Intrepid Youth

From The Classroom To The Boardroom.

Founded 1998

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“How do we meet and learn directly from successful people?”
- Richard Thomas Intrepid Youth/FBLA President 1999

Many questioned the idea...

“You can’t put a bunch of inner city kids directly in touch with corporate America.”

“It won’t work.”

“Nobody will have time for this.”

“Don’t listen to anyone who says we can’t do this. We can do this.”
- Milissa Ralph Intrepid Youth now studying at NYU.

But the students learned that new, unproven ideas often meet resistance. They started to plan how to make their model work – its concepts, deliverables and actions steps.
The CLASSROOM would just be a START... soon it would be

BOARDROOMS

Glyndwr Lobo and Robin Rosenberg of of Dechert Price Rhodes meet the students along with Vic Sarjoo of The Radical Funds

GOLF COURSES

Linking up with Mr. Wendell of Original Tee

BROADCASTERS

At the offices of Bad Boy Records with Sean Prez

SKY SCRAPERS

Lee Ann Daly and her team meet the students at the offices of ESPN

TO THE SKIES!!!

John readies for an Radical Funds sponsored CESSNA flight at White Plains Airport
If business is done through communication...
then what is communication?

Dress, manners, etiquette, protocol are all forms of language. The students volunteer their own time after school and often travel to the offices of some of our supporters for one-on-one mentorship. In the left photo they are being schooled in the proper way to tie a four-in-hand knot, how to wear a pocket square and in the lost art of matching socks. The students also learn the history and concepts behind the lessons and begin to recognize the patterns that govern human interaction. More than just ‘polishing’ these sessions are discussions about history, ethics, principles, and the theories of how commerce is evolving. Three students in the left photo listen to Vic Sarjoo as he stresses the importance of both hard work and dressing properly for good presentation.

Visits by real corporate luminaries such as Mr. William I. Jacobs, (right photo) help the students become comfortable and allows them to learn firsthand what they may not encounter until they graduate from college. Mr. Jacobs stressed the importance of hard work while informing the students that wearing a suit is not as important as it used to be.

Is there better business experience than having to find the best answer within conflicting information?

"I may be wrong and you may be right, and by an effort, we may get nearer to the truth."
-- Sir Karl Popper, dead philosopher

"All knowledge, when expressed in language, is fallible."
-- Karun Philip, CEO TranquilMoney, Author of “Zen & The Art of Funk Capitalism” Supporter and still living philosopher
The Intrepid Youth in SERVICE

Somewhere on the way from the classroom to the boardroom there’s a park to be cleaned up or....

Below some Intrepid Youth pose with the volunteer cleanup team from the law firm Dechert, where Robin Rosenberg, Maryanne Medvecky and partner Glyndwr P. Lobo are supporters.

It’s an 80 foot map of the United States painted on the playground floor!

Right, John supervises repainting of the stairwells at Murray Bergtraum High in New York City.

Watermark: The FBLA paints a wall mural at PS 22 In Queens
Advisors Bill Rundle (far left) stands next to his students who work together closely for common goals. “They may not always agree,” says Mr. Rundle, “but they learn to work their differences out and accomplish their goals—an important business skill.”

The function of tradition is to create a vehicle to pass the high quality ideas of the past to the generations of the future. The MVHS I-Youth embraces the best ideas encoded in their history while never losing focus on the present and the future.

In the photo at the right the officers of 2003 pass the torch to the newly elected leadership of 2004.

Intrepid Youth believes that one of the best ways to share and experience new ideas is through interaction with their fellow clubs.

In the top right photo the MVHS FBLA hosts fellow students from New Rochelle, Clarkstown South and Mamaroneck High School.

The bottom right photo shows Mount Vernon hosting leaders from throughout lower New York State representing the elite of FBLA.

Watermark: Top, students outside ESPN’s Bristol CT studios participating in a televised discussion on Title IX; Bottom, a 24 foot mural comprised of 312 individually painted squares completed at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mount Vernon by the FBLA. The bottom four stripes of the Flag, were each painted by grade school children.
It’s bright-lights-big-city when the Intrepid Youth take time for culture. Some students encounter their very first plays, gallery shows and venues through participation in the club. Sponsors like The Round Table Ensemble offer the students tickets to Off-Broadway Plays and visits to the galleries of supporter like Axelle Fine Arts prime the students with a real world education in the business of art as well as the art of business.
Our friends, supporters and sponsors are the great individuals, organizations and corporations that make it possible for the students of Intrepid Youth to learn firsthand what capitalism is about and to feel empowered and inspired to become part of the business world.

Our friends, supporters and sponsors have helped us in innumerable ways. Many of the individuals below have welcomed the students into their corporations. Others have volunteered alongside the Intrepid Youth during civic projects, while some have visited Intrepid Youth Headquarters to conduct a workshop, talk or even teach a class. Many of the individuals below have welcomed students into their professional and even personal lives to provide mentorship and guidance. Almost everyone below has furthered our message and increased the opportunities for the Intrepid Youth.

Whether it was a lunch provided, an office visit, a chat with a student or a chance to sit in a skyscraper conference room high above Manhattan, all of the people below have invested in the positive futures of the young men and women they have touched.

Making young people feel important helps open the door to ongoing self-inspiration.

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Bob Ley of ESPN with Intrepid Youth President Johnson Lujwangana.

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