



GLOBAL PATHWAYS

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"Building Language. Bridging Cultures. Becoming Global."



Dear Global Pathways Family

As we step into the season of gratitude, I'm deeply appreciative of everyone who continues to believe in the mission of **Global Pathways Education & Publishing**.

This month has been one of recognition and progress—from national attention on our work to new partnerships in Chicago that expand access to world language education for students across the city. Thank you for walking this journey with us, from Beverly to Beijing.

—**华山老师 (Rahsaan Liddell)**

Founder, Global Pathways Education & Publishing



Giving Tuesday Is Coming!!!

DECEMBER 2, 2025

This Giving Tuesday, we're inviting our community to help us open even more global doors for Chicago youth.

Your contribution this year will directly support:

- Student scholarships for Crossover: Language, Leadership, and the Global Game
- Free community programming like Chinese Corner
- Cultural exchange opportunities for local CPS students



Ways You Can Give:

Visit GlobalPathwaysEducation.org

- Sponsor a student or program through our Global Pathways Cultural Foundation
- Share our campaign on social media using #GlobalPathwaysGivingTuesday

"This Giving Tuesday, let's build pathways for the next generation of global leaders."
Thank you for helping us continue our mission of transforming lives, one character at a time.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION: INVITED TO DAYMOND JOHN'S NEXT LEVEL CEO

Out of thousands of applicants nationwide, **Global Pathways** was invited to participate in a casting call for **Daymond John's New TV Show, NEXT LEVEL CEO**.

This opportunity highlights how we combine education, culture, and entrepreneurship to empower young people. While the casting call doesn't guarantee a feature, it validates the dedication behind launching this organization. "Our story stood out because it's about impact—specifically helping Chicago students see themselves as global citizens."

Stay tuned as this exciting opportunity develops. It's only the beginning!





EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL LEADERS



This month, **Global Pathways Mandarin & Culture Studio** hosted an intimate yet powerful community discussion on the importance of language learning, cultural exposure, and leadership development. The evening centered on the inspiring example of 18 young men from Simeon High School who recently traveled to China. Although they couldn't attend, our community reflected on their journey, the impact of their experiences abroad, and how opportunities like these can reshape perspectives of self and others.

Together, we explored how studying languages like Mandarin builds confidence, enhances global awareness, and opens international doors in an increasingly connected world.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us, and to Coach Tim Flowers for continuing to inspire our work in global education and cultural exchange.



OP-ED SPOTLIGHT: GLOBAL PATHWAYS CEO FEATURED ON LINKEDIN

Our **Founder and CEO, Rahsaan Liddell**, published a thought-provoking op-ed titled "When a Chicago Coach Took His Players to China, He Showed Us What's Missing in Our Schools."

In it, Rahsaan reflects on Simeon High School's trip to China, the deeper meaning of global exposure for Chicago youth, and how Global Pathways is building the infrastructure to make these opportunities available for all CPS students. "Coach Flowers gave his players something money can't buy — a glimpse of who they can be when they are seen, safe, and free."

Read the full article on LinkedIn and join the conversation about why global learning matters now more than ever.

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GLOBALPATHWAYSEDUCATION.ORG IS LIVE!

We're proud to announce that our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the **Global Pathways Cultural Foundation**, is officially live at **GlobalPathwaysEducation.org**

This marks a new chapter in our mission to connect education, culture, and leadership through global learning experiences. The Foundation will serve as the philanthropic arm of Global Pathways Education & Publishing, building out scholarships, youth programs, and community partnerships.

Our second major initiative under the Foundation is Crossover: Language, Leadership, and the Global Game, a six-month program designed for the 18 student-athletes from Simeon Career Academy who traveled to China earlier this year. Crossover intends to build on their life-changing experience by connecting sports, culture, and global leadership through weekly Mandarin classes, monthly leadership events, and community trips at no cost to the students.

Through this program, we aim to help these young men extend their journey beyond the basketball court and into global citizenship and leadership roles, and to in essence "crossover" from athletes to ambassadors.

Visit **GlobalPathwaysEducation.org** to learn more, support our work, or get involved.

"AMBASSADOR FOR CHICAGO" AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY IN MOTION: FROM SOLDIER FIELD TO THE WORLD STAGE



During the NFL Draft Party at Soldier Field, **Rahsaan Liddell—Founder of Global Pathways** and a longtime **Chicago Bears Ambassador**—greeted a reporter from **China's CCTV-5** in Mandarin.

In that moment, speaking Mandarin made him a cultural bridge for the **Chicago Bears, the NFL, and the United States**—showcasing the impact of a bilingual African-American educator representing America on the world stage in a sport powered by African-American athletes. That exchange turned into an international broadcast and an example of how **sports, language, and education** can unite people across cultures.

As the **NFL** grows internationally, **Global Pathways** looks forward to collaborating on initiatives that **merge sports diplomacy, education, and youth engagement**. Bear Down!

[Watch Video Here!!](#)

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**THIS SUMMER, GLOBAL PATHWAYS WAS
FEATURED IN MULTIPLE PUBLICATIONS**

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ADVOCATING FOR EDUCATION: GLOBAL PATHWAYS IN Springfield



Global Pathways joined educators from across Illinois for **Lobby Day in Springfield**, standing alongside the **Chicago Teachers Union (CTU)** and the **Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT)** to advocate for equitable funding, fair contracts, and expanded access to world language education.

Representing both **Global Pathways Education & Publishing** and the broader teaching community, **Founder Rahsaan Liddell** met with legislators to emphasize that language learning and cultural literacy are essential for preparing students for a global future. [Read more on IFT's website](#)



CULTURAL IMMERSION: EXPLORING CHICAGO'S CHINATOWN

Global Pathways recently led a group of students on a hands-on cultural immersion through **Chicago's Chinatown**. Students practiced everyday Mandarin phrases, explored local landmarks, and learned how language connects history to community.

The day ended with authentic Chinese cuisine at **Lao Sze Chuan**, where students sampled regional dishes and reflected on what it means to experience culture beyond the classroom.