

THE WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP: AN OVERVIEW



Founded in 2007, the World Scholar's Cup is a global charitable enrichment initiative for students of all backgrounds from public and private schools all over the world. Our mission is to inspire in every student a love of learning, a confidence in new skills, and a sense of global belonging. Participants explore questions in history, technology, literature, social studies, and the arts; they then apply their learning both competitively and collaboratively, as part of a community that accepts and celebrates every scholar—and every scholar's journey.

OUR MASCOT

At the heart of our community is our non-violent mascot, the alpaca. No scholar leaves any of our rounds without adopting one, even when Spain makes it difficult. All of our alpaca are named Jerry, except for those named Skittles. They remind us that we can learn even the most serious things without taking ourselves too seriously. Here at Yale, scholars will adopt our new "C++" Jerries, which are extra large, though not as large as Painted Warrior, who has been advised not to visit the Scholar's Ball.

REGIONAL ROUNDS

Every team at this seventh annual Tournament of Champions first joined us at one of over 130 (we lost track) regional rounds held around the world. The smallest regional rounds brought together as few as 30 students, the largest (in Kenya!) as many as 900. Whether cozy or epic, established or introductory, each regional round is meant as a way for students to become part of our global community as close to home as possible.

LOOKING FORWARD

At this seventh annual Tournament of Champions at Yale University, qualifying teams from all 3.5 global rounds have gathered for the culmination of the most Havana-centric season in our history—one final gathering before a new journey begins next week in Woolsey Hall with the announcement of next year's theme and global round cities.

EVENTS

Every round features four competitive skill-building events:

Team Debate

Teams argue motions related to the six subjects and then share constructive feedback with one another. Teams defeat teams; teams...

Scholar's Challenge

Scholars take a rigorous exam in which they apply their studies across the six subjects to fill in pizza-shaped bubbles.

Collaborative Writing

Teams select and brainstorm three of six different topics before crafting individual creative and persuasive compositions. Click here for more details.

Scholar's Bowl

Grab a clicker and go out of control: after watching adults limbo, teams work with freshly-battered fourth teammates to answer unconventional questions.

COMMUNITY

Scholars also come together as a community at the Global Round.

Scholar's Scavenge

Each scholar is teamed up with new friends from other countries to freeze in New Haven and collect points that may never be counted.

College Panel

Scholars learn about university life from Yale students who are not at the Harvard-Yale football game.

Scholar's Show

Whether juggling sushi or making Chauncey Sing Havana, each scholar has the chance to share his or her unique talents and untalents with the WSC community.

Debate Showcase

Top nominated speakers from eight countries are formed into new teams to debate a motion of global significance. The entire community, including reluctant adults, then joins in the conversation until the panel returns with a judgment.

Scholar's Fair

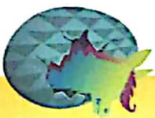
A chance for scholars from all around the world to experience different customs, cultures, and foods that evoked American customs.

Scholar's Ball

A.K.A. Nerd Prom: scholars dress up to eat pineapple pizza (hopefully) as they and the occasional Cretaceous visitor kind of dance into the night.

2018 THEME

An Entangled World



LITERATURE
Voices of the Inexplicable



SOCIAL STUDIES
Black Markets



SPECIAL AREA
Alpaca Relationships



SCIENCE & TECH
The Science of Memory



ARTS & MUSIC
Braving the Distance



HISTORY
History of Diplomacy



Keynote Speaker

AARON M. ELLISON

Aaron M. Ellison is an ecologist, writer, and photographer whose work linking science and the creative arts is aimed at communicating scientific concepts to broad audiences and encouraging empathy in them for all creatures large and small.

A Pennsylvania native who has made New England his home for more than 40 years, Ellison has been the Senior Research Fellow in Ecology at Harvard University and a Senior Ecologist at the Harvard Forest since 2002. He studies the disintegration and reassembly of ecosystems following natural and anthropogenic disturbances; thinks about the relationship between the Dao and the Intermediate Disturbance Hypothesis, reflects on the critical and reactionary stance of Ecology relative to Modernism, blogs as *The Unbalanced Ecologist*, and tweets as @AMaxEll17.

Ellison was in the first class (1992) of Presidential Faculty Fellows recognized by the US National Science Foundation for “demonstrated excellence and continued promise both in scientific and engineering research and in teaching future generations of students to extend and apply human knowledge” and was elected a Fellow of the Ecological Society of America in 2012.

Most recently, Ellison has collaborated with the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based artist and designer David Buckley Borden to create at Harvard Forest the immersive installation *Hemlock Hospice*, part of this year’s Art and Music selections. *Hemlock Hospice* blends science, art, and design in respecting the eastern hemlock tree and its ecological role as a foundation forest species; promoting an understanding of the adelgid; and encouraging empathetic conversations among all the sustainers of and caregivers for our forests—ecologists and artists, foresters and journalists, naturalists and citizens—while fostering social cohesion around ecological issues.

Yale University Speakers



PILAR VELASCO
JUNIOR DIVISION

PILAR VELASCO IS A SPANISH JOURNALIST currently working at Cadena SER (Prisa Group), the radio network leader in Spain. Specializing in investigative and data journalism, she has exposed political and economic malpractices in Spain and uncovered high profile international corruption cases. Her reports have focused on revealing unlawful and unethical activities of the powerful against the public interest. Pilar is the author of two books, one about social change in Spain; and another one about the rise of indignados (Occupy) movement, both of which have been translated into several languages. She is a member of the Strategy Group 'A Soul of Europe', a European Union initiative to strengthen and connect communities through different frames of discussion. Pilar teaches investigative journalism in Madrid and presents at conferences across Europe and Latin America. She is also the Founder and a Board Member of the Spanish Association of Investigative Journalists with the aim of promoting cross-border investigative journalism and reinforcing freedom of expression.



MERCEDES CARRERAS
SENIOR DIVISION

PROFESSOR MERCEDES CARRERAS IS A senior lecturer at Yale University in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, as well as a lecturer in the Ethics, Politics and Economics Program and Engineering and Applied Sciences. She graduated from the University of Valencia with a PhD in Law *summa cum laude* and received a Fulbright Grant to study at the Yale Law School as a visiting scholar. Mercedes has written two books in Spanish, *Vilfredo Pareto: A Theory of Economic Freedom and Political Elitism* and *An Approach to Feminist Jurisprudence*, which won the María Isidra de Guzmán award for her research. Additionally, she has published and translated numerous papers on ethics, law, moral philosophy, medicine and literature, including most recently "The Colloquium of Dogs and the Human Condition" (*El Coloquio de los Perros y la Condición Humana*). Mercedes is in the board of referees for *The Journal of Medical Education* (UK, Wiley) and *The Medical Teacher* (UK, Wiley) and is passionate about teaching, mentoring and advising students at Yale. In her free time, she likes to play tennis, and listen to classical music and opera.



2018 REGIONAL HOST SCHOOLS

*The World Scholar's Cup
thanks the following schools
for hosting regional rounds in
2018; their support makes this
program possible.*

2018 GLOBAL ROUND CHAMPION TEAMS

KUALA LUMPUR JUNIORS
Sishya School & American
International School, Chennai

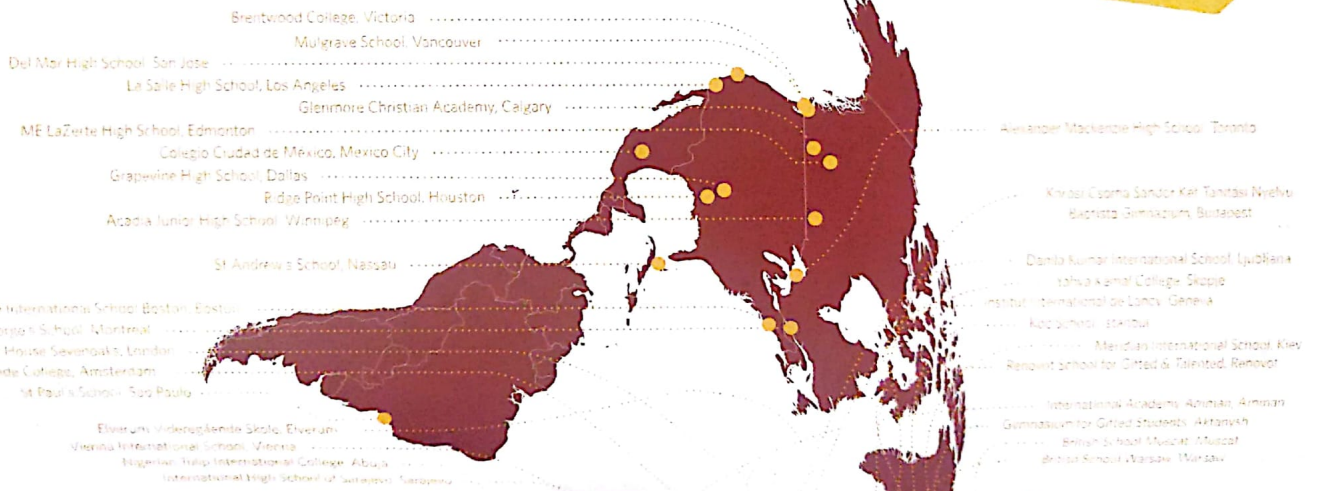
KUALA LUMPUR SENIORS
Island School, Iona Presentation
College & Conestoga High School

BARCELONA JUNIORS
GEMS Modern Academy

BARCELONA SENIORS
Brooklyn Technical High School &
Hwa Chong Institution

MELBOURNE JUNIORS
Scotch College, Perth

MELBOURNE SENIORS
St. Joseph's Institution International
Singapore



PARTICIPANTS' SCHOOLS

AUSTRALIA

Ballarat Clarendon
College
Calamvale Community
College
Capalaba State College
Fintona Girls School
Iona Presentation College
John XXIII College
Kinross College
Methodist Ladies' College
Parade College
Perth Modern School
Prince of Peace Lutheran
College
Scotch College Adelaide
Shenton College
SIDE School
Wesley College
Wilderness School

AUSTRIA

International School
Carinthia

AZERBAIJAN

European Azerbaijan
School

BAHAMAS

Aquinas College
St John's College

BAHRAIN

AMA International
School
British School of Bahrain
New Millennium School
Bahrain
Philippine School Bahrain
Sacred Heart School
St Christopher's School

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Richmond Park High
School of Sarajevo

BOTSWANA

Al-Nur School

BULGARIA

American English
Academy
Anglo-American School
of Sofia
St George International
School

CAMBODIA

Hope International School
Zaman International
School

CANADA

Alexander Mackenzie
High School
Arthur A Leach School
Collingwood School
Heritage Woods
Secondary School
Lower Canada College
Mulgrave School
Selwyn House School
Sir Charles Tupper
Secondary School
St George's School of
Montreal
Stratford Hall School
Strathcona-Tweedsmuir
School
Tom Baines School
University of Toronto
Schools
West Point Grey
Academy

CHINA

BASIS International

School Parklane
Harbor
BASIS International
School Shenzhen
Beijing International
Bilingual Academy
Canadian International
School of Beijing
Concordia International
School Shanghai
Dulwich College Beijing
Dulwich College Suzhou
Dulwich College Zhuhai
Dulwich International
High School Suzhou
Green Oasis School
International School of
Beijing
International School of
Dongguan
Keystone Academy
Manila Xiamen
International School
Nanjing Foreign Language
School
QSI International School
of Shenzhen
Shanghai American
School Pudong
Shanghai Pinghe School
Shanghai SMIC Private
School
Shanghai United
International School
Gubei
Shanghai United
International School
Pudong
Shanghai United
International School

Wanyuan
Wycombe Abbey
International School
Changzhou
Yew Chung International
School Shanghai
YK Pao School

CZECH REPUBLIC

English College in Prague

EGYPT

Cairo American College
Hayah International
Academy

FRANCE

Institution Notre Dame

GREECE

Costeas-Geitonas School
Ekipediftiki Anagennisi
Psychico College
St Catherine's British
School
St Lawrence College

HONG KONG

Chinese International
School Hong Kong
Creative Secondary
School
French International
School
German Swiss
International School
HKBUAS Wong Kam Fai
School

Island School
Kellett School
King George V School
King's College
Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai
Yau School
Po Leung Kuk Ngan Po
Ling College

INDIA

American International
School Chennai
American School of
Bombay
Bhavans Rajaji
Vidyashram
Chennai Public School
Thirumazhisai
Dhirubhai Ambani
International School
DPS International School
Gurgaon
Ecole Mondiale World
School
GD Goenka Public School
Sarita Vihar
GD Goenka World School
Greenwood High
International School
Heritage School Vasant
Kunj
Hill Spring International
School
Indus International
School Pune
International School
Bangalore
JBCN International School
Lalaji Memorial Omega

International School
Learning Paths School
Mayo College Girls'
School
Pathways School Gurgaon
Pathways School Noida
Pathways World School
Aravali
PSBB Learning Leadership
Academy
PSBB Millennium School
OMR
SBOA School and Junior
College
Shalom Hills International
School
Sishya School
Strawberry Fields High
School
Suncity School
Venkateshwar
International School
Welham Girls' School

INDONESIA

Bina Tunas Bangsa School
BINUS School Bekasi
BINUS School Simprug
Canggu Community
School
Chandra Kumala School
Gandhi Memorial
Intercontinental School
Jakarta
Global Jaya School
Global Sevilla Pulo Mas
Global Sevilla Puri Indah
Ichthus School West
IPEKA Integrated

Christian School
IPH Schools Surabaya
Jakarta Intercultural
School
Mentari Intercultural
School Bintaro
Mentari Intercultural
School Jakarta
Mountainview Christian
School
NationalHigh Jakarta
School
PENABUR Secondary
Kelapa Gading
PENABUR Secondary
Tanjung Duren
Raffles Christian School
Pondok Indah
SDI Al Azhar 35 Surabaya
Sekolah Cikal
Sekolah Ciputra
Sekolah HighScope
Indonesia
Sekolah Lentera Indonesia
Sekolah Pelita Harapan
Kemang Village
Sekolah Pelita Harapan
Pluit Village
Sekolah Pelita Harapan
Sentul City
Sekolah Perkumpulan
Mandiri
Sekolah Victory Plus
Semarang Multinational
School
Sinarmas World
Academy
Singapore National
Academy
Singapore School Pantai

Indah Kapuk
SMP Islam Al Azhar 13
Surabaya
SPA Solo Raya
Springfield School
Xin Zhong School

ISRAEL

Ahaad Haam High School
Arraba Gifted and
Talented Centre
ORT Kramim
Rashish Junior High
Rehovot School for Gifted
and Talented
Tamra School for Gifted
and Talented

JAPAN

American School in Japan
Doshisha International
Junior and Senior
School
Futaba High School
Gunma Kokusai Academy
K International School
Tokyo
Ritsumeikan Moriyama
High School
Senri-Osaka International
School
Zushi-Kaisei Senior High
School

JORDAN

English Talents School
International Community
School Amman

KAZAKHSTAN

Spectrum International School

KENYA

Braeburn High School
Braeburn Kisumu International School
Braeside High School
Brookhouse School
Greensteds International School
Light International School
Nairobi International School
Oshwal Academy Mombasa
Rusinga School Nairobi
SCLP Samaj School
Strathmore School

KOREA

North London Collegiate School Jeju
St Johnsbury Academy Jeju

LEBANON

Antonine Sisters School

MACEDONIA

SMS Jane Sandanski

MALAYSIA

Australian International School Malaysia
British International School of Kuala Lumpur

Lumpur
Bukit Mertajam High School

Fairview International School Kuala Lumpur
Fairview International School Subang Jaya
Faith Anglican Academy
Global Indian International School Kuala Lumpur
Han Chiang High School
HELP International School
Jit Sin Independent High School
Kolej Yayasan Saad Malacca Expatriate School
Malay College Kuala Kangsar
Methodist Girls' School
MRSM Alor Gajah
Pelita International School
Prince of Wales Island International School
Raffles American School
Riam Institute of Technology
SMK Convent Green Lane
Sri Emas International School
Sri Kuala Lumpur International School
St Joseph's Institution International Malaysia
Sunway College
Sunway International School Sunway Iskandar
Tunku Kurshiah College

Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur

MALDIVES

Ahmadhiyya International School
Billabong High EPS International School
Gateway International School Hulhumale
Ghiyasuddin International School

MONGOLIA

American School of Ulaanbaatar

MOROCCO

Casablanca American School

MOZAMBIQUE

Maputo International School

MYANMAR

International School of Myanmar
Myanmar International School
Myanmar International School Yangon

NETHERLANDS

Alberdingk Thijm College International School Hilversum
International School of Amsterdam

Laar en Berg

NEW ZEALAND

Aotea College
Scots College
St Andrew's College

NIGERIA

Nigerian Tulip
International College
Abuja Co-Ed

OMAN

British School Muscat
Indian School Al Ghubra

PAKISTAN

Lahore Grammar School
1A1
Lahore Grammar School
Islamabad
Lahore Grammar School
Muslim Town
Lahore Grammar School
State Life

PHILIPPINES

Ateneo De Manila Junior
High School
Beacon Academy
De La Salle Santiago
Zobel School
Grace Christian College
La Salle Green Hills
Miriam College
Singapore School Cebu
Southville International
School and Colleges
University of Asia and the

Pacific
Victory Christian
International School

QATAR

International School of
London Qatar
Qatar International
School

ROMANIA

International Computer
High School of
Bucharest
International School of
Bucharest

SINGAPORE

Dover Court International
School
Nanyang Girls' High
School
NPS International School
St Joseph's Institution
International
Singapore

SLOVENIA

British International
School of Ljubljana
Gimnazija Bežigrad
Gimnazija Moste
Gimnazija Novo Mesto
OŠ Danile Kumar
OŠ XIV Divizije Senovo

SOUTH AFRICA

Curro Hillcrest
Curro Mount Richmore

Grace Trinity School for
Girls

SWITZERLAND

GEMS World Academy
Switzerland
Institut International de
Lancy

TAIWAN

International Bilingual
School at Hsinchu-
Science-Park
Taipei Wego Private
Senior High School
Wagor International
School

TANZANIA

Aga Khan Mzizima
Secondary School

THAILAND

Bangkok International
Preparatory and
Secondary School
Brighton College Bangkok
HeadStart International
School Phuket
International School
Bangkok
KIS International School
NIST International School
Panyarat High School
St Andrews International
School Bangkok

TURKEY

American Collegiate

Institute
Koç School
METU College Mersin
Robert College
Üsküdar SEV Middle
School

UAE

Al Diyafah High School
Al Ittihad National Private
School
Ambassador School
Dubai
American International
School Dubai
Brighton College Abu
Dhabi
British School Al
Khubairat
Cambridge International
School Dubai
Cranleigh Abu Dhabi
Deira International School
Emirates International
School Jumeirah
GEMS Modern Academy
GEMS Wellington
International School
GEMS World Academy
Dubai
Jumeirah English
Speaking School
Nord Anglia International
School Dubai
North London Collegiate
School Dubai
Pristine Private School
Repton School Dubai

School of Research
Science
Sunmarke School

UGANDA

Acorns International
School
Aga Khan High School
Kampala
Light Academy Boys
Secondary Kampala
Rainbow International
School Uganda
St Mary's College Kisubi

UK

Bromsgrove School

UKRAINE

Odessa Gymnasium 2

USA

Brookline High School
Conestoga High School
Flint Hill School
Gilbert Classical
Academy
Grapevine High School
Healdsburg School
La Salle High School
St John Bosco High
School
St Luke's Episcopal
School
Westbrook Intermediate
School
Willow Bend Academy
Woodbridge High School

Woodlands Christian
Academy

VIETNAM

American International
School Vietnam
British International
School Hanoi
British Vietnamese
International School
Hanoi
Cau Giay Secondary
School
Doan Thi Diem Secondary
School
Hanoi Star Middle School
Hanoi-Amsterdam High
School for the Gifted
Hanoi-Amsterdam
Secondary School
International School of
Vietnam
My Uc School
Tran Dai Nghia High
School for the Gifted
Vietnam Australia
International School
Vietnam Australia
Secondary School
Vinschool Times City

ZAMBIA

Lechwe School

ZIMBABWE

Peterhouse Boys School
Prince Edward School