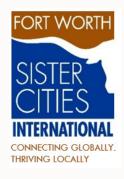


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2021 VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS FOR INNER PEACE

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Expand your global perspective with youth from China, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Eswatini & USA

Join this dynamic summer virtual leadership program bringing Fort Worth students together with high school students from around the world. This year's theme, "Global Connections for Inner Peace" will encourage students to explore aspects of mental wellness and how all cultures interpret, manage, and integrate it into their overall health. We will also examine the importance of human connection, especially as it relates to the pandemic.

Through the program students will gain essential leadership and communication skills from cross-cultural activities such as art, music, and language studies. All interactions for this program will be virtual, using Zoom and Facebook as the primary platforms. The program requires a commitment of **five hours per week**, both synchronously and asynchronously.

The Virtual International Leadership Academy (VILA) is led by a team of highly qualified and experienced educators along with several international partners. Educators are assisted by local and international university interns, who serve as facilitators, working with the students to discuss and creatively resolve global issues. Fort Worth Sister Cities International has provided this award-winning program since 1989.

Benefits of attending:

- Improve leadership, communication, and problem solving skills
- Enhance college and career opportunities
- Experience the rich and unique cultures of Fort Worth's nine sister cities
- Strengthen global perspective and appreciation of other cultures
- Increase cultural competency
- Develop lifelong friendships with students from nine countries

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2021

How to register:

- 1. Students current grades 9-12 may register digitally here.
- 2. Upload digital postcard (instructions will be sent separately). If uploading is not an option, you can also email to beth@fwsistercities.org

VILA has a small fee of \$50 per person. Scholarships are available. Please contact Fort Worth Sister Cities if assistance is needed.

IMPORTANT DATES

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May 1	Registration Deadline
June 1	\$50 program fee due
May 22	Mandatory Orientation meeting #1
June 12	Mandatory Orientation meeting #2
June 26	Mandatory Orientation meeting #3
July 10	Virtual International Leadership Academy begins
July 17	VILA second session
July 24	VILA third session
July 31	VILA fourth session & closing ceremony

Saturday meetings in July will take place via Zoom from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. CST due to time zone differences across our sister cities. Additional synchronous meetings will be scheduled by each country for varying times throughout the week. Times for orientation meetings (May 22, June 12 and June 26) will be scheduled at a later date.

Questions?
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