Gap Year Programs and Higher Education

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Innovation is almost always the result of Crisis.

Few areas have seen less innovation the last 100 years than education. Gap experiences in collaboration with educational institutions are gaining traction as one of those innovations.
APART FROM 4-YEAR STUDENT-ATHLETES, HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE DOING A TRADITIONAL 4-YEAR EXPERIENCE?
The Appeal of Gap Years

- SERVICE
- TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE
- DISCOVERY
- ACADEMIC BURNOUT
- FINDING CALLING/PURPOSE
- COMMUNITY
- PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE/CAREER
Self-reported Gap Year Impacts

- Helped me develop as a person: 96%
- Allowed me time for personal reflection: 96%
- Increased my maturity: 97%
- Increased my self-confidence: 96%
- Helped me learn to interact with people from backgrounds different from my own: 94%
- Helped me develop communication skills: 93%
- Increased my interest in knowing people and places around the world: 93%
- Helped me develop a greater understanding and/or respect for cultures and customs other than my own: 90%
- Helped me acquire skills to be successful in my career: 84%
- Instilled an appreciation for and belief in the importance of human rights: 83%
- Made me see myself as a global citizen: 82%
- Inspired me to be more active in following global current events and politics: 82%
- Helped me find purpose in my life: 77%
- Will or has impacted my career decision: 77%
- Helped (or will help) me get a job: 75%
- Increased my “readiness” for college: 73%
- Inspired me to be an active volunteer in the global community: 72%
- Inspired me to be an active volunteer in my local community: 70%
- Increased my interest in attending college: 59%
- Helped me determine what I wanted to study in college: 57%
- Influenced me to take foreign language classes: 54%
- Increased my chances of completing college: 38%
- Allowed me to place out of foreign language requirement in college: 27%

Category
- Career
- College
- Global Engagement
- Personal
1) Volunteering / Service
to emphasize empathy, hardship, and
the interdependence of us all

2) Career Exploration / Internship
to understand what your major might
be like in the real world

3) Paid Work
for increased ownership, improved
career ambition, and financial literacy

4) Free Radical
allowing some space to explore the
unknown is what makes it a “gap year”
Two most common reasons for taking a Gap Year were:

- Burnout from the competitive pressure of high school, and,
- The desire to know more about themselves.
ONELIFE IS A CHRISTIAN GAP YEAR PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH, EXPERIENCE GENUINE COMMUNITY, SERVE OTHERS, AND TRAVEL WHILE EARNING COLLEGE CREDITS.

➤ MISSION: TO DEVELOP AND LAUNCH SERVANT LEADERS WHO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE.

➤ VISION
To see the often-distracted lives of young adults fixated on the only reason to live.
Choosing Partners

MISSION ALIGNMENT
ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS
RECRUITMENT FEEDER
OneLife Case Study

STARTED IN 2012 WITH 16 STUDENTS IN 1 LOCATION AND CURRENTLY HAVE 120 STUDENTS AT 5 LOCATIONS
Fiscal Impact

- 2012-2018 COLLEGE AND ONELIFE PARTNERSHIP
- COLLEGE TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD: $30,000
- GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGING: $14,000
- NET REVENUE PER ONELIFE STUDENT: $16,000
- X 3 YEARS PER STUDENT=$48,000 NET REVENUE
- X 100 STUDENTS OVER 6 YEARS=
- 4.8 MILLION NET REVENUE
Fast Forward to 2020

ONELIFE ENROLLMENT DECLINED FROM 31 NEW STUDENTS IN 2019 TO 11 NEW STUDENTS IN 2020 REPRESENTING A NET LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY $320,000 THIS YEAR AND APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION DOLLARS OF LOSS OVER THE REMAINING YEARS OF THIS ONELIFE CLASS OF 2019.
Cairn University
Scholarship:
$13,000 Per Year
Criteria:
2.0 GPA
Positive Reference from OneLife Staff

Southern Wesleyan University
Scholarship:
$8,000 per year
Criteria:
2.5 GPA
Positive Reference from OneLife Staff

Clarks Summit University
Scholarship:
$15,000 Per Year
Criteria:
2.5 GPA Minimum
Positive Reference from OneLife Staff

Lancaster Bible College
Scholarship:
$12,000 per year
Criteria:
2.5 GPA
Positive Reference from OneLife Staff
Missional Impact

STUDENT LEADERS ON MULTIPLE COLLEGE CAMPUSES
WHAT IS ONELIFE X

OLX is an 8 month Christian entrepreneurship program designed to teach a small group of inspiring young leaders how to start and run a business all while earning 9-24 credits toward their degree.
OneLife
RESET

- ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE?
- More to life
- More to education
- More to faith than just going through the motions?

WOULD YOU CONSIDER TAKING TWO MONTHS TO:
- grow in your faith
- gain clear direction for your future
- develop personal leadership skills
- do a little traveling, meet new friends, and earn 6 college credits?