



Amy Biehl Foundation Project for High School Students

A Human Rights and Social Justice Program



The Amy Biehl Foundation Project seeks to develop high school students' critical awareness of the compelling human rights issues of the 21st century and their sense of social responsibility for addressing human rights challenges (global and local) that align with their personal values. The guiding vision for the project is to cultivate students' understanding of human dignity and the importance of confronting violence in any of its forms. Students are challenged to learn these principles while also working collectively and collaboratively in forming ideas and taking actions in response to social issues they deem important. This vision is based on values that were dear to Amy Biehl – a 26-year-old Fulbright scholar and anti-apartheid activist who worked for social change in South Africa. The Amy Biehl Foundation Project seeks to give high school students a basis in understanding global approaches to human rights with an emphasis placed on the importance of education and safety for women and girls, which represents one of the world's global challenges to justice and equality.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- To provide a foundation for students to understand the human rights challenges of the 21st century
- To cultivate college-level critical thinking & research skills as students investigate a human rights issue of their choice.
- To engage students in an academic experience that teaches them to examine social issues from multiple perspectives.

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