

Global Issues Explored: LCC's Certificate of Sustainable Global Leadership (CSGL)

What is a global citizen?

Does one have to leave Montreal to be a global citizen?

How did my travel experience affect my view of myself, of the world?



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CSGL recipients



THESE ARE A FEW OF THE QUESTIONS that are considered in biweekly seminars as grade 11 students tie together their international travel experiences and the global learning from their curriculum. The seminar sessions are highly reflective and ask students to consider how their own experiences, and those of their classmates, help them understand contemporary global issues.

In keeping with LCC's mission, students contemplate leadership in a sustainable global society. Discussions cover diverse topics that are also interrelated: migration, climate change, politics of exclusion, Indigenous rights and environmental sustainability, to name a few. The CSGL challenges students to make connections and move through a continuum from awareness and understanding to empathy, advocacy and action.

"Working towards the CSGL provided an opportunity to reflect on the ways I could make a greater impact within my own community," says Andrew Vandebussche '19 (Pre-U '20). "The award truly recognizes the importance of being globally conscious, and students walk away with the ability to think more critically about the world around them."

In earning their certificate, students are acknowledged for having fulfilled the requirements of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, successfully completed the first year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, taken part in a school-sponsored, international travel experience, and attended the seminars. In the four years since its creation, 71 students have earned the certificate. **1**

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