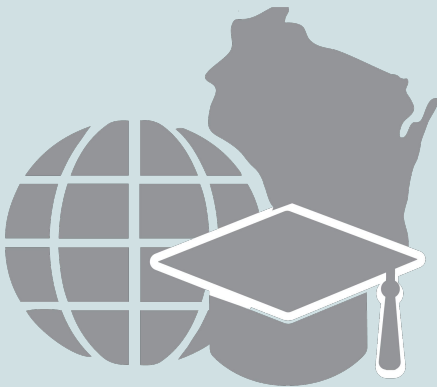




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# My Global Scholars Experience

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# Experiences

- German I through German VI DE
  - Developed passion for exploring other cultures
- Other Classwork



Costa Rica

- Strong community



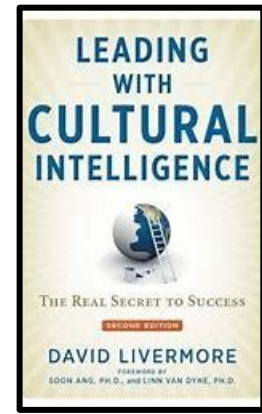
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- German culture



New Beginnings for Refugees

- Everyone has a different experience



Leading with Cultural Intelligence

- Interactions with other cultures

# What I learned



- Emphasized the need to see things from other perspectives
- The need to keep an open mind
- Showed me cultures I may not have explored otherwise

# How I will apply what I learned



- Plan to be a Global Business Consultant
  - Will interact with people from many different cultures
  - Will apply aspects of books read throughout the program
- Inspired me to do a semester abroad in college
  - Want to go to Germany



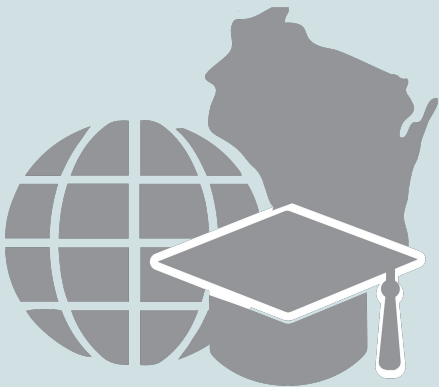
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# My Global Scholars Journey



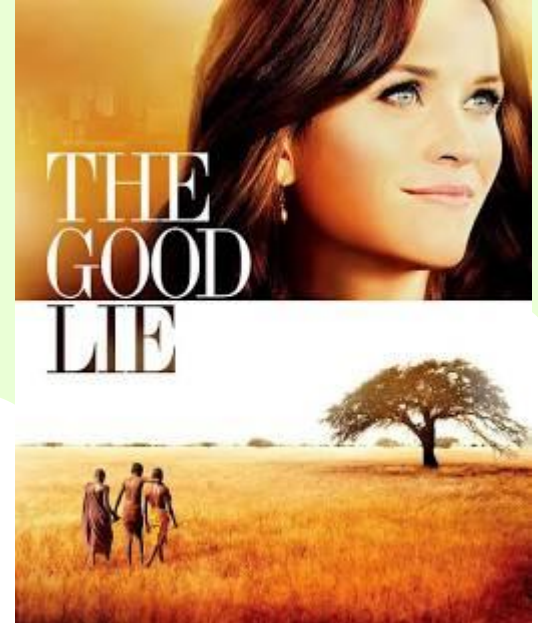
# My First Global Scholars Event



- My first global scholars mentor was Sñr. Wenninger.
- He recommended I go to a movie put on by a refugee aid organization called New Beginnings for Refugees.
- This event pulled me into volunteering for the organization.



new beginnings<sup>☆</sup>  
for Refugees



# The Problem With the Program??



- When I first started the global scholars program, I was just doing events to check off items on the checklist.
- After volunteering for just a short while, my work with the refugees became much more than just a list to complete.





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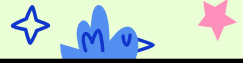




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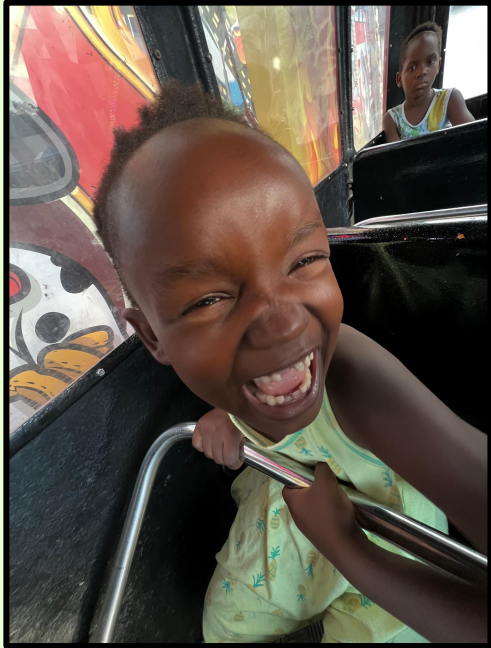
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Group photo!



# August 3rd: The Fair!



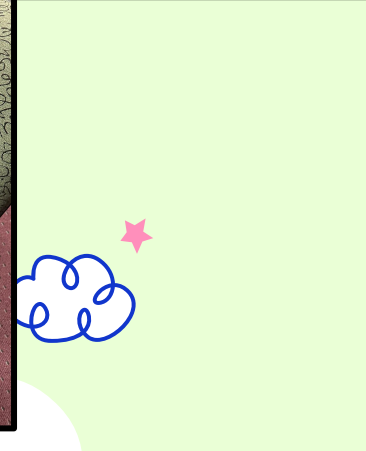
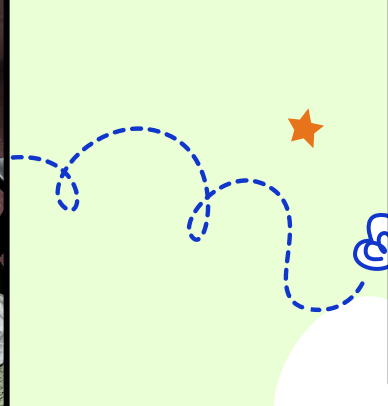
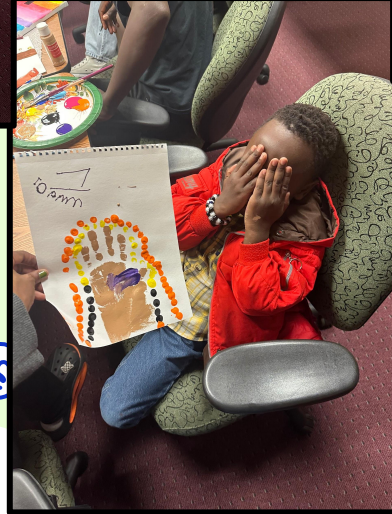
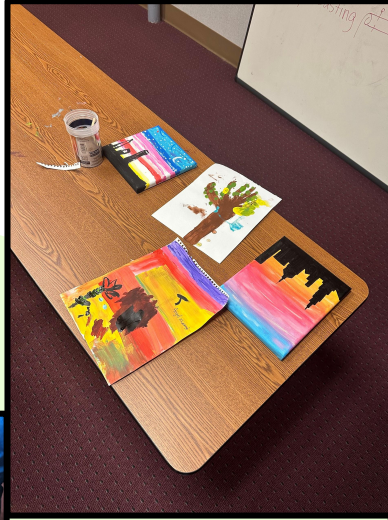


# September-October: Soccer!





# October 22nd: Painting!





# November 4th: Thanksgiving Feast

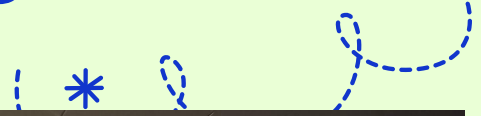




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# The Turning Point



- I was volunteering at Walmart for a Christmas toiletry donation event. When I told people what the cause was I was met with hateful pushback.
- I knew I could help more, so I started MWAH!



# MWAH



- MWAH is a student advocate group with the goal of integrating the newcomer youth to the Wausau community and spreading awareness about refugees.
- This organization counted as my global scholars project requirement.

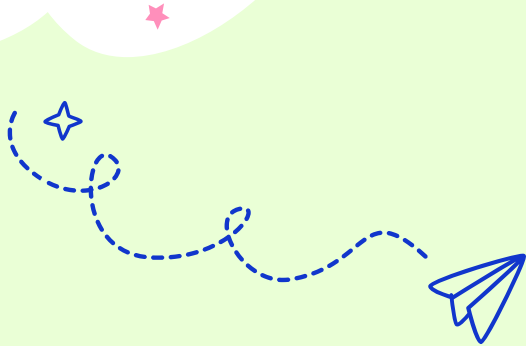




# January 28th: Storybook Reading and Crafts



# February 11th: Valentine's Day Box-Making





# March 10th: Slime-Making



# April 27th: Mural





# What Next?



- Unfortunately in May of 2024, New Beginnings ran out of money and lost their board. MWAH has been on hiatus ever since.
- But we are still here! MWAH will be transitioning to a organization that bridges student volunteers to ECDC, the Wausau refugee resettlement agency.



# Do I Recommend This Program?

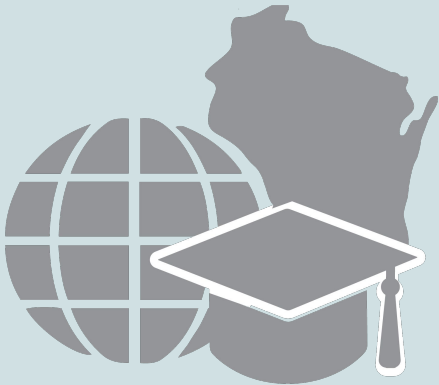


- Yes! Global competency is a neglected but important skill to have! MWAH and this program have boosted my confidence and social skills, and has opened up many other opportunities in my life.
- It's important to get out into the community and learn about others.
- Overall, this program enriches the personalities and experiences of the people who choose to participate!





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