers at community centers. They motivated me to inspect each and every small detail of the program for further improvements. I am also thankful for the help from my friends who became facilitators and helped promoted the program to their friends. The success of EdQuity once again reassured me that nothing is impossible- even when everything is not going according to plan.

Johns Hopkins University Class of 2023.



*Left above, a photo of Louis on television.
Below, Vivian and Tsetsen (2018) reuniting in Hong Kong.*



Shelzy United States

University of California, Los Angeles Class of 2023.

Right, Shelzy, Kimberly (2019) and Kevin (2019) with Maya Kinsman at the Facing History and Ourselves (FHAO) annual Upstander Celebration.



Tsetsen Mongolia, Australia

I've recently graduated high school and been accepted to the oldest university in Australia, the University of Sydney. Other than that, I've been working part-time in Mongolia in the downtime between the end of the Mongolian academic year and the start of the Australian academic year. And although I've stopped working on my GSP, I'm still applying that idea of sustainable affordable eating towards myself and my family, and looking to renew the idea through another avenue.

I am working towards an internship with the NSW department of Justice in the upcoming year.

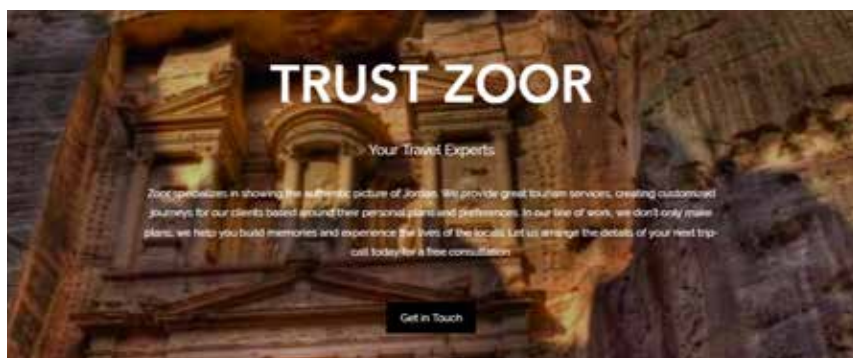


Zaid Jordan

My goals for the upcoming year include:

- Travel abroad again since I did not have the chance to study abroad
- Attend more conferences and meet new people
- Maintain good grades to maintain scholarships
- Be able to do a windmill dunk

The University of Jordan Class of 2024, studying dentistry.



Left, a screenshot of the website for Zaid's GSP Zoor.

2017

Abdallah. Catherine. Daniel. Elif. Gianna. Giuliana. Haydn. Ider. Joe. Karla. Kelsey. Kemmia. Konstantina. Kuzivakwashe. Kylie. Mako. Marius. Masa. Matt. Norzin. Obaidullah. Omar. Omowunmi. Paulo. Sydney. Taylor. Trevor. Yue.



Catherine
United States

Hawai'i Pacific
University, Class of
2022.

*Right, photo from Catherine's
Instagram story when she met
up with Elif:
"hawai'i & turkey reunite ♥"*



Elif
Turkey, United
States

University of California,
Berkeley, Class of
2022.

I have been running
into people who have
participated in GCI as well and
honestly, they're all great people! It
makes me really happy.



Gianna
United States

I have been in Boston (studying at Northeastern) since January, and I am loving it here! I am currently majoring in Political Science and International Affairs with a Spanish Minor. All of my classes are very interesting but I especially enjoy my Globalization and International Affairs class. An assignment I just completed for that class included writing a paper on living off of \$5 a day in Boston. The focus of the paper was an attempt to understand a fraction of the hardships that come with living with a low income in the globalized world.

My summer plans included studying abroad in Peru at the university, UNIFE. I took classes in Spanish Language and Peruvian Culture to fulfill some of my Spanish minor requirements. This opportunity was another one of Northeastern's signature international programs, specifically called a "Dialogue of Civilizations". I studied abroad from mid May to late June and then I returned to my job as a camp counselor at the Hudson Country Montessori School In New Rochelle, NY for the rest of the summer.



Ider
Mongolia

I'm studying hard towards a Physics degree at Columbia University, harder than I've ever worked before. I'm building good friendships and have been exceptionally introspective and, for lack of a better word, friendly with myself lately. I take it as a good sign of personal growth.



Giuliana
Chile, Canada

I have moved from Santiago de Chile to Toronto, to go study in the University of Toronto for the next few years. I have also gotten the chance to spend a lot of time with GCI Ambassador 2017 Haydn Robarts given both his trip to Chile for community service in the Santiago Bahai temple and how now he is living in Toronto a block away from my university!

In the short term, I am looking for summer internships as a first year for this summer. In the long term, I am planning on proceeding to Law School after I finish my degree at U of T.



*Right, a recent photo of Giuliana.
Below, a recent photo of Gianna.*





Kelsey

United States

I am currently doing my second year at Yale University, considering a major in Sociology. I actually lived with Nancy (Ambassador '16) last year! I am considering doing a term abroad for my third year. My goals for the upcoming year include choosing a major and saying yes to opportunities more often!



Kemmia

United States

Since my time at GCI, I have been finishing up my last two years of high school, working tirelessly in my classes and extra-curriculars to be prepared for college applications. Because of GCI, I have become even more involved with my school and local community to make “glocal” impacts. I helped organize my school’s diversity workshop, Students Pursuing Equity and Kindness (SPEAK), and I immersed myself in “behind the scenes” efforts of internationally focused events like our International Festival of North Carolina and my school’s version of the event in which I was the emcee. I also attended a Youth and Government Conference in which students go through simulations of public policy making in the US. When college acceptances came out, I learned that my heart belongs to the Wolfpack at NC State! After receiving the Clarke Worthington Character Award and graduating from Ravenscroft School with the International Diploma in June 2019, I spent this past Summer traveling to and experiencing Barcelona with my family and spending time with my friends before we left for our respective colleges. The trip to Barcelona was a significant deciding factor of my major of Communications and gave me a good idea of where I wanted to study abroad in the future. Since starting classes in August, it has been extremely fun meeting new people and being in a college environment! I believe that I’ll be adding a sociology minor before my sophomore year begins in 2020.

My academic goals include making the dean’s list/honor roll and joining an honors fraternity by the end of the year. I am also thinking about applying for an internship for an event management company that hosts events for non-profits with a focus on sustainability.



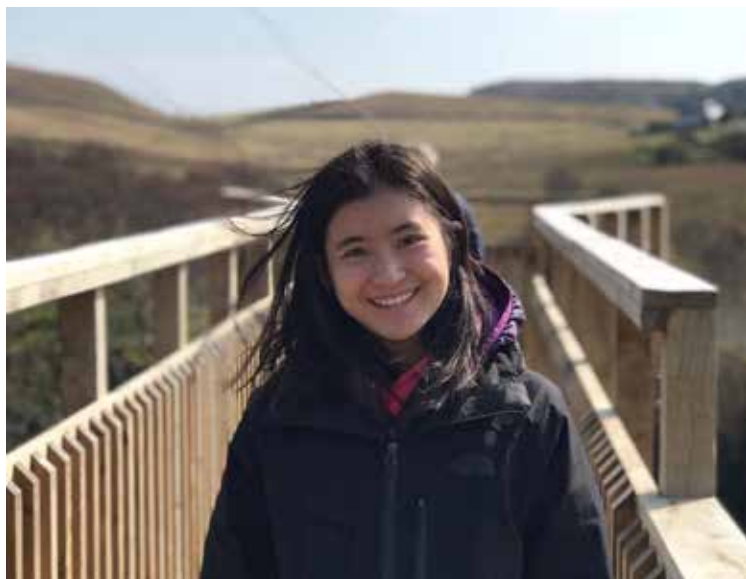
Kylie

Hong Kong, Australia

I am very thankful because I think that I am currently in a university and a course that fits me very well. It allows me to pursue my passion in Physics and also have a sociology minor. I also love the extremely diverse environment here at University College London; I have been meeting a lot of people, making many friends and learning a lot from them. Academically, I hope to maintain the standard that I achieved last year and also to explore postgraduate study opportunities. Personally, I am working on improving and growing my blog.



Above, Ambassadors 2017 at the GCI Reunion in DC: Kemmia, Matt (with Takunda 2015, TA 2018 and AAC) and Omar.



Above Left, a recent photo of Kylie.

Above Right, Sydney with Yumi Kuwana during a visit to the GCI Office in Greenwich, CT.



Sydney Kenya

I have changed to a different GSP where I am trying to help students from low income and marginalized communities gain access to higher education. I am looking forward to getting to run the first cohort of my new GSP in the upcoming year.

I am studying economics at Wesleyan University, Class of 2022.

2016

Abigail. Abokor. Anwaar. Audrey. Bella. Bushra. David. Edward. Erica. Erik. Esmatullah. Jenny. JD. Kamel. Lara. Lawrence. Michelle. Molly. Nadine. Nancy. Philip. Robin. Roland. Saria. Sohini. Tomás. Wei Yang. Wisdom.



Bushra Jordan

I'm in my third year studying International Economics at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Outside of the classroom, I consult for social impact national and international non-profits and start-ups at Innovo-Consulting, which allows me to constantly make an impact every day. Thanks to GCI, having a global family has become one of my priorities. So, I direct marketing for the International Student Association and organize events that bring together international and domestic students through programs like Global Buddies. Finally, I'm the Senior Editor at the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, where I work with experts in international affairs, ambassadors, and leaders to publish articles in the journal. The global focus of my studies and activities is an extension of my genuine care for making a positive impact to the world.



David

United States

I am studying abroad for my junior year at Georgetown. I have been in Mexico and my parents' hometown to study since September. From January through April or May 2020, I will be doing the 3 Campus East Asian Program through Georgetown in Tokyo, Hong Kong and South Korea. I continue to take Japanese and am very excited to go to Japan next year. I have met so many people through my NPO work at school where I do paralegal work for communities from humble means. I took a class with Bushra last semester and we study together for exams!



Michelle

*TA 2019 Mongolia, United States

My recent updates include:

- My Directorial Debut at "In The Works" 10 Minute Play festival, ("DOPPELGANGERS" by Payton Crispe)
- Working as the Assistant Director on Fall 2019 BFA Mainstage Production of "Fuente Ovejuna: A Disloyal Adaptation" by Cusi Cram
- I also Co-Founded and current Vice President of Creative Technologies Research Lab, a student organization dedicated to sharing design resources and holding workshops on technical theatre
- Working as a Special Events Associate at New York Kids Club and Preschools
- TAing at the GCI Summit in Tokyo!

In the upcoming year, I am

- applying for dual-degree masters program (MA in Arts and Media Entrepreneurship)
- working with Theater-in-Education theater companies for a teaching artist internship in the Spring semester
- drafting proposal to direct a studio project (full-length play).



Sari

*TA 2019 Syria, Canada

I am a junior at Georgetown University. I do public speaking events about my experience in Syria, and have spoken at over 45 places around the world. One can often catch me trying to put a smile on someone's face, contemplating life, or pushing others to think outside the box. This summer, I was one of the 7 Teaching Assistants at the GCI Summit in Tokyo!



Left, Michelle reciting a poem written by her and Ukay (2014) for the Celebratory Dinner at the GCI Summit in Tokyo.



Right, Sari and Ukay (2014) wearing the TA polos and modeling Salesforce backpacks at the GCI Summit in Tokyo.



Left, Wisdom at the GCI Reunion in DC with Birk (2018), Omar (2017) and Ghada (2014, TA 2017 and 2018, AAC).

2015

Abdirahim. Alvin. Anna. Aziza. David. Eliza. Fabrice. Falih. Henry.
Hidehiko. Jessica. Kevin. Laurel. Mako. Muslima. Nestor. Nuhamin.
Patricia. Shinnosuke. Sydnie. Takunda. Tomas. Whitney. Yumeka.



Abdirahim *TA 2017
Somaliland

Everything is going very well. I am focused on enjoying my final year at Brown and reflecting on the many ups and downs of college life. I am looking forward to working with Bain & Company as an Associate Consultant in Boston next year!



*Above, Abdirahim with
Yumi Kuwana.*



Alvin Hong Kong

I'm currently on exchange at the University of Sydney for the semester! The culture shock has revitalized my worldview as I interact and befriend locals and fellow exchange students alike. I have constant flashbacks of my experiences at the 2015 GCI Youth Summit, as I am currently presenting myself in the same capacity - an ambassador of Hong Kong!

I am also working on a start-up concept with my high school friends, which is focused on providing technological navigational aid to the visually impaired. We were recently invited to showcase our progress at a technology exhibition in Singapore, and the

feedback we've received has been highly motivating to us.

Apart from applying for winter and summer legal internships, I am very eager to devote my time to developing our start-up concept once I return to Hong Kong. The start-up is also the reason why I'm taking a computer coding course here at USyd - I plan on using the course as a springboard to higher level programming, so that I can be more familiar with the mechanisms of our product.

(I'm also trying to curb my overzealous enthusiasm for Netflix streaming and the junk food that inevitably accompanies it - wish me luck!)



David **TA 2017 and 2018, AAC* United States

I am in the process of focusing on my interest in community-based conservation and using artistic mediums to raise support - photography and writing, specifically. I am also exploring conservation management through development roles.

I am hoping to land a job that connects with my interests in conservation and artistic storytelling! As a senior, I am mindful of the next chapter of my life and hopeful that I will leave Columbia with opportunities to pursue. So, immediate goals are to focus in on and develop my online presence relating to my portfolios and work.



Above, a recent photo of Alvin.

Left, David with Krissy (2014, TA 2017 and 2019, AAC), Yumi Kuwana, Kevin (2015, AAC) and Rita Gail Johnson at the Mini Reunion in NYC.



Eliza
United Kingdom

Over third year of college I studied abroad in Utrecht, Netherlands. Beyond graduation in May 2020, I am looking to apply for a law conversion back in England, hoping to obtain my GDL by 2021.

Trinity College Dublin, Class of 2020. History and Political Science.



Hidehiko
Japan

I studied at LMU Munich as an exchange student last semester. I hope to improve my Chinese and Korean language skills in the upcoming year.

This summer I was a speaker at the GCI Global Forum.

University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law, Class of 2021.



Jessica *TA 2019, AAC
United Kingdom

I am a graduate from the University of Cambridge where I studied Human, Social and Political Sciences, specialising in International Politics and Social Anthropology. Since graduating, I have begun my legal career, undertaking the Graduate Diploma in Law in London. I am committed to health and wellbeing, running long distance, and gaining my yoga teacher qualification this year. I regularly teach classes and say that my goal is to encourage others to take yoga off the mat and into their everyday lives. This summer I was a Teaching Assistant at the GCI Summit in Tokyo!



*Above, Hidehiko on stage at the GCI Global Forum with Dr. Linda Hill, Jurin (2014) and Mako (2015, AAC).
Below, Jessica with Marisa (2014, TA 2019) at Yomiuri Shimbun during the GCI Summit in Tokyo.*





Kevin
United States

*AAC

After helping my startup pivot this summer from Homecooked to Gathr (gathraround.com), I found a co-founder to replace me and left the startup I co-founded to pursue new career opportunities. I'm currently searching for product management/marketing roles, as well as operations and sales in more established startups (Series A and beyond) post-graduation. I'm interviewing with the Schwarzman Scholars program next week! If all goes well, I will be pursuing a master's degree in Global Affairs with a focus on entrepreneurship at Tsinghua University next fall. I'm also working on a new project called The Death of Grandfather Lee, a short novella centered around a grandfather who discovers he has early on-set Alzheimer's and wants to share his life story with his granddaughter.

Yale University, Class of 2020.



Mako
Japan

*AAC

I was very honored to be a part of the Global Forum this year at GCYS 2019. I'm currently concentrating on my seminar, studying International Economic Law (WTO/ GATT/ Antitrust Law). My priority is to get a job! I want to rethink what I want to do in my life and choose the best job that can be a plus for that goal.

Keio University, Faculty of Law, Class of 2021.

Right, Mako with Shinn (2015, TA 2019) and Jessica (2015, TA 2019, AAC) when she helped teach the TAs how to make sushi this summer.

Below, spring Mini Reunion in Tokyo with Emiri (2018), Mako I (2017), Jurin (2014), Yumi Kuwana, Clare Timmis and Sao (2014).



Below, Shinn during GSP Workshop with his group of Fellows at the GCI Summit in Tokyo.



Shinn *TA 2019
Japan

I am an undergraduate computer science student at Harvey Mudd College, California. I have had experience working as a software engineer for CYBEX and LongHash, Chinese companies that work on blockchain technology. Additionally, I was a full stack programmer for Indian companies such as WorkIndia and Cube. My interest lies in an interdisciplinary approach between STEM and the humanities. I am an activist that worked for Human Rights Watch Tokyo and was the leader of my high schools' Human Rights Coalition. I was incredibly excited to return to the GCI Summit to assist the participants as a Teaching Assistant this summer where I was able to share some of my insights and passions to help educate the next generation of global leaders.



Takunda *TA 2018, AAC
South Africa, Zimbabwe

I am looking forward to moving to Salt Lake City, Utah next summer (2020) as I begin my full-time position after graduation! My goal is to graduate with some valuable skills in data coding, improve my critical and strategic thinking, problem-solving and communication skills ahead. I would like to acquire some online certifications in these, and personally, I want to work on being my best version, in the broadest of terms.



Yumeka
Japan

I transferred to University of Pennsylvania this fall.



Above, Takunda speaking at the GCI Reunion in DC.

2014

Abhishek. Jawed. Akihiro. Ala. Asrat. Derek. Eden. Elianne.
Fabiola. Ghada. Heather. Joanne. Juhaku. Jurin. Karishma. Kristen.
Marisa. Mikel. Nhi. Nicholas. Noa. Onyinyechi. Pierre. Sao.



Jawed *TA 2015, AAC
Afghanistan

My job is focused on one region (Middle East and Central Asia). I cover the equities, bonds, and currencies markets on a higher level, but also have a specific country team that I work with. In the upcoming year, I hope to pursue more community service in the D.C. area.



Ala Iran

University of Tehran,
Class of 2020.

Right, a recent photo of Ala.



Fabiola Rwanda

I graduated from Minerva School this May! I had an amazing 4 years visiting 6 countries and learned so much. As my class was the very first cohort, there was much to learn together including a lot of feedback to the school. It was a very iterative process, but all worth the time and effort. I continue to be passionate about education and my dream is to start a high caliber high school back home in Rwanda.

I aim to one day study at Stanford's Learning, Design and Technology School or Harvard Graduate School of Education. My dream one day is to be the Minister of Education in Rwanda.



Ghada *TA 2017 and 2018, AAC Jordan

I will graduate from Harvard in 2020. My passions lie with politics, human rights and legal studies. For my Honors Dissertation, I am conducting a research project on the First Ladies of the Arab World. I previously worked with International Bridges to Justice in Geneva and the International Criminal Court in the Hague.



*Right, Ghada speaking at the
GCI Reunion in DC.*



Juhaku
Japan

University of Toronto.



Jurin
Japan

I am a student at the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo, where I study law and political science. I am currently the vice president of Midorikai Student Body Council and a member of UTokyo Student Legal Services, where I volunteer as a student legal adviser. I was a speaker at the GCI Global Forum this summer.



Karishma *TA 2016, AAC
Kenya

I was enthralled and honored to receive the opportunity to represent my school in front of over 30,000 graduates, as I was selected to be the Tisch Bachelors Representative at Commencement. I graduated this May and was honored to receive the Richard Hull Fellowship and Bevy Rosten Memorial Award, as well as Theatre Studies Honors.

This summer I served as a production assistant and worked directly with the producing director and team of the Sundance Institute Theatre Lab. Currently, I am an Education Apprentice at the Roundabout Theatre Company in New York City.



Right Top, Jurin speaking at the GCI Global Forum with Dr. Linda Hill and Hidehiko (2015).

Right Bottom, Karishma at the Mini Reunion in NYC with Michelle (2016, TA 2019) and Maya Kinsman.



Krissy Kenya

**TA 2017 and 2019, AAC*

Life is wonderful! I graduated with my bachelors, got engaged, and am planning the next steps for a career implementing the Sustainable Development Goals! I enjoyed spending time with the community as a TA in Tokyo this past summer, and I'm really looking forward to participating on the Ambassador Advisory Council as a way to continue building the partnerships needed to achieve the big goals we have for the world. Though a little self-conscious of not having an impressive title to describe myself with right after school, I am grateful for time I carved out to consider my life's current balance of self-care, career ambitions, and relationship goals. I look forward to what the future brings in a continued pursuit to change the world as a social entrepreneur, and especially to hearing about the developments occurring in parallel of my fellow Ambassadors.



*Above Left, Krissy at graduation.
Above Right, Krissy speaking at the GCI Reunion in DC.
Right, Krissy at the Digital Art Museum during the GCI Summit in Tokyo!*



Marisa *TA 2019
Japan, United States

Konnichiwa! I study Animal Science at Cornell University. I love volunteering with animals, watching Japanese documentaries with my parents, and weight lifting! I am passionate about different cultures' cuisines; you can always find me watching all cooking shows – you name it! While I'm unsure what I'd like to do as a career, I hope that I will be helping people. Maybe I'll end up as a doctor, aiming to see my patients smile cheerfully as they start feeling better! Maybe I'll become a researcher, hopeful to improve the international public health system. Whatever I end up deciding, I hope that I can make a change – big or small – with the help of the wonderful and inspiring support system around me. This summer I interned with GCI and was a Teaching Assistant at the Summit in Tokyo!



Ukay *TA 2019
Nigeria

This summer, I was a Teaching Assistant at the GCI Summit in Tokyo! I am currently a Research Technician at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard .

Below, Marisa and Ukay with the other Teaching Assistants at the GCI Summit in Tokyo: Michelle (2016), Sari (2016), Shinn (2015), Jessica (2015, AAC) and Krissy (2014, TA 2017, AAC).



132 GCI Ambassadors + 28 Fellows

2019

Alicia Corradini
Amirali Monshizadeh
Anna Komisarof
Ava Hillman
Can Ozcan
Chaitanya Venkateswaran
Dina Dawod
Duc Dam
Elyes Laalai
Jennie Ebihara
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