

High School Online Leadership Academy (HOLA)





SOMLA

- July 2017, July 2018 and July 2019
- 10 day in-person program at SUNY Oneonta
- Leadership and Identity development courses and workshops
- College experience- Students stayed in the dorms, used college classrooms, ate in the dining halls.
- Presentations about CAMP, applying for jobs, nutrition, financial literacy, etc
- Field trips and fun activities such as BOCES tour, roller skating, kayaking and picnic at the lake, etc.



HOLA

- July 2020 and July 2021
- Virtual summer program
- A different experience than SOMLA
 - Greater focus on instructional content
 - Allows us to invite more students (rising 10th graders), as well as those who may be unable to be away from home for 10 days
 - Prepares students for virtual learning, both in high school and college
- Leadership and Identity development courses and workshops
- College experience- Online learning with two SUNY Oneonta professors
- Presentations about CAMP, applying for jobs, time management, financial literacy, etc.
- Fun icebreaker and team building activities



What can your students expect?

- Outstanding instruction by two college professors
- Multiple morning and afternoon class options with some flexibility to work with their schedules
- Workshops focused on preparing students for life after high school
- Personalized academic support
- One-on-one work with CAMP team leaders and counselors
- \$150 grocery card & welcome box with goodies
- Chromebook to use during HOLA

HOLA Daily Schedule

9am-10:30am: Class Option 1

11:45am-1:45pm: Homework Call-in Hours

2-3:30pm: Class Option 2

3:45-4:15pm: Icebreaker (Optional)

4:30-6pm: Class Option 3

6:15-7:45pm: Class Option 4

8-9pm: Small Group Meeting

Program Dates:

Wednesday, July 7th through Friday, July 16th (8 class days)
Saturday, July 10th- Optional workshops
Sunday, July 11th- Day off

Other optional/required workshops include: CAMP, Imposter Syndrome Panel, Time Management, Getting a Job, Financial Literacy



Skills of Emerging Leaders

- Taught by Professor Frank Thornton and Professor Karen Joest
- Students will watch a 15 minute video prior to each class, then receive instruction and participate in a discussion with professors during class time.
- Classes focus on leadership, identity development, SMART goals, and being successful in an online learning environment.
- The course will culminate with students creating and presenting their Tree Projects, which represent their personal identities, goals, and dreams.



What are we expecting from your students?

- 8-9 day commitment
- 3-5 hours of daily work
- Commitment to participate in all required activities, and to consider one or more optional workshops
- Completion of all assigned coursework/homework
- Communication with HOLA Principal, Vice Principal, and/or Team Leader if they are unable to attend a session



Student Recruitment

- April and May- prime time to recruit.
 Start talking to your students ASAP!
- Applications are due June 4th- Jenny will cover where to access forms, and what you, your student, and your student's parent/quardian need to do.
- We are looking to have 3-5 students from each METS, with a total of 25 slots.
- Don't limit yourself- we will accept more than 3-5 applications per METS if you have more students who would like to attend!



Who is a Candidate to Attend HOLA?

- Rising 10th-12th Graders
- Access to Wi-Fi, or ability to connect to Internet/cell tower
 - If student does not have Internet access, we will do everything we can to help them get connected
- Responsible and self-motivated
- Available to commit to the schedule (3-5 hours of work per day)
 - Must attend 1 class per day, small group meeting, and complete all homework assignments at minimum.
- This program may be challenging for very beginner English Language Learners (ELLs).
 - The extensive language support that we provide at SOMLA is impossible at HOLA, but we will be providing as much as we possibly can.



How will we be supporting individual learning needs?

- Some interpretation/translation will be provided during some of our daily class sessions.
- At least one bilingual counselor will be assigned to each small group.
- We plan to have 1-2 interns on staff to provide additional one-on-one support with homework assignments.
- If your student has an IEP or any specific learning need(s) listed on their application, we will do everything we can to provide individualized support to that student. Providing a copy of the IEP will help us create the best possible support plan for your student!
- Counselors, interns, and statewide staff will be available to help students with technology issues.





Success Stories

- As of Winter 2020, all SOMLA/HOLA alumni have graduated, or are on track to graduate from high school.
- Many of our SOMLA and HOLA alumni have gone on to attend the CAMP Program at SUNY Oneonta.
 - 3 of our SOMLA alumni are candidates for HOLA counselor positions this year!







Questions?

