

Live Your Dream- Study Abroad!

Global Study Connections



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What We Do

GSC provides a variety of services for students and families designed to ensure that a student's study abroad experience meets their academic, social and cultural needs. We work with parents and international partners to ensure that a student has a positive, nurturing and safe experience as they study abroad.

- **Boarding and Day School Application Processing**

GSC staff work directly with students and their parents, as well as overseas partners, in finding an independent school that fits the academic goals of a student.

- **TOEFL and SAT Prep - US Based**

Partnering with Dr. Liz Kwo M.D. and her team of educators, GSC is able to offer SAT I, ACT and TOEFL prep classes. These classes are offered during school breaks, as well as on-site at various partnering schools throughout the year.

- **Teacher and Staff Training**

GSC staff members make themselves available to schools for professional development training of a school's faculty, dorm parents and residential life staff in a variety of topics related to working with international students.

- **Host Family Placement**

GSC provides host family placement services to international families, as well as to many of the day schools that partner with GSC. GSC screens all its host families, conducts background checks and conducts an onsite visit prior to placement.

- **Tutoring and Academic Support**

When needed or requested, GSC works with parents and school administrators to arrange private tutoring or academic support for a student who is having academic difficulties or who wants to improve their academic standing.

- **One Year Study Programs & Pathways Programming**

For detailed information see Long Term Programs.

- **Short Term & Summer Programs**

For detailed information see Short Term Programs.

- **On Campus Student Management Services**

GSC staff members work with partnering Day Schools to provide for student management services where the school has no formal residential life program. GSC staff members get to know administrators, staff and faculty members as a way of connecting international students to those at the school who most effectively can support the student in their academic work.

- **Guardianship Services**

GSC, when requested by the international parent, takes on the role of a legal guardian for an international student while they are in the US in order to act on behalf of parents in non-emergency medical situations, as well as in academic and host family situations that call for immediate action.

- **Vacation Break Trips in US**

Many boarding schools close their dorms during extended vacation breaks. During these 1 week to 2 week dorm closures, GSC provides adult supervised trips that range from 5 to 14 days to places like Boston, New York City, Washington DC or Disney World.

- **University Partnerships**

GSC works with universities in Europe such as the American University in Bulgaria and the University of Pecs in Hungary, as well as universities in China and Korea, in recruiting US students for these universities. At the same time GSC works with international universities in creating partnerships with American universities for a variety of programs.

- **University Application Counseling**

GSC works with international students in helping them understand the university system in the US and admission requirements of various universities, appropriate schools for their academic interest, as well as navigating the application process to American universities.



Ms. Bridget Ferry working with students in the GSC Summer Program.



Weijia Shen introducing international middle school students to one of GSC's partnering schools.

Long Term Programs



Jay enjoying Korean barbeque with the Hwang family in Seoul, S. Korea.



Mengli Luo and Jay visiting with parents and students in Beijing, China.

Short Term Programs

GLOBAL STANDARD PROGRAM

This program is designed to give students a 7-21-day English and cultural immersion experience in one of our partner schools. Students shadow American students during the first part of the day while the second part of the day is a combination of English lessons and cultural experiences. The program also includes a few visits to several top American universities in the Boston area.

GLOBAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

This program is more demanding than our Standard Program. Students attend a partnering school for 3-6 weeks. Students are fully immersed in the curriculum of the school. The program includes weekend activities, as well as visits to top American universities.

Global Study Connections partners with 102 American private F-1 high schools, a number of public high schools and a few American universities. Our staff members in Boston, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Virginia provide Student Management Services to all of our students. Our highly educated staff members also collaborate with schools to provide professional counsel and support in the academic and social development of our students.

DAY SCHOOLS

We provide day school placements in a wide range of schools from California to Maine. Many of our day schools have tuition rates and homestay fees under \$30,000 per year and a few have rates under \$25,000. Some of our day schools are among the most elite schools in America, but a number of our day schools have an open enrollment policy with admissions policies that are not as demanding.

BOARDING SCHOOLS

We provide boarding school placement in historic schools, many with histories dating back to the early 1800's. These schools have strong reputations among the top universities in America. Some of these boarding schools also allow for homestay placement. A few of these historic boarding schools provide significant scholarships to Global Study Connections' students to make these schools more affordable for families.

HOMESTAY PLACEMENTS

Our large database of qualified homestay families allows us to do homestay placements from California to New York to Florida to Maine. Our staff is often able to provide homestay training for parents. Our quarterly reporting system, with both student and host family input, enables us to ensure that students are well cared for.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We partner with a number of public schools who are now qualified to offer a 1 year F-1 Visa Program. These schools, while charging for tuition and homestay fees, are well under market value for overall cost.

PATHWAYS PROGRAM

GSC's Pathways program allows a student, who is significantly weak in English or with other educational needs, to receive an F-1 Visa through a partnering school. The student is enrolled in GSC's Pathway courses for 6 to 9 months to improve their English and writing skills in Core Academic areas, while working with regular school faculty members to fully matriculate into a full program of studies.



Our daughter Seule-ki traveled to America to study when she was only 14 years old. It was the Brennans' encouragement, guidance and great care of our daughter that led to her ability to adjust to life in America and her success as a student. As parents we had the greatest assurance our daughter was well cared for, even beyond the classroom. Now eleven years later, she has a Master's degree from Boston University and is employed as an engineer at an American software company.

Dae-ok Kim and Yoong Sook Seo; Seoul, South Korea

Jay visiting with Seulki Kim and her parents in Seoul, S. Korea.



Summer program students visiting in the home of Jay and Dottie Brennan.



Middle School students in GSC's Summer Program at Harvard University.

SUMMER PROGRAM

This program is a 3-week summer program based in Maine, with an intensive 2 day program held at Harvard University. The program is designed for students aged 10-13. Students also have opportunities for outdoor activities, including boating, water skiing, tubing and mountain climbing. The program has an enrollment cap of 14 students to ensure an intensive English experience.



Summer program students, Yuxuan and Qiwei enjoying tubing on Sebec Lake.



Ms. Dottie Brennan reading to middle and elementary school students.

About Us

GSC Staff Members



Jay and Dottie with parents and students in their home in Maine.

At Global Study Connections (GSC) we are passionate about serving students and their families by providing the resources they need to pursue study abroad opportunities in America.

For over 30 years my wife Dottie and I have been working to help students, especially international students, further their educational goals. Dottie's work as an AP teacher in a boarding school, my administrative work in day and boarding schools and our work as dorm directors and host parents have created within us a deep passion for supporting international students and their families.

Our staff at Global Study Connections is committed to providing international students with placement at a quality and an affordable private school while ensuring that the academic, cultural and social needs of the students are met during their study abroad experience in the U.S.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and help your student's study abroad dreams come true.

Best Regards,
John "Jay" Brennan, M.Div., M.Ed.

“We considered sending our son to a boarding school in America, in part because the schools in France were not able to meet all of his educational needs. Mr. Brennan was kind enough to meet us in Boston to talk about our options. When our son Adrien arrived in America, Mr. Brennan worked with the school and arranged for the academic support which allowed Adrien to be academically successful. Today, Adrien is a successful university student.”

Jean Pierre Simon and Ferreshte Simon, Paris, France

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Mengli Luo
Intern, Student Advisor

Jiryang “Ashley” Yoo
Support Staff, Seoul, S. Korea

Weijia Shen
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Staff member Jillian Huberty with student at partnering school in CT.



Students enjoying a winter snow in New England.

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