



Swaliga South Africa Exchange
GEEC Youth Summit 2018 Johannesburg
(July 14 – July 24 2018)

In 2016, the Swaliga Foundation took its first group of students on the Swaliga South Africa Exchange for an experience of a lifetime. Soon after completing the first exchange trip, Swaliga Foundation partnered with several other organizations and businesses to form the Global Education Exchange Coalition (GEEC). In July of 2017, Swaliga impacted over 2,000 students and citizens throughout the South African region that included 10 days of learning and service that culminated into two major community events in both Johannesburg and Cape Town.

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. This Swaliga South Africa Exchange trip is a part of a 5-year strategic plan by the GEEC that will allow young people to think globally and act locally at the GEEC Youth Summit 2018.

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 summit full of workshops, trips to Universities and Engineering Service projects, all culminating at a community celebration in Eldorado Park.

Estimated Total Expense per traveler: \$2500 USD | Required Deposit: \$500 USD

Note: Grant Proposals have been submitted to fund various aspects of the project, i.e. Lodging, ground transportation, some meals and special events.

Project Timeline	
August 2017	2017 Swaliga South Africa Exchange Debrief
September 2017	Project kick-off; interest meetings,
October 2017	Participant Applications open
November 2017	Draft Itinerary, Lodging, Transportation & Travel
December 2017	Students and Mentors selected
January 2018	Jan. 15 – Applications and Required Deposits Due
February 2018	SA venues, lodging, and transportation finalized
March 2018	Video Conference International Introduction
April 2018	Apr. 16 – Airline Tickets Due; Finalized travelers, venues, lodging
May 2018	Pre-departure Orientation / Video Conference Exchange 1
June 2018	Pre-departure Orientation / Video Conference Exchange 2 (SA cohort travels to Nashville for participation in summer camp for two weeks)
July 2018	July 6 – Farewell events
	July 14 – US Depart for South Africa