The Global Sustainability Project Fact Sheet
2019-20 School Year

Sponsor: The Picerne Family Foundation has created and is sponsoring the Global Sustainability Project (GSP) in collaboration with the Advanced Placement Programs at South High School and the Earthwatch Institute.

Objectives: (1) to broaden students’ understanding of another culture; (2) to experience conservation and sustainability issues of another country; and (3) to make a direct contribution to solving local environmental sustainability issues.

Program: There are three aspects to the GSP program.
1. **Expedition Preparation.** Students will spend time in lunch and/or after school meetings during the 2019/20 school year with Ms. Minahan to learn more about the ecology, culture, and history of South Africa.
2. **Overseas expedition.** During the summer 2020, students will participate in a 12-day international research expedition conducted by Earthwatch to study endangered rhinos at a South African wildlife preserve and national park. This will be a South High student-only expedition accompanied by Ms. Minahan. Students will depart for South Africa in late July 2020.
3. **Service.** Prior to departure on the overseas research expedition, students are required to contribute 40 hours of meaningful volunteer work on a sustainability project, approved by Ms. Minahan, at a local conservancy, university or ecological nonprofit organization.

Eligibility: To participate, students must be a junior taking an advanced placement course in any subject at South High and have a minimum overall 3.0 GPA.

Expenses: The Picerne Family Foundation will provide scholarships for up to 10 students that will cover airfare and the cost of the expedition. Students will be responsible for obtaining a passport, inoculations, gear and all other related expenses. Limited financial assistance will be available for students unable to meet all of these expenses.

Time Commitment: Students will:
- Meet after school and on weekends as needed with Ms. Minahan. The meetings will be devoted to expedition preparation, research, and field trips.
- Volunteer 40 hours during the 2019/20 school year working on a local sustainability project at a local conservancy, university or ecological nonprofit organization chosen by Ms. Minahan.
- Journalize and document volunteer project with photos, and present this experience to foundation members, parents, peers and community members upon the completion of the project.
- Complete and submit on time all required travel documents, inoculation requirements, passport application, etc. Students who fail to do so will be dropped from the program.

Application Process:
- Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00pm. South High, Room N-2 – Parent & Student Information Session.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019 at 3:00pm – Written Applications Due (Late applications will not be accepted)
- Sept. 25 – Oct. 11 – Picerne Family Foundation Selects GSP Finalists
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, South High, Room N-2, Time TBA – Presentations & Interviews with Finalists
- Friday, Oct. 25 – Announcement of GSP Participants
- Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019 at 6:00pm, South High, Room N-2 – Parent & Student Orientation Session.

More Information: To learn more about the Global Sustainability Project and the Picerne Family Foundation, visit [www.picernefoundation.org](http://www.picernefoundation.org). For more information about the Earthwatch Institute and the Conserving Endangered Rhinos in South Africa expedition, go to [www.earthwatch.org](http://www.earthwatch.org).