



## Outcome Report

# Green is the New Gold

Buddies Without Borders Online Forum

October - November 2021

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The Forum on *Green is the New Gold* has concluded after a month-long discussion, research and reflections by 39 high school students in 18 countries.

## Results

**Best Team** - for their final project's creativity, equality and sustainability. Will receive the internship award: Team Goa Green - Brainstorming ideas for India

- From Macedonia - Nova International Schools - Lina Nikolovska
- From Indonesia - Sekola Mutiara Nusantara - Bulan Kania
- From Spain - Colegio los Sauces la Moraleja - Fernando Mingo Moreno
- From the UK - Bryanston School - Bryanna Ashong

**Best Representative** - for the student's overall ability in research, reflections and communication. Will receive the internship award and lead the Internship Team:

- Bryanna Ashong from the UK - Bryanston School, UK

**Pioneer Award Scholarship Recipient** - will receive the funding to launch a BWB Club as a Student President:

- Yulia Kiryukhina from Russia - International School of Riga, Latvia
- Ohemaa Asibuo from Ghana - Tema International School, Ghana

**Pioneer Award Nominees** - for the student's ability to lead, inspire and collaborate with teammates. Based on coaches' nomination, internal ranking, and personal reflection. Will be invited to launch and lead (or co-lead) a BWB Club at school:

- Aanya Sharma from India - Prometheus School Noida, India
- Ahana Joshi from India - Pathways School Noida, India
- Andrea Koleva from Macedonia - Nova International Schools, Macedonia
- Benjamin Kim from the USA - AICS, Netherlands
- Bianca Bonali from Italy - American School of Milan, Italy
- Bryanna Ashong from the UK - Bryanston School, UK

- Camila Valda Estremadoyro from Bolivia - Saint Andrew's School, Bolivia
- Cheng Wei Hung from Taiwan - Tsai Hsing High School, Taiwan, ROC
- Domenico Raia from Italy - Colegio Los Sauces, Spain
- Jona Kurtishi from Macedonia - NOVA International Schools, Macedonia
- Lara Stas from the Netherlands - AICS, Netherlands
- Lina Nikolovska from Macedonia - Nova International Schools, Macedonia
- Marina Ruiz from Spain - Colegio Los Sauces, Spain
- Paskalis Leonardus from Indonesia - Sekolah Mutiara Nusantara, Indonesia
- Shreya Patil from India - AICS, the Netherlands

**People's Choice Award Winner Team: recognized for winning the most votes from the general public.** Team Red Colobus - Brainstorming ideas for Zanzibar

- Hoang Phuong Hoang from Vietnam - Hanoi- Amsterdam High School For The Gifted, Vietnam
- Andrea Koleva from Macedonia - Nova International Schools, Macedonia
- Bianca Bonali from Italy - American School of Milan, Italy
- Arya Thadathil from India - Amsterdam International Community School, the Netherlands

## Deliverables

We are pleased to present the following deliverables:

### 1. Nine ecotourism ideas for some of the most beautiful countries in the world:

- Representing Ecuador - [Team Ecuadorism](#)
- Representing Naples - [Team Tree Plus One](#)
- Representing New Zealand - [Team Kiwi](#)
- Representing Morocco - [Team Medinas](#)
- Representing India - [Team Goa Green](#)
- Representing Madagascar - [Team Blue Couas](#)
- Representing Indonesia - [Team Legends](#)
- Representing Zanzibar - [Team Red Colobus](#)
- Representing Costa Rica - [Team Pura Vida](#)

### 3. Top Five Finishers recorded campaign speeches and received votes from their Forum peers:

- [Yulia Kiryukhina](#)
- [Lina Nikolovska](#)
- [Bryanna Ashong](#)
- [Andrea Koleva](#)
- [Aanya Sharma](#)

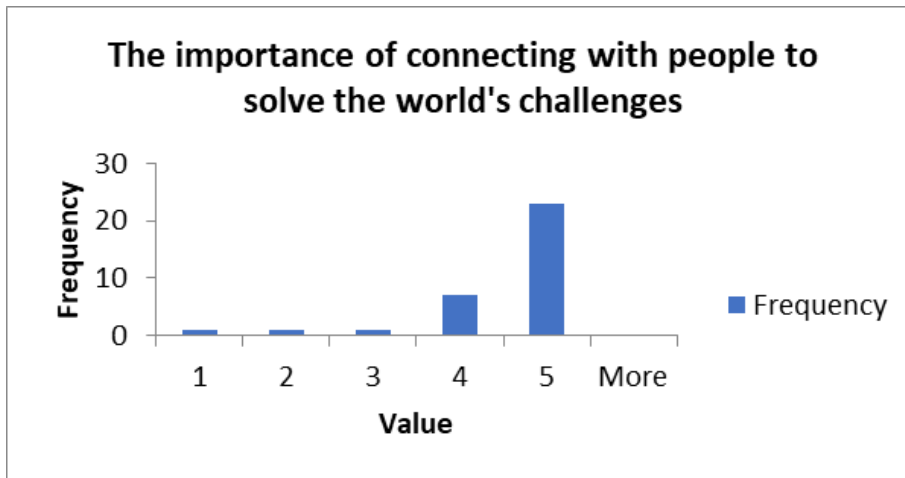
4. The Best Team and the Best Representative will receive a year-long internship provided by [Leadership Initiatives](#) (USA) working with developing countries funded by brands including Microsoft and Starbucks, starting September 2021.

5. [Joint Case Study Research Paper](#) by participants.

6. Click here to see [the Award Ceremony](#).

## Survey Results

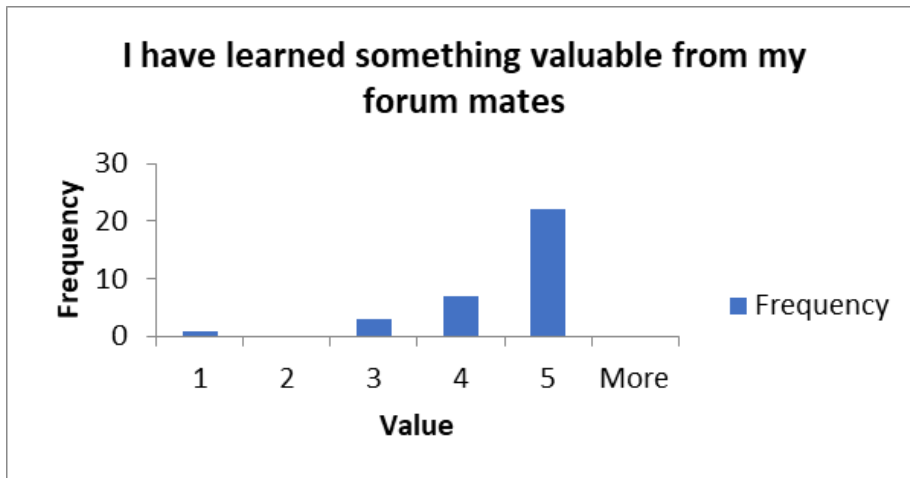
1. This experience helps me understand how important it is to connect with people across borders to solve the world's challenges.



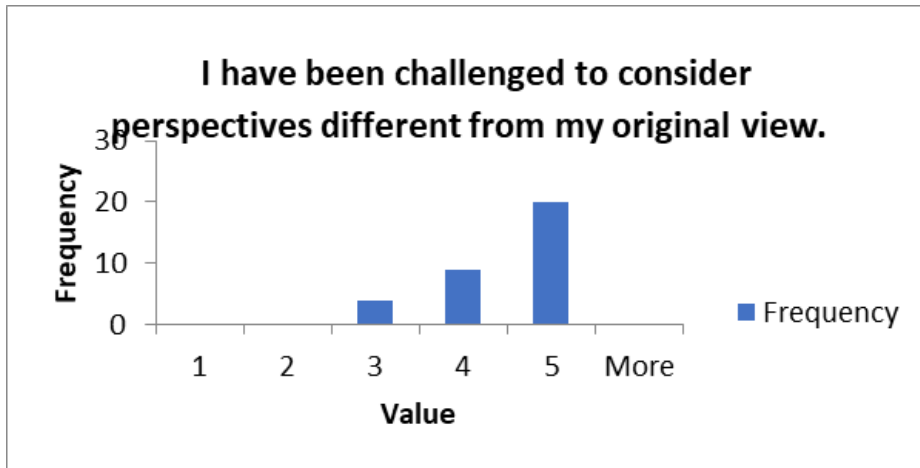
2. I have proactively reached out and worked with my teammates to create our joint solutions.



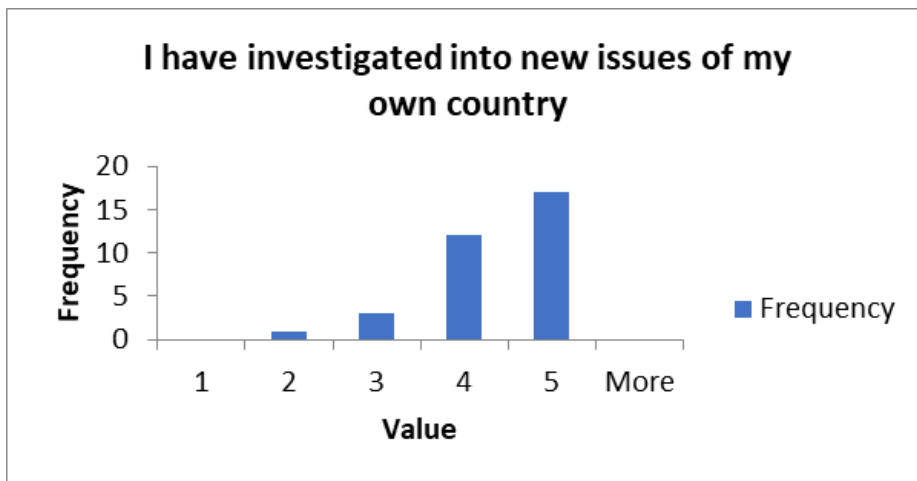
**3. I have learned something valuable from my Forum buddies across borders.**



**4. I have been challenged to consider perspectives different from my original view.**



**5. I have investigated into new issues of my own country.**



## Speakers & Panelists



From the UK

### Helen Peeks



Guest Speaker &  
Panelist

Advisory Director  
[Zanzibar Butterfly Centre](#)

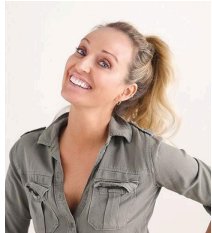
Project Manager  
[Chumbe Island Coral Park Ecotourism, Zanzibar](#)

Helen Peeks is a British educator and environmental professional based in Zanzibar, Tanzania, East Africa for the last 18 years. During this time she managed the Chumbe Island Coral Park ecotourism project; was the academic director of the World Learning (SIT) program for US students on Coastal Ecology and Natural Resource Management and is an advisory director for the Zanzibar Butterfly Centre. She most recently directed the Zanzibar Association of Tourism Investors with an emphasis on responsible sustainable tourism. She has an MPhil from the University of Cambridge in Environment and Development.



From the USA

### Vanessa Boshoff



Guest Speaker

President  
[Volar Productions](#)

Project Manager  
[A Mother's Earth Non-Profit Productions](#)

Vanessa Boshoff is a wildlife naturalist, writer, television personality, photographer, TedX presenter, and adventure guide. She has won a BBC/Time-Life Natural History Innovation Grant and her nature television work can be seen on Animal Planet, National Geographic, Smithsonian, CNN, National Wildlife Federation and beyond. Vanessa has guided adventure tours around the globe, from the depths of the Pacific Ocean in a submarine to the steppes of Mongolia. Together with her family, Vanessa has operated a dude ranch in Wyoming, USA and an eco-lodge in Costa Rica. Vanessa is passionate about connecting families and nature. Currently, she is producing shows for her company Volar Productions alongside her husband Nel Boshoff.



From France

### Andrew Hand



Board Member

Admissions and International  
Schools Outreach Officer and  
Advisory Board Member  
[Forward College](#)

Advisory Board Member  
[Pioneering Schools](#)

With tertiary qualifications in English Literature and Language, Sociology and Education, Andrew is a broadly experienced secondary educator serving 37 years as a teacher, administrator and educational leader in state and international schools in Australia, Malaysia, Switzerland, the United States and Germany, including the International School of Geneva and the United Nations International School, New York. He has led international education committees within the Educational Collaborative for International Schools and the Association of Australian IB Schools.



From Brazil and the USA

**João Paulo Schlittler**



Associate Professor  
Department of Film, Radio  
and Television, School of  
Communication and Arts

Universidade de São Paulo

Panelist

João Paulo is a designer and researcher working in film, television and digital media. He holds a PhD in Design and Architecture from Universidade de São Paulo (USP) and a Masters in Interactive Telecommunications from New York University. He is an Associate Professor at the Department of Film, Radio and Television at USP's School of Communication and Arts, where he is the leader of ZOOTROPO, an animation and motion graphics research group. Since 2018 he is an organizer of SEANIMA, a symposium on Brazilian Animation Studies. João Paulo headed the design department at TV Cultura in Brazil, was Director of Broadcast and Interactive Design at Discovery Networks and Director of Graphics and Visual Effects at HBO in the USA.



From UAE

**Angolwisye (Ango)  
Paul Mwakisu**



Senior Assistant Director of  
International Admissions

[NYU Abu Dhabi](http://www.nyu.edu/abu-dhabi)

Panelist

Ango Mwakisu has been serving as a recruitment and admissions officer for more than 10 years. Originally from the beautiful land of Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar, Tanzania, Ango is an alumnus of Jacobs University where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Communications, Systems and Electronics. He is an active member of the International Advisory Committee of the Collegeboard and the Governance and Nominating Committee of the International Association for College Admission Counselling. Mwakisu recently joined NYU in Abu Dhabi to continue his work in international recruitment counseling.



From New Zealand

**Jacklyn Lim**

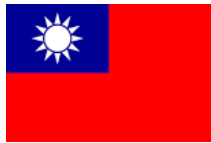


Learning Abroad Manager

[Auckland University of  
Technology](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)

Panelist

Jacklyn Lim migrated from Malaysia to New Zealand at the age of 18. She has a BCOM (Hons) from the University of Auckland and a MBA from AUT. Jacklyn now works in AUT's International team, a role she loves as she finds it rewarding influencing young minds. She has worked across different areas of the University, including Staff and Student Administration, Office of the Dean, Learning and Teaching, Undergraduate Office, Equity and Engagement. In her current role as Learning Abroad Manager, she heads the University's strategy and development of the International Exchange and Study Abroad programmes. She is passionate about motivating students to get out of their comfort zone and seize opportunities around them.



From Taiwan (ROC)

**Dr. Victor Tao, PhD**



Chairman - Green Tourism Association

Chairman - Cultural and Innovative Association

Associate Professor Leisure Management at Tunghan University

Panelist & Workshop Presenter

Victor Tao is a geographer who seeks the key to peace and sustainable development for all human kinds. He has given speeches and led many geographical and geological research projects in Taiwan, China, New Zealand and the Netherlands. Most recently he co-led the Project for Social Responsibility, funded by the Department of Education in Taiwan (Republic of China). Victor is also a Research Fellow at Taiwan International Institute for Water Education, a UNESCO partner. Victor has a PhD in Geography from National Taiwan University.



From Spain

**Elisa Melendez Martin**



Global Markets Director

[IE University](#)

Panelist

With a professional experience focused, at its first stage, on Marketing, Communications and PR within the Telecommunications industry, Elisa experienced a career change getting involved in the Education sector, firstly, in the Corporate Diversity area. Since 2016, she is the Head of Global Markets for Undergraduate programs at IE University managing a team of more than 30 international professionals based both in Madrid and at our international offices around the world. Elisa holds a Master in Marketing Management and a PS in Lobby & Advocacy from IE University, a Master in Prevention of risk at Work, Specialization in Security from the Centro Tecnológico Castilla y León and a BA in Translation & Interpreting from the Universidad de Valladolid.



From Ireland

**Shane Hanna**



International Student and IB Diploma Programme Coordinator

[Villiers School](#)

IB Skills Guide Presenter

Shane Hanna has been a teacher for over 15 years. Shane has been teaching English as an Additional Language and English B alongside his role as International Student Coordinator. He is a Steering Committee member of Philosophy Ireland, and a practitioner of P4C (Philosophy for Children) and CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning). He has been a guest speaker at the University of Limerick, Maynooth University and Trinity College Dublin. Shane holds a Master's Degree in Education from Trinity College Dublin and is currently working towards PhD in University of Limerick.



From Vietnam

**Nhu Anh Nguyen**



English Literature and  
Language Teacher

[Hanoi Academy](#)

ELL Skills Guide  
Presenter

Nhu Anh has taught English at Vinschool and Hanoi Academy in Vietnam. Her approach to teaching is to place students at the center of all lessons, and to design all class activities and assessments to meet individual needs. Nhu Anh believes that each student is unique and she is energized by creating new ways to best support them. Reflecting on her own journey of education in Vietnam, and seeing the challenges still faced by Vietnamese students today as they enter the global education system, Nhu Anh has decided to pursue her MA in Education at Colorado State University in the USA in the near future, while continuing teaching English through her own creative language program.



From the USA

**Nicole Bohannon**



Graduate Student, MSc in  
Public Policy & Management

[King's College London,](#)  
[Business School](#)

Negotiation Skills  
Guide Presenter

Nicole Bohannon has done Model UN since she was 15 years old, including organizing conferences and serving as a delegate. She ran the global education program at the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area for the last few years. Nicole is now in London studying for her master's degree at King's College London. Prior to working at the UN Association, she worked in political fundraising, nonprofits, and consulting firms in Washington, DC. She graduated from George Washington University with a BA in International Relations and Affairs with concentrations in Latin America and Europe & Eurasia.



From the USA

**Marshall Bailly**



Executive Director

[Leadership Initiatives](#)

Award Sponsor

For more than 15 years, Leadership Initiatives has partnered with outstanding high school students to gain real-world experience, explore future careers, develop leadership skills and experience college life. By working to help break the cycles of poverty and dissatisfaction that plague so many communities worldwide, Leadership Initiatives connects small businesses with grassroots development in underserved communities in Africa. In total, Leadership Initiatives has created over 54 businesses, expanded 27 businesses and supported over 10,000 US student internships in the process.





From Germany

**Bronwyn Farr**



Head of Undergraduate Recruitment

[Jacobs University Bremen](https://www.jacobs-university.de)

Scholarship Sponsor

Jacobs University in Bremen is the only English-language private university in Germany and is known for its interdisciplinary STEM programs and global opportunities it offers to international students.

Ms. Bronwyn Farr, the Head of Undergraduate Recruitment at Jacobs University, is originally from Canada. She graduated with a BSc in Mathematics and moved to the UK for her MSc in Management and Marketing. Ms. Farr has worked with University of Aberdeen, the London School of Economics and Political Science and beyond.



From the USA

**Bingjie “Becky” Liu-Lastres, Ph.D**



Assistant Professor,  
Department of Tourism,  
Event, and Sport Management

[Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis](https://www.indiana.edu)

Higher Education Preview Workshop Presenter

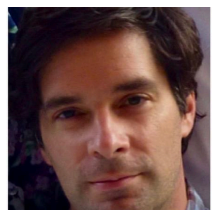
IUPUI is ranked 2nd in the United States and #28 globally in Sustainability by Times Higher Education. It is a nine-time winner of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity from *Insight into Diversity* and it is among the Top 50 US universities for Best Undergraduate Teaching as ranked by *US News and World*.

Dr. Liu-Lastres, the workshop leader, focuses her research on risk and crisis communication / management in tourism and hospitality, tourist safety and security, social media in tourism and hospitality, and tourism management.



From the UK

**Dr. Marco Nievergelt, PHD**



Coordinator Academic Programme  
Bachelor of Business Management Programme

[Forward College](https://www.forwardcollege.com)

Higher Education Preview Workshop Presenter

Forward College offers a double degree programme, including a Bachelor of Business Leadership. Students co-live in three countries across three years: *Portugal (Lisbon,)* *France (Paris)* and *the Netherlands (Amsterdam)*. Each year students work with recruiters, entrepreneurs and experts in the field for practical internship experience.

Dr. Nievergelt is the Academic Programmes Coordinator for Forward College. He has 15 years of teaching and research experience at several European universities including the United Kingdom, France and Switzerland. Dr. Nievergelt specializes in the cultural history of pre-modern Europe.



From Costa Rica



**Dr. Alejandra Barahona**

Executive Director  
Center for International  
Programs & Sustainability  
Studies

[Veritas University](#)

Higher Education  
Preview Workshop  
Presenter

Veritas University is known for its innovative creative industry bachelor's and Licenciatura degrees. Veritas has hosted 700+ students per year at the Center for International Programs & Sustainability Studies.

Dr. Barahona developed experience in leadership, executive management, financial oversight, community relations, strategic planning, and project development. She is committed to education initiatives with a socio-economic and environmental impact focus both at local and global levels. Alejandra is passionate about creating educational opportunities for students who want to explore sustainability and social justice in Costa Rica.



From Canada



**Keeret Grewal**

Freshman  
Business Administration and  
Financial Mathematics

[Wilfrid Laurier University](#)

Team Coach

Keeret was the Student Council for the Access to Justice: World Peace Starts with Local Harmony Forum concluded in April 2021 while she was in high school. Throughout secondary school, Keeret had a lot of experience in professional conferences, like Model UN, Model G7, Mock Trial, and multiple business case studies. Now in university, Keeret is a team coach for upcoming participants because she aspires to help other competitors like herself. She is now studying Business Administration and Financial Mathematics at Wilfrid Laurier and hopes to become a corporate lawyer in the future. Regardless, Keeret is eager to meet new people from all over the world, and help guide Buddies Without Borders participants in the right direction.



From Poland



**Bogna Frykowska**

Freshman  
Psychology

[Forward College](#)

Team Coach

Bogna is a recent high school graduate and a student at the international university – Forward College. She's a winner of the Forward Impact Award for socially aware students - she created a set of workshops for disabled children to help them express their dreams. Her experience in debating and volunteering made her realize how difficult and yet essential it is to understand others' points of view (and how these viewpoints were formed) when it comes to problem-solving, no matter how big or small. Open-mindedness is one of the most important qualities and Bogna is excited to encourage others to discover it.



From Canada

**Mia Filipetti**



Freshman  
Legal Studies and Economics

[University of Waterloo](https://www.uwaterloo.ca/)

Team Coach

Mia Filipetti participated successfully in the Social Entrepreneurship: Doing Well by Doing Good Forum in February 2021 and now is invited back to mentor the new participants. Mia is 17 years old and is a first-year student attending the University of Waterloo (located in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada) majoring in legal studies and economics this fall. She is an experienced debater and now is working on organizing the 2021 Ontario High School Ethics Bowl with University of Toronto. She is Canadian, Italian and Dutch, and she looks forward to working with everyone in the Forum.

## Reflections and Testimonials

“It was really fun and effective exchange of ideas. I learnt a lot about the situation of different countries as well as brainstormed on the solutions that were presented there.” ~ D.Shah, Indonesia

“I loved seeing the presentations! It was really impressive, everyone did great. I loved to learn more about different countries and it was fun to be able to see different landscapes from different places.” ~ M. Isabel, Brazil

“It was a highly engaging forum that allowed me to learn a lot about ecotourism around the world whilst getting to know and collaborate with new people.” ~ A. Thadathil, Netherlands / India

“I absolutely loved making connections that will hopefully last beyond the end of this forum. But I also enjoyed doing copious amounts of research about completely different countries from my own and mostly finding differences between countries, but also recognizing how similar the problems in different countries can be. It was definitely something to think about. Organizing projects is a valuable skill that I have developed throughout this forum and will definitely utilize in my own projects at school and beyond school.” ~ Y. Kiryukhina, Macedonia

“I have really enjoyed discussing ideas with everyone else, doing my own personal research, and analysing ecotourism in a country so different from my own. I loved how each week had a different theme making the overall creation of a business plan more manageable and a collection of all the work that we have done over the last month. I wanted to take the opportunity here to say a huge thank you for this opportunity which I have thoroughly enjoyed, and have developed my leadership, organisational and writing skills. I am very proud of myself by achieving the highest number of personal points in the forum especially as improving my writing was something I wanted to do, and by the end I had nailed the 5 point structure. And that structure is definitely something I want to replicate when forming an inquiry in the future.” ~ B. Ashong, UK

## Participating Nations/Schools/Students

Team Country Assignment	Student Name	School Name (Residing Country)	Nationality
Madagascar	Mbabazi Caren Karamagi	Kabojja International School (Uganda)	Uganda
Madagascar	Patricia Angel Sie	Sekolah Global Indo Asia (Indonesia)	Indonesia
Madagascar	Ahana Joshi	Pathways School Noida (India)	India
Madagascar	Angela Dimovska	Nova International Schools (Macedonia)	Macedonia
Zanzibar	Phuong Hoang	Hanoi- Amsterdam High School For The Gifted (Vietnam)	Vietnam
Zanzibar	Andrea Koleva	Nova International Schools (Macedonia)	Macedonia
Zanzibar	Bianca Bonali	<a href="#">American School of Milan (Italy)</a>	Italy
Zanzibar	Arya Thadathil	Amsterdam International Community School (Netherlands)	India
India	Lina Nikolovska	Nova International Schools (Macedonia)	Macedonia
India	Bulan Kania	Sekola Mutiara Nusantara (Indonesia)	Indonesia
India	Fernando Mingo Moreno	Colegio los Sauces la Moraleja (Spain)	Spain
India	Bryanna Ashong	Bryanston School (UK)	United Kingdom
Ecuador	Dhruwan Samir Shah	Indus International School Pune (India)	India
Ecuador	Yulia Kiryukhina	International School of Riga (Latvia)	Russia
Ecuador	Marina Ruiz Cifuentes	Colegio Los Sauces (Spain)	Spain
Ecuador	Yalun Zou	<a href="#">Whittle School &amp; Studios Shenzhen Campus (China)</a>	China
Ecuador	Rosemary Tjandra	Sekolah Mutiara Nusantara (Indonesia)	Indonesia
Nepal	Aanya Sharma	Prometheus School Noida (India)	India
Nepal	Hannah Rose Keevers	Amsterdam International Community School (Netherlands)	Australia/South Africa
Nepal	Jona Kurtishi	NOVA International Schools (Macedonia)	Macedonia
Nepal	Leonardus Haryo Rihastanto	Sekolah Mutiara Nusantara (Indonesia)	Indonesia
Nepal	Francisco Javier Marcano Jiménez	Los Sauces La Moraleja (Spain)	España
New Zealand	Maria Isabel Felippi Ruckl	Coree International School (Brazil)	Brazil
New Zealand	domenico raia	Los Sauces (Spain)	Italy

New Zealand	Lara Stassen	Amsterdam International Community School (Netherlands)	Netherlands
New Zealand	Matthew Liu	Tsai-Hsing High School (Taiwan)	Taiwan
New Zealand	Camila Valda Estremadoyro	Saint Andrew's School (Bolivia)	Bolivia
Costa Rica	Hung, Cheng Wei	Tsai Hsing High School (Taiwan)	Taiwan(ROC)
Costa Rica	Shreya Patil	Amsterdam International Community School (Netherlands)	India
Costa Rica	David Diver	Los Sauces (Spain)	Spain
Costa Rica	Daniela Alicia Rodriguez-Debach	Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center (USA)	USA
Morocco	Blanca Barreiro Lages	Los Sauces la Moraleja (Spain)	Spain
Morocco	Dia Reddy	Chirec International School (India)	India
Morocco	Ohemaa Abena Asibuo	Tema International School (Ghana)	Ghana
Morocco	Mikaela Laura Debach	Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center (USA)	USA
Indonesia	Elena Álvarez Lago	Los Sauces (Spain)	Spain
Indonesia	Jing Ran Chen	Tsai Hsing High School (Taiwan)	Taiwan(ROC)
Indonesia	Siya Jairath	Pathways School Noida (India)	India
Indonesia	Benjamin Kim	Amsterdam International Community School (Netherlands)	USA

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