

# **International Trends and Services and Integrated Program**

**L.I.F.E Program  
Links International  
Foreign Affairs and Business  
Empowerment Youth Program**



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Greater New York (NY) Chapter*

# The Problem or Situation Addressed

Research has shown ...

## 1. Marked biased discrepancies in employment

Women in the workforce still comprise less than half of the pool for business executives, and Black Americans come in dead last in this realm.



**L.I.F.E.**<sup>PROGRAM</sup>

LINKS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS EMPOWERMENT  
YOUTH PROGRAM

The Greater New York (GNY) Chapter, Links Incorporated has launched the LIFE (Links International Foreign Affairs and Business Empowerment for Youth) program in an effort to close the race and gender divide in corporate and foreign/diplomatic service.

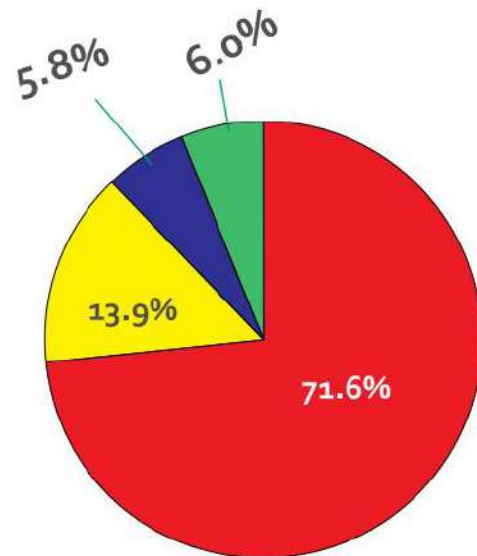


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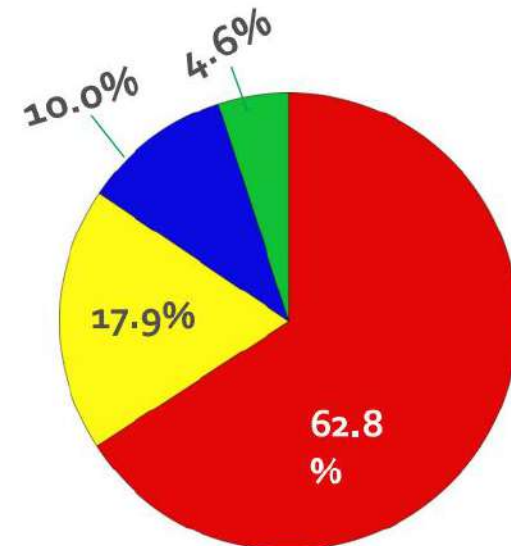
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Demographics of U.S. Business Executives (2022)



The most common ethnicity of business executives is White (71.6%), followed by Hispanic or Latino (13.9%), Asian (6.0%) and Black or African American (5.8%). In 2021, women earned 78% of what men earned.

Demographics of US Diplomats and Ambassadors (2022)



The most common ethnicity of ambassadors is White (62.8%), followed by Hispanic or Latino (17.9%), Black or African American (10.0%) and Asian (4.6%).





# What is L.I.F.E.?

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# L.I.F.E. Mission: National

- The L.I.F.E. program will focus on introducing African Americans and other students of African descent living in Links chapter areas in the United States, the United Kingdom and Nassau the Bahamas to global careers.
- The program mission is to focus on engaging, educating and empowering students with information that exposes them to ***all things international*** including speakers, educational trips, multi-cultural cuisine/etiquette, college tours, and foreign service government career options.
- The LIFE students should also be exposed to fundamental skills, such as learning how to apply for a passport, safe travel tips
- The opportunity to study abroad, and how to acquire important language skills. Chapter partnerships with a local college or university are an excellent resource for pairing L.I.F.E. students with faculty and student volunteers who can teach geography or key international studies skills, Overall, this exposure and mentoring will introduce the students to college life.

# L.I.F.E. Vision: National

- The program strives to empower L.I.F.E. students with the knowledge that they can be open to great possibilities both in the United States and globally, such as many outstanding leaders in business and foreign affairs.
- The L.I.F.E. program is designed to address this gap and expose high school students in the 9th, 10th and 11th grade to the vast opportunities available to them globally.
- Students are selected to participate in the LIFE program based on their keen interest in exploring all things international, including global career opportunities, not based on their GPA.
- The program is designed to reach students when they are considering college and starting to explore their future paths. The program exposes students to the diverse range of opportunities available and helps them make informed decisions about the future.
- Over the long-term, The Links, Incorporated envisions the alumni of this unique signature program will become part of a growing pool of diverse, qualified candidates, who are fully prepared to compete internationally.



# L.I.F.E. Program History: National

DIPLOMACY



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL



BUSINESS  
& TECHNOLOGY







# **L.I.F.E. History**

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# L.I.F.E. Program History: National

## Program History- L.I.F.E. National Signature Program

Links International Foreign Affairs And Business Empowerment Program For Youth



- Established in 2007 Links International Foreign Affairs and Business Empowerment for Youth (LIFE) program exposes African American and students of African descent. To career possibilities in foreign affairs and international business. The objective is to close the race and gender divide in corporate and governmental jobs, and foreign service appointments
- The Life Program also introduces a more robust role for the International Trends and Service Facet by exposing students in America and other Links international territories to the possibilities of global career choices.
- Chapters of The Links, Incorporated can partner with local high school, college and university faculty and administrators to implement a program curriculum that includes site visits, guest speakers, webcasts and case studies on business and foreign service.
- The LIFE program curriculum is patterned after the successful Howard University Summer Enrichment program at the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center.





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# What We Do: Our Mission

The program's mission is to “focus on engaging, educating, and empowering students with information that exposes them to all things international including speakers, educational trips, multi-cultural cuisine/etiquette, college tours, and foreign service government career options.” We support this mission by also ensuring that we teach our young people some of the logistics necessary to be part of a global community: applying for a passport and best practices for safe travel tips are just two examples. Indirectly, we are also exposing our students to college life, and many opportunities that will be afforded to them, which include travel abroad.



# What We Do: Five Objectives

## OBJECTIVE ONE:

Understanding culture, languages, and international etiquette: Those who are the most successful in becoming global citizens are ones that engulf themselves in, and are respectful of, other cultures and languages. Our participants live in one of the most diverse cities in our country. We wanted to take advantage of this reality and be intentional in providing an experiential component to our program by establishing authentic ways to do just that.

# What We Do: Five Objectives

## OBJECTIVE TWO:

Travel and culture preparation: International travel can be intimidating and anxiety ridden. Having this as a key element of our program also provides a level of safety for our students and hopefully ease in understanding all of the intricacies involved in becoming prepared to travel overseas.



# What We Do: Five Objectives

## OBJECTIVE THREE:

International cuisine: adopting an international palette. So much of a country's culture can be summed up within food. There is an advantage of being exposed to new foods as a way to build one's muscle to being open to trying new things. Lastly, the two final goals are

# What We Do: Five Objectives

## OBJECTIVE FOUR:

Exploring a career in foreign service; and



# What We Do: Five Objectives

## OBJECTIVE FIVE:

Exploring UN|USA activities. With the building blocks of the first three goals we were then able to expose our participants to international opportunities from a place of excitement and wonder. While exposing our participants to these key fundamentals, they also engaged with professional Black Men and Women who became a reminder for what is possible.

# What We Do: The 12-Month Program

Our 12 month program can be broken down in to three components:

- **Cultural Exposure:** expose students to cuisines they are not as familiar with. We did this with an experiential approach that included cooking classes, etiquette classes, and resources for them to refer back to.
- **Opportunity Exposure:** Exposing students to careers through panel discussions consisting of individuals with the same background as them. This also provided an opportunity to talk about currency and how to manage money.
- **Higher Education Exposure:** Exposing students to college campuses and those within higher education as a conduit to accomplishing global positions and becoming global citizens.





# Whom We Serve

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# Whom We Serve

Our chapter focused specifically on inner-city high school girls of African American and African descent in New York City who are disproportionately impacted by the inequities within public school education.



# Whom We Serve

A combination of a Chapter survey, focus group discussions and a strategic planning retreat led to the establishment of Black women and girls as our target focus group. It was determined that our integrated program partner would be two high schools in Harlem, and we carefully reviewed and considered potential partners based on the following criteria...

# Whom We Serve

- A public school that has a **need for support** in growth and development initiatives
- A public school that services students in **grades 9-12**
- A Harlem-based school that **primarily serves students**
  - of the African diaspora
- An **engaged principal and/or administrator** to collaborate on the program



# Whom We Serve

Our International Trends Facet took lead in solidifying partnerships needed in order to identify the pool of students who would participate in the program. From there, we integrated our Arts and National Trends and Services facets so that our Global Impact would be in the context of both advancing our artistic heritage as well as advocating for our communities.

# Whom We Serve

Interested students completed an application that asked for their key interests as well as an essay prompt, “What are your thoughts on the importance of being a global citizen?” Having them answer this questions enabled us to plan programming that was a balance between what they were interested in learning while also focusing on key areas we felt important to teach them.





# What We Do

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# Our 2022-2024 Biennial Program

Our program focuses on utilizing the unique resources that New York City has to offer in preparing students for a global world. At the end of our program our students receive a certificate of Achievement for participating in events such as:



- **Career Exploration events.** We've held events that explore careers in Media and Marketing, Airlines and travel as well as in government. As an example we held a moderated conversation regarding a career in Foreign Service with the South African Consulate. The event also included an Art component with a gallery tour of a Fine Art Collection by South African Artists. There was a presentation by South African Students that our L.I.F.E. New York students responded as well as South African Cuisine.

# Our 2023-2024 Year

- **College Bound, Structuring Your Path in partnership with City College of New York Colin Powell School for Civic & Global Leadership.** This event enabled L.I.F.E. New York Students the ability to meet the Dean of the Colin Powell School and learn first hand what it would take to be prepared for an international career.



# Our 2023-2024 Year

- **International Travel Readiness:** This session focused on the importance of being prepared in all respects of international travel, including passports, safety, health precautions, language, and currency exchange. We incorporated the Arts by inviting New York Times photojournalist Chester Higgins as one of our panelists to talk about how his work has taken him around the world.

# Our 2023-2024 Year

- **Etiquette and Cuisine:** We held a three part event that focused on etiquette and cuisine where our participants were first introduced to general info surrounding etiquette that included an experiential component where they had hands-on experience in practicing setting a table and eating at restaurants. We then hosted our students at a French African restaurant where they learned how to cook a traditional French African meal to finally have dinner at a fine cuisine restaurant where they were able to incorporate all that they learned through the series.



# Our 2023-2024 Year

- **Money and Budgeting:** One of the programs that our National Trends and Services facet educated our participants around international currency at an event called “The Power of the Purse.” Students were able to learn about key practices around money and budgeting as they think through what it means to travel international. Furthermore, understanding exchange rates and how much the U.S. dollar is worth in other parts of the world was a focus point for this event.



**Take a Look...**  
Take a Look...



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## Embracing a Foreign Service Career: Spotlight on Asia

### Date

Thursday, April 18, 2024

### Time

3:00 pm – 5:15 pm

### Location

United States Mission to the United Nations  
799 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017

### Hosts

Greater New York Chapter of The Links  
Incorporated & Gregory Campbell, Management  
Counselor

### RSVP

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**Identification Required for  
Entrance**

### Guest Speakers



**Kelia Cummins** is a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service currently studying at the U.S. War College in Washington, D.C. She has served in diplomatic service in Jamaica, Shanghai, China, Pakistan, Switzerland, Manila, and the Philippines. Kella's next assignment is as U.S. Consul General in Thailand. A New Yorker, she has a juris doctorate in law from New York University School of Law and an M.S. in Public Health from George Washington University.



**Keome Rowe** is a public diplomacy-conducted Foreign Service Officer with the United States Department of State who has worked extensively on issues across East Asia and the Indo-Pacific Region. He currently serves at the Republic of Korea desk. He has a master's in international relations from Syracuse University and is fluent in Spanish, Mandarin, and Udu.

### 45-Minute Tour of The United Nations

Andrea Cameron of USAUN will lead the tour.

### Featured Book

**Inside A US Embassy: Diplomacy at Work**





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## College Bound, Structuring Your Path

Thursday, May 4, 2023 | 3:00pm – 5:15pm

Co-hosts: Greater New York Chapter Links Incorporated and City College of New York Colin Powell School for Civic & Global Leadership

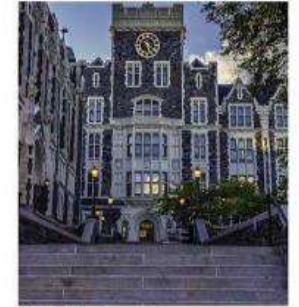
The LIFE Program is the Links Incorporated Signature Program designed to prepare and inspire minority high school students to pursue international careers in business and foreign affairs.

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### Location

City College of New York (CCNY)  
Colin Powell School for Civic & Global Leadership  
259 Convent Ave at West 140 Street  
New York, NY 10031

In Charles Rangel Lecture Hall, SH-107

## College Bound Agenda

### Welcome

- Andrew Rich
- Linda Zango-Haley
- Gina Bolden-Rivera
- International Studies Panel
- Advisory Workshop
- CCNY Tour

Dean CCNY  
Links Incorporated Life Program Chair  
GNY Links Incorporated ITS Chair  
CCNY Faculty & Students  
CCNY & LIFE Students  
LIFE Students



### Message from the Dean



**Andrew Rich**

Welcome to the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at The City College of New York. The Colin Powell School includes all social science departments at CCNY as well as the core leadership development and public service programs of the College. Graduating the most CCNY students annually, the Colin Powell School promotes the values of service and engagement. We support a faculty dedicated to the highest standards of research and to the university's democratic and public obligations.



## Power of the Purse: International Currency and Financial Literacy

### Date

Thursday, November 30, 2023

### Time

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

### Location

Thurgood Marshall Academy Library  
200-214 West 135<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10030

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### Guest Speaker



**Alice Vilma**

Managing Director at Morgan Stanley

*This program will help give  
attendees the gift of financial  
literacy!*





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## **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre Outing: Lunch and a Matinee**

### Date

Sunday, December 3, 2023

### Time

12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

### Location

**PART I:** 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

#### **Trattoria Dell'Arte**

900 Seventh Avenue  
(Across from Carnegie Hall, between 57<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Streets)  
New York, NY

\*\*\*This will be a lively and fun luncheon discussing the  
Ailey company and their extraordinary work.

**PART II:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

#### **City Center**

131 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY

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# NATIONAL POSTER ARTS CONTEST

Presented by The Links, Incorporated

## Master Art Class Series

**Calling All Artists! We Want YOU!**

The Greater New York Chapter of The Links, Inc. in Collaboration with Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing & Visual Arts and Thurgood Marshall Academy Invites you to Attend an Orientation Session to Launch a Special Master Arts Class Series with Renowned Artist and Illustrator, Alváro.

### Date

Friday, February 2, 2024

### Time

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

### Location

Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing & Visual Arts  
215 West 114<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10026

### What You Can Look Forward to at this Session

At this lively session, you will learn more about the Master Arts Class Series where your work will be potentially entered into the 2024 National Poster Art Contest.

Art supplies will be supplied, and light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

The National Poster Art Contest presented by The Links, Inc., is a prestigious art competition that celebrates the talent of young visual artists from schools across the country. You have been selected by your school administrators to participate in this contest.

**Please confirm your interest by signing up at the Orientation Session Friday, February 2!**



*Renowned Artist and Illustrator,  
Alváro*

### Master Art Class Series Schedule

Master Art Classes will be conducted from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM as follows:

Friday, February 9 and Friday, February 16 at Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing & Visual Arts

Friday, March 1 and Friday, March 8 at Thurgood Marshall Academy



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## Passport to Fine Dining 1

Thursday, February 16, 2023, | 3:30pm - 5:00pm  
Hosts: Greater New York Chapter Links Inc



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### Location

Abyssinian Baptist Church  
132 West 138<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York, NY 10030  
Program will be held in the Vestry

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**This Program Will Focus on Dining Etiquette.**

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### Etiquette Facilitator – Inga Watkins



Inga Watkins formed Modelquette Co. in 2006. Her mission then was to help in the development of socially competent youth through her exciting workshops and presentations. The program quickly expanded to include sessions for adults who are looking to level up their etiquette skills. In this global economy manners and "soft skills" are an important skill set and can mean the difference between personal and professional success and failure



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## Passport to Fine Dining 2

Thursday, March 16, 2023, | 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Hosts: Greater New York Chapter Links Inc

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### Location

Ponty Bistro

2375 Adam Clayton Powell Junior Blvd  
New York, NY 10030

This Program Will Include a Cooking Demonstration.



### Chef Cisse



Chef Cisse, the Owner and Executive Chef of Ponty Bistro, Renaissance Harlem, and his newly opened restaurant Harlem Cafe. Chef Cisse moved to the United States in 1995 from Senegal. Throughout his 20-year career, Chef Cisse has been privileged to work with top chefs at Michelin-star restaurants. It shows in the cooking at his restaurants Ponty Bistro & Renaissance Harlem where they serve delicious Pan African-Franco fusion dishes sprinkled with Mediterranean influences.



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## Passport to Fine Dining 3

Thursday, April 20, 2023 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Hosts: Greater New York Chapter Links Inc

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### Location

Victor's Cafe  
236 West 52<sup>nd</sup> St.  
New York, NY 10019

Extraordinary Cuban Cuisine!

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This program will focus on putting your etiquette training to practice.

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## Passport to Global Careers

### Date

Thursday, February 1, 2024

### Time

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

### Location

Jet Blue Airways Corporation  
2701 Queens Plaza North  
Long Island City, NY 11101

### Hosts

Greater New York Chapter of The Links  
Incorporated & Jet Blue Airways Corporation

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*This program will expose  
attendees to global careers in the  
airline industry and beyond!*







# Our 2022 Year



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## Exploring A Career In Foreign Service

International Affairs

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

South African Consulate | 845 Third Avenue, near E. 52nd St., 10th floor, NYC



### GALLERY TOUR

Featuring "The Lion King Theatrical Costume Collection" and  
Fine Art collection by South African Artist



### WELCOME & PROGRAM REMARKS

Ogaufi Mampane, South African Consulate, Consul of Political and Economic Affairs  
Lesley Horton-Campbell, The Links Greater New York Chapter President  
Linda Zango-Haley, The Links National Chair L.I.F.E. Signature Program  
C. Virginia Fields, The Links Greater New York Chapter, International Trends & Services  
Gina Bolden-Rivera, The Links Greater New York Chapter Chair International Trends & Services

### SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT PRESENTATION

### L.I.F.E. NEW YORK STUDENTS RESPOND TO SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS

### SOUTH AFRICAN CUISINE AND REFRESHMENTS

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### L.I.F.E. SIGNATURE PROGRAM, November 30, 2022

The L.I.F.E. program focuses on introducing minority youth to global career paths through business or foreign affairs /diplomatic opportunities. The L.I.F.E. students are from two Harlem high schools, the Wadleigh Secondary HS, and Thurgood Marshall Academy.

In the November 30 program session, students will meet with the South African Consul Ms. Ogaufi Mampane to learn about her career journey to becoming a diplomat and the art of representing your country in foreign service. In addition, L.I.F.E. students will also enjoy a video prepared by Umkomaas Secondary high school students from the coastal Umkomaas section of Durban, South Africa. The six student representatives for their class are members of the STEM program NSBE Jr International Chapters sponsored by the Links Windy City Chapter in Chicago, Illinois. The program experience will also include a "tasting" of South African cuisine and a tour of the art galleries in the Consulate office.



### SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE

#### MS. OGAUFI MAMPANE

*Consulate Political and Economic Affairs*

Ms. Ogaufi Mampane is currently Consul at the South African Consulate-General in New York, a position she has occupied since October 2019. She is a diplomat by profession with over 13 years of experience in international affairs. She is respected for her economic diplomacy acumen and knowledge in market analysis (international), which includes understanding risk factors, and scouting markets for opportunities in target markets. She has amassed years of experience in developing market strategies for entering new markets, and helping companies gain market intelligence, and understand the nuances of policy, political, and investment risks. She previously served as Vice-Consul at the South African Consulate-General in Munich, Germany, and thrives in multicultural environments.

In 2021, she graduated with a Dean's Circle Award and as a Member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society from the Thunderbird School of Global Management, ASU with a Masters in Global Leadership and Management. In 2018 she was nominated as a Mandela Washington Fellow (MWF), a US Department of State flagship program of the Young African Leadership Initiative, founded in 2014 by former President Barack Obama. She went on to be nominated as Chairperson of the USAID MWF Regional Advisory Board for Southern Africa, while also serving as a South African representative on the board.

### UMKOMAAS SECONDARY H.S. SCHOOL STUDENT SPEAKERS AND THEIR QUESTIONS

- Shalia Ramkissoon, NSBE Jr President, grade 10, "Why is learning about global issues important?"
- Anathi Ngcobo, grade 10, "Would I like the opportunity to work and live in another country? If so, why?"
- Afikele Lungwase, grade 10, "Why is education important to me?"
- Pillay Kalika, grade 10, "Why is education important?"
- Andwisa Shoba, NSBE Jr. Junior Senator, grade 10, "What is your message to L.I.F.E. students?"
- Lumka Mthiyane, NSBE Jr. Deputy President, grade 11, "How would you describe a global citizen?"

### MODERATOR

Ms. Noluthndo Maphumulo, Advisor NSBE Jr. Chapters in South Africa. Ms. Maphumulo is a Math and Physics teacher.

### GALLERY TOUR

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## Discovering Global Career Options

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 | 3:30pm - 5:15pm  
Co-hosts: Greater New York Chapter Links  
Incorporated and City College of New York Colin  
Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership  
259 Convent Avenue at W. 140 ST.,  
Charles Rangel Lecture Hall SH-107



CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

### Welcome

Andrew Rich, Dean CCNY Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership  
Gina Bolden-Rivera, Greater New York Chapter Links Incorporated

### International Business, Panel I



**Christina Allison**  
*Integrated Marketing Manager*  
BEN Inc.  
Branded Entertainment Network



**Tennille Robinson**  
*Senior Live Event Content &  
Program Lead*  
TWITTER, Inc.

MODERATOR - Linda Zango-Haley, Greater New York Chapter Links Incorporated

### International Studies, Panel II

#### CCNY CPS Student Speakers

Yatri Baniya  
Ashley Borja

Kethia Calixte  
Fatima Diallo







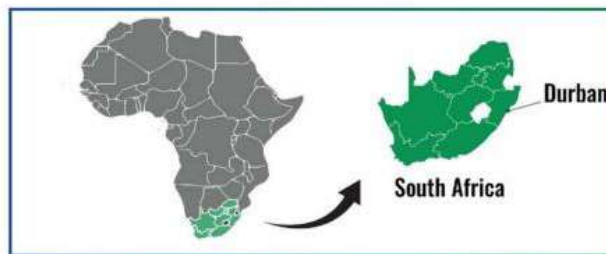
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### SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT PRESENTATION

### L.I.F.E. NEW YORK STUDENTS RESPONSE TO SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS

### SOUTH AFRICAN CUISINE AND REFRESHMENTS







# Successes

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# Successes: Enthusiastic Participation

Participants brim with enthusiasm.

**Example:** On a recent visit to Jet Blue's headquarters in Long Island City, the young ladies were intrigued when the pilots and other personnel shared their paths to success; it was invigorating to watch as these students asked questions about how being a part of an international company has enriched the workers' life experiences.



# Successes: Positive Feedback

Participants always report how much they enjoyed and learned from the experiences!

**Example:** After last year's visit to the South African Consulate included a briefing by a diplomat, and an authentic South African meal, the young ladies gave wonderfully positive evaluations about the experience.



# Successes: All Graduates are College Bound

**Our seven graduates this year are going to the following colleges/universities:**

Two graduates will be attending University of Southern California

One graduate will be attending SUNY/Purchase

One graduate will be attending Fashion Institute of Technology

One graduate will be attending Virginia State College

One graduate will be attending Mercy College

One graduate will be attending City College



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