

# Project Hope Club

A Pope High School - Globalization Academy Club



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FOUNDATION



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Did you know that the UN's #1 Goal of the millennium is to **END GLOBAL POVERTY**? How can YOU be part of the solution to end global poverty?

The Pope Globalization Academy's Project Hope is a pilot program in partnership with the **INVESTING HOPE FOUNDATION** (IHF) in Colombia. The project's purpose is to expose students to the realities of vulnerable communities around the globe and provide them with meaningful opportunities to effect change on an international scale.

IHF's YES (Youth Entrepreneurship and Savings) Clubs work with children ages 8-21 in Colombia to explore entrepreneurship, generate income, and learn how to save. Participants in the Hope Club will meet with the founders, teachers, and participants of YES programs in Colombia to learn about YES clubs' impact and purpose. Participants will consolidate what they have learned into a short, informative pitch. The pitch will be shared to expose others to what YES clubs can accomplish. How do you convey what you learn about YES and Colombia to someone who knows nothing about it? How long do you have to make your point? Usually less than 5 minutes.

## The Project Hope Club objectives:

1. **To support** social entrepreneurship and financial independence globally.
2. **To connect** academic knowledge with the reality of vulnerable communities.
3. **To learn** how to plan and execute a fundraising campaign.
4. **To develop** public speaking and critical thinking skills.
5. **To experience** what social entrepreneurship, microfinance, global service, and the interdependence of non-profit/development work and fundraising are.
6. **To have** an opportunity to travel to Colombia\*, meet the founders of Investing Hope Foundation, connect with members of YES programs in Colombia, practice communicating with people from another language and culture, and gain a broader understanding of global development issues.
7. **To share** the experiences of the club with another local school in order to expand the reach of Investing Hope Foundation.

*\*The opportunity to travel to Colombia is not guaranteed. The trip must first be approved by the County.*

**Requirements:**

- Attend bi-monthly meetings after school from August to February.
- Create, in a group or independently, a persuasive 3-5 minute “elevator pitch” to educate others on:
  - the unique challenges of communities in Colombia
  - the potential solutions, both big and small
  - the importance of non-profit organizations like IHF in the larger global mission of social entrepreneurship and financial independence.
- Participate in a fundraising challenge and use your pitch in the process.

**Benefits:**

- Earn ISDS volunteer hours for global service
- Earn credit toward the Globalization Junior Merit Award
- Strengthen college applications
- Improve public speaking skills
- Increase cultural competence
- Support financial independence and social entrepreneurship of youth in Colombia
- Raise funding for IHF’s YES programs, supporting IHF’s goal of reaching 10K people in the next five years through their social entrepreneurship and financial inclusion programs.
- Have the opportunity to travel to Colombia.\*

**Meeting Dates for 2023-2024, after school 3:30-4 PM on:**

1. August 14
2. August 28
3. September 11
4. October 9
5. October 23
6. November 6
7. December 4
8. January 8
9. January 22
10. January 29
11. February 5

If you are interested in joining Project Hope Club, please sign up through Remind at the following location:



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