

2009 Institute for Student Leaders – Costa Rica

A 10-day gathering of students and teachers from around the world

Program Dates - July 6-15 or July 17-26, 2009

Program Locations – **EARTH University** (www.earth.ac.cr)

EARTH is an international university for sustainable development. For 6 days in the middle of the program, ISL participants will stay on the EARTH campus and with local farming families in community development projects.

United World Colleges – Costa Rica (www.uwccr.com)

United World Colleges is a system of colleges around the world with students and faculty from a diverse range of countries. UWC-Costa Rica is based around the three pillars of **multiculturalism, environment, and peace**. ISL Participants will stay at UWC for 2 days at the beginning, and 2 days at the end of the program.



Program Theme and Activities - The main theme of the 2009 ISL is **global water issues**. Activities will include hands-on learning from water projects at EARTH University, simulations of global water conflicts, and extensive student and faculty discussions. Other major themes of the ISL are collaborative leadership, cross-cultural communication, and environmental sustainability.

There will be a concurrent **student curriculum** and **teacher curriculum**, so that both will **return to their schools** with the skills and knowledge to continue be leaders on global issues.

About GYLI and NAIS - Global Youth Leadership Institute (GYLI) is a non-profit organization that works with schools to build leadership skills and capacities among their students and faculty.

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) is the largest accrediting body of independent schools in the USA, with over 1,300 member schools.

Eligibility - Schools are invited to send a group of 2 to 5 students and 1 to 2 teachers to the ISL. The students should be between the age of 15 and 17 years old.

Info and registration - More information about the ISL and registration are available online at www.gyli.org

Questions? If you have any questions about the ISL, contact Jesse Blom from GYLI at jblom@gyli.org or (414) 238-2408 or Ioana Suciuc from NAIS at suciuc@nais.org or (202) 973-9755.



Testimonials from the 2008 ISL



“I will not return to Germany the same person. I have learned so much and I am so honored to be given this privilege”

- Vickie, student from Germany



“This powerful opportunity is one we will all remember- the exchanges, connections and unity will be lasting...the processes we learned to navigate, the leadership issues and the multi-cultural environment will continue to impact our lives”

- Ashu, teacher from USA