



Tempe Sister Cities Monthly



TSC Exchange Launches a Global Citizen's Year

When Corona del Sol 2016 graduate Jamie Cohen was selected as a Tempe Sister Cities delegate to Regensburg, Germany in the spring of 2015, she knew she was going to embark on an adventure which would have a lasting impact on her life. After spending almost six weeks away, she came back with the realization that her college plans had to include a university with a strong study-abroad program.



Jamie Cohen, 2017 Global Citizen year fellow and 2015 TSC Regensburg Ambassador
Photo courtesy of Jill Cohen

As she searched, she noticed that many universities were encouraging students to take a gap or "bridge" year. She found a couple of programs which started their freshman year with a year abroad, some even offering a full year of credit while living in another country. Jamie then came across a program called *Global Citizen Year*.

Jamie immediately felt this was the exact program she was looking for. She applied, and, after a rigorous interview process was accepted as a 2017 Global Citizen Year fellow.

This fall, Global Citizen Year will send 100 high school seniors to one of four countries they partner with: Ecuador, Brazil, Senegal and India.

As an applicant, Jamie wrote essays to describe each country and why she felt each one would be a good fit, ranking her choices. Ecuador was at

the top of her list. "I wanted to become fluent in Spanish and the connection with Cuenca, one of the Tempe Sister Cities, were two of the main reasons I hoped to be paired with Ecuador. Everyone I have met from Cuenca has been so nice that I wanted to have the opportunity to live among the happiest people on earth."

The design of Global Citizen Year is structured to gain both language and cultural immersion, as well as to provide students with an internship in an area they want to study in college. Jamie will leave in mid-August for San Francisco where she will have a two-week orientation and meet the other 2017 fellows. From there, she and her other Ecuadorian cohorts of approximately 40 students will depart for Quito, where they will live and study Spanish together for approximately six weeks. During this time, in-country coordinators will get to know Jamie and the other

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What is a Global Citizen?

Global Citizen Year was founded by Abigail Falik, who upon her own high school graduation, struggled to find an opportunity – outside military or religious service – for real world work and immersion before college. She posed the question: where is the opportunity for young people to learn about themselves and the wider world before college?

After nearly a decade working as a social entrepreneur in the US and communities around the world, Abby enrolled at Harvard Business School to develop the skills, strategy and networks to bring her long-held vision of a pre-college "bridge year" to life. In 2008, Abby entered the Harvard Business School Pitch for Change competition with a bold vision: she proposed that one day, a global bridge year before college would become the norm, not the exception. Abby won first place in the competition that day – catalyzing Global Citizen Year's transition from a big idea into a reality.



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fellows and try to match them in an internship which fits their future career goals. Some fellows teach, others work in non-profit organizations, government or even agricultural communities. Fellows will spend six months in their internship, meeting up with other fellows periodically for training and travel opportunities. While in her internship, she will live with a host family so she can become fully immersed with an Ecuadoran family.

Most people think that gap years are expensive. Global Citizen Year is committed to making a bridge year affordable to all families regardless of their socioeconomic situation. In past years, over 80% of fellows received some form of financial assistance and 30% received a full scholarship. Besides being funded by large foundations who see the benefit of a gap year, Global Citizen Year also asks its fellows to pay it forward to future fellows. The 2016 class raised money for the 2017 scholarship fund and now the 2017 class is doing the same. This also gives fellows preparing to leave for their time away the opportunity to raise awareness of the program and mobilize their community. Jamie received a significant scholarship. "The scholarship I received would not have been possible without the dedicated fundraising efforts of the fellows who have come before me. I am immensely grateful for their hard work and now it is time for me to pay it forward!" she says. "Although I will be spending a year outside of the academic classroom, it is my belief that my education will not be put on hold, but rather accelerated through real world experiences. My hope is that my year abroad allows me to unlock new passions, potential and purpose that will be the launching pad for all my future academic and career endeavors."



Picturesque Ecuadoran countryside
Photo courtesy of Global Citizen Year

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If you would like to donate to the fellows scholarship fund, visit <https://donate.globalcitizenyear.org/checkout/donation?cid=14269>

Jamie was able to defer both her college admission and merit scholarship to do her Global Citizen Year. She plans to study international relations at George Washington University in Washington, DC when she starts college in the fall of 2017. For more information about Global Citizen Year, visit the website at www.globalcitizenyear.org.



SAVE the DATE

October 8, 2016



25th Annual 10K - 5K - Walk Frank Kush—Tempe Sister Cities Run

Presented by Four Peaks Brewery
& Frank Kush Youth Foundation

Register:
4PeaksRacing.com or
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This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Frank Kush Run, one of the longest-running community activities in Tempe. It will be the fourth year the Kush Foundation has teamed with Tempe Sister Cities in staging the event, which is held in conjunction with the Tempe Oktoberfest. This year's Frank Kush Run (and Walk) will be on Saturday morning, October 8 at Tempe Town Lake.

Frank has always supported Tempe youth, education and fitness activities. The foundation was formed in 1991 to "encourage participation by Arizona youth in health and fitness activities that promote self-discipline, confidence, family involvement and lead to healthier, happier and more productive lives." Hallmarks of the annual Kush Run are a fun-filled day for youth and families—and the donations made to support fitness activities at ten Tempe schools each year through the TIE Foundation.



Educator Exchange Program

Summer Educator Exchange Begins!

After winding down the 2015-16 school year, attending orientation meetings and packing their bags, four Tempe Union High School District teachers are off! Jane Morgan (Corona del Sol), Meredith Morrissey (Mountain Pointe), and Marianne Webb (Marcos de Niza) left May 23 for Regensburg and will be returning June 13. Cassie Lobert (Corona del Sol) will be leaving for Lower Hutt on June 24 and returning on July 15. We wish them all happy travels and look forward to their stories when they return.

– Submitted by Lorrie Nelson



Lorrie Nelson, Sharon Doyle, Jane Morgan, Meredith Morrissey, Marianne Webb, Cassie Lobert, Jan O'Malley, and Linda Parrish at an Educator orientation meeting. Photo courtesy of Lorrie Nelson

Regensburg Educator Reflections on Tempe

I loved learning about the economics of Tempe and Arizona through a spring training game and shopping. We also had a very interesting conversation with Colin in the Sustainability College ASU about economy, about research and about industry, which made us understand American thinking better.

I also really liked our hike on top of Mount Elden to see all the volcanoes in the area and all of our hikes in the Valley and in northern Arizona.

– Veronika Eckstein

Veronika and Doreth at a Shoulder-to-Shoulder party hosted by Sharon Doyle and Steve Rich.

Photo courtesy of Dennis Ederer



I truly enjoyed learning about the state of Arizona and its history, its flora and fauna—I even saw a bighorn sheep and a few scorpions—its geology (petrified wood and the Grand Canyon) and its history of the Native Americans at Wupatki, Walnut Canyon, and the Heard Museum. What I found very interesting was watching my first lacrosse game, attending the percussion concert and seeing the track meet at Marcos de Niza, as well as learning a new game, Cornhole. I also enjoyed the Mars exhibit at ASU, seeing "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" at Gammage Auditorium, our hike in Sedona, viewing Jupiter and learning about Pluto at Lowell Observatory, and having a big steak dinner at home.

– Doreth Rothmuller

Say "I Do" at the Hackett House!

Looking for a venue to host your wedding ceremony or reception, throw a bridal shower for your 'bestie', celebrate birthdays or anniversaries, rejoice on your child's graduation, tailgate or host a corporate meeting... Look no more! Hackett House, located in the heart of Downtown Tempe, offers a beautiful patio which can be rented at a great price for all your events. Rentals include

- use of patio and the friendship rooms for four hours
- tables and chairs and high top tables
- tablecloths and pretty centerpieces
- audio system

Hackett House welcomes outside caterers, possesses a liquor license and offers a team of vivacious volunteers to help out at your event. Contact the Rental Manager at rentalmanager@hacketthouse.org to inquire about hosting your next event. **Special discount available for Tempe Sister Cities members of 2 years or more!**



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Welcome to these new Tempe Sister Cities members!

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 Stacy & Walter Moreno
 Michael & Melissa Hahn
 Lawn & Patricia Griffiths
 Kathleen & Jonathan Marks
 Cassie & Travis Lobert



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