



GLOBAL PATHWAYS

NEWSLETTER

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"Building Language. Bridging Cultures. Becoming Global."



Dear Global Pathways Family

As we close out the year, I want to thank everyone who continues to believe in the mission of

Global Pathways Education and Publishing.

December reminds us why this work matters:

**LANGUAGE OPENS DOORS, CULTURE BUILDS
CONFIDENCE, EDUCATION CREATES FUTURES**

Thank you for walking this journey with us and helping our students see the world as reachable.

—华山老师 (Rahsaan Liddell)

Founder, Global Pathways Education & Publishing



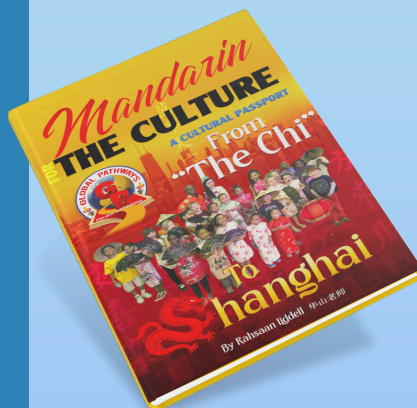
Thank You
FOR SUPPORTING

GIVING
TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday showed the power of community in action. Because of your support, we are expanding scholarships, sustaining free programs like Chinese Corner, and increasing access to global experiences for Chicago students.

Every contribution supports real students and real outcomes. Thank you for investing in language, leadership, and opportunity.

**GLOBAL PATHWAYS
MERCH & BOOKS
MAKE MEANINGFUL GIFTS**



This season, **Global Pathways Merchandise** and the book *Mandarin for the Culture* continue to serve as gifts with purpose. Each purchase directly supports student programming, scholarships, and cultural learning experiences. When you share these items, you help fund pathways that extend far beyond the classroom.



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MICRO GRANT AWARDED TO Shah McClaurin



Global Pathways is proud to award a micro grant to Lindblom Math and Science Academy senior **Shah McClaurin**. Shah will use her Mandarin skills to travel to China this winter to study in a STEM program at Zhejiang University.

This investment reflects our commitment to supporting students who apply language learning to real academic and global experiences. Congratulations, Shah. You are an inspiration.

OP-ED SPOTLIGHT GLOBAL PATHWAYS CEO FEATURED ON LINKEDIN

This month, the **Executive Director of Global Pathways** published an op-ed on the expansion of World Language and Dual Language Education across Chicago Public Schools. The article highlights the role of Chicago educators and the Chicago Teachers Union in securing funding for programs such as Mandarin at Calmecca Academy.

It reinforces that language education builds literacy, confidence, and real opportunity, and outlines how Global Pathways is prepared to support this work through partnerships with schools and communities here:

https://open.substack.com/pub/rahsaanliddell/p/chicago-is-expanding-language-education?utm_campaign=post-expanded-share&utm_medium=web





FREE SATURDAY MANDARIN LAB OPENS FOR LINDBLOM STUDENTS

Global Pathways is excited to announce a new partnership with **Lindblom Math and Science Academy** launching the **Saturday Mandarin Lab**.

This free weekly program supports Lindblom Mandarin students through focused language practice, cultural learning, and academic support. The Lab is designed to move students from classroom learning to fluency, confidence, and global readiness.

To learn more or save a spot click here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLu8w7PnFi7q0tqLBdWKKpdJy3qoIE_O6pfbKPE9I45GY25w/viewform?usp=header



EXPANDING BEYOND MANDARIN INTRODUCING FILIPINO LANGUAGE

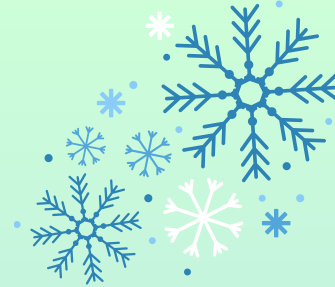
Global Pathways is expanding beyond Mandarin to include additional world languages. Through a new partnership with Cultural Vistas, we are launching a **Filipino (Tagalog)** language program at Global Pathways Studio.

Two Filipino exchange teachers will offer language instruction and cultural learning experiences for students and the broader Chicago community. Introductory classes will open soon.





COMMUNITY & EDUCATOR ENGAGEMENT



This month, **Global Pathways** joined educators from across the city at the Chicago Teachers Union holiday celebration, alongside CTU President **Stacy Davis Gates**.

We also met with 7th Ward Alderman **Greg Mitchell** to advocate for schools, world language education and global learning access. These conversations reinforce the importance of equity, opportunity, and strong community partnerships in education.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: **ETHAN WILLIAMS** KENWOOD ACADEMY

Ethan Williams is a freshman at Kenwood Academy and one of our private Mandarin students. Ethan brings curiosity, focus, and confidence to each session.

Even early in his high school journey, he shows strong commitment to language learning and cultural understanding. Students like Ethan represent the future of global education and why early investment matters.

MANDARIN FOR THE CULTURE OFFICIALLY COPYRIGHTED

Global Pathways Publishing is happy to share we've recently received a letter from the Library of Congress!

We are proud to share that **Mandarin for the Culture**, the book authored by Executive Director Rahsaan Liddell and published through Global Pathways Publishing, is now officially registered with the U.S. Copyright Office!

This moment means a lot and protects the authenticity of the curriculum. It also strengthens the foundation of Global Pathways as we build out our programs and publish new work in 2026!



GLOBAL PATHWAYS STORE NEW MERCH IS HERE!

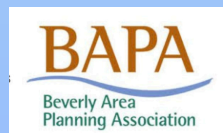
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(Every purchase supports our programs and helps fund scholarships)

**SUMMER 2025, GLOBAL PATHWAYS WAS
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