

# Who Owns the Learning? We Do!



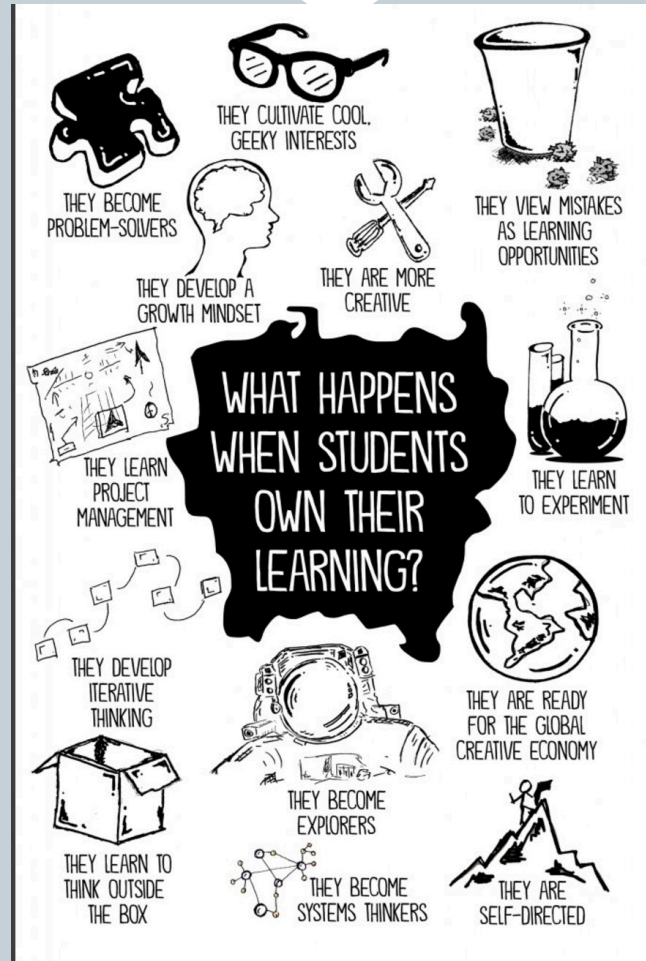
**STUDENTS AS GLOBAL LEADERS,  
COLLABORATORS AND CONFERENCE  
PLANNERS**

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# About Marymount

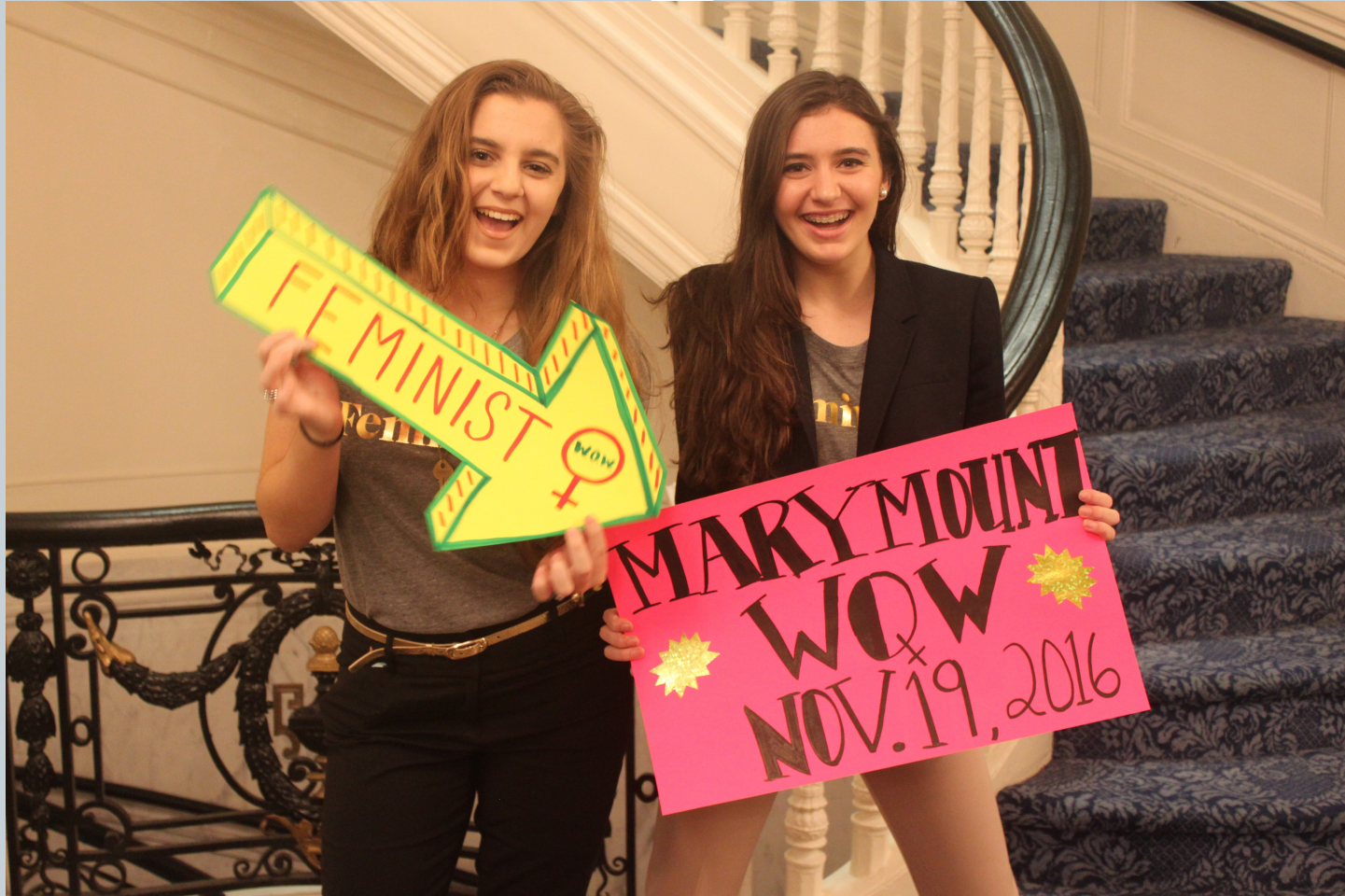


# Students Own The Learning





# Students as Conference Planners





# What If?



**WE PLANNED A STUDENT SUMMIT THAT  
FOCUSED ON FEMINISM AND GENDER  
EQUALITY**

# Why a WOW Student Summit?

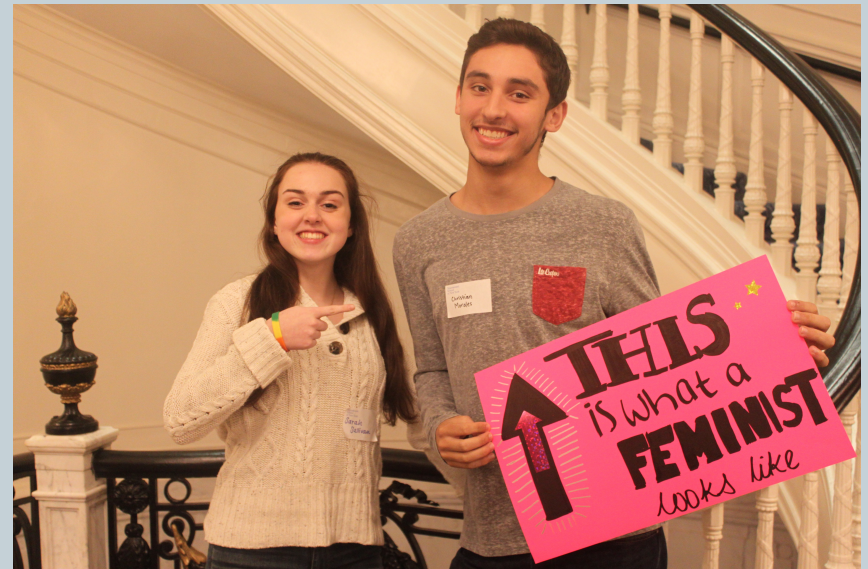
- With the club expanding every year, students wanted to take conversations “outside” the lunchtime meeting time
- In an increasingly globalized world, WOW students wanted to reach out to students from other schools
- During a Presidential election year, WOW students wanted to make their voices heard and establish themselves as activists, even if they were unable to vote
- WOW students wanted to be inspired by other women’s stories!



# Planning



- Meetings with club moderator and dean of students began summer 2016
- Students employed personal connections and alumnae resources to begin inviting speakers
- Weekly meetings of WOW club leaders with moderator and dean began fall 2016
- WOW Co-Presidents launched a website, researched speaker bios, and planned publicity campaign
- WOW students planned the day's structure, designed a program, and devised activities





# The Summit

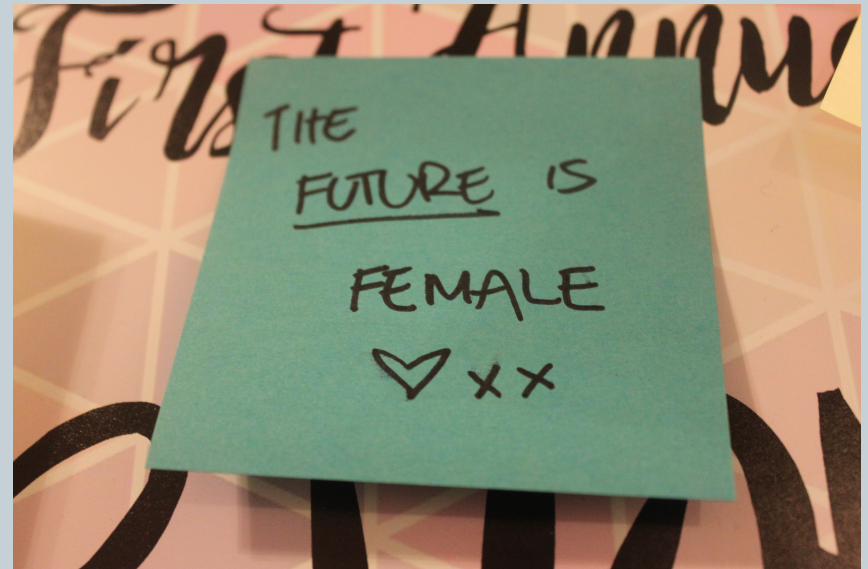


- WOW student responsibilities: shifts at the registration table; greeting and escorting speakers; and serving as “floaters” who filled in session audiences as needed
- Keynote speakers: Nobel Peace Prize Winner Leymah Gbowee; former Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger; former New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn; and documentarian Abigail Disney
- Approximately 80 attendees



# Success and Challenges

- Creating dialogue with those beyond the doors of Marymount
- Students felt inspired and empowered both by what they heard at the Summit—and by what they accomplished
- Communication and publicity need to happen earlier and more often
- Tweak the format → a fall-off in attendance after lunch and too many concurrent sessions meant some panels were undersubscribed



# What If?



**WE PLANNED A VIRTUAL MEETING ON  
TECHNOLOGY WITH A SMALL NETWORK OF  
SCHOOLS.**



# The Beginning



- January 2014
- Meeting with Steve Hargadon and Lucy Gray
- Expanding the scope of our “conference”
- Global scope
- Student focus



# Conference Mission Statement



The 2017 Student Technology Conference provides an international forum for the presentation, discussion and sharing of educational technology in schools and other academic settings. This conference, by students and for all, is committed to:

- Fostering a better understanding of how students use technology in education and to engage students, teachers and administrators in a conversation about technology.
- Assisting teachers and administrators in understanding how students use technology both in and out of the classroom.
- Strengthening the relationship between students, teachers and administrators about technology in the curriculum.

# Strands



- Strand 1: Making, Design and Innovation
- Strand 2: Technology in Schools – Projects and Collaborations
- Strand 3: Educational Technology Tools
- Strand 4: Students and Social Media
- Strand 5: Entrepreneurship
- Strand 6: Tech and Social Justice



# Planning



- Biweekly Conference Calls
- Committee Assignments
- Decisions on keynote speakers
- Collaborative approach to presentation acceptances, promotion
- Social media strategy
- Student presentations



# Conference Funding



- Total funding: \$15,000
- Supports conference infrastructure
- Crowdsourcing
- GoFundMe + Kickstarter
- Partners for public relations



# The Conference - 2017



- Student STEM + Entrepreneurship Conference
- March 4, 2017
- 9 AM to 9 PM EST
- 4 student keynotes
- 24 student presentations
- Attendees from US, Australia, Portugal, Mali, Pakistan, Chile, Canada, Germany, England

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# Successes and Challenges

- Partner schools
- Securing speakers and presenters
- Fundraising
- The disconnect
- Over four hundred attendees each year!

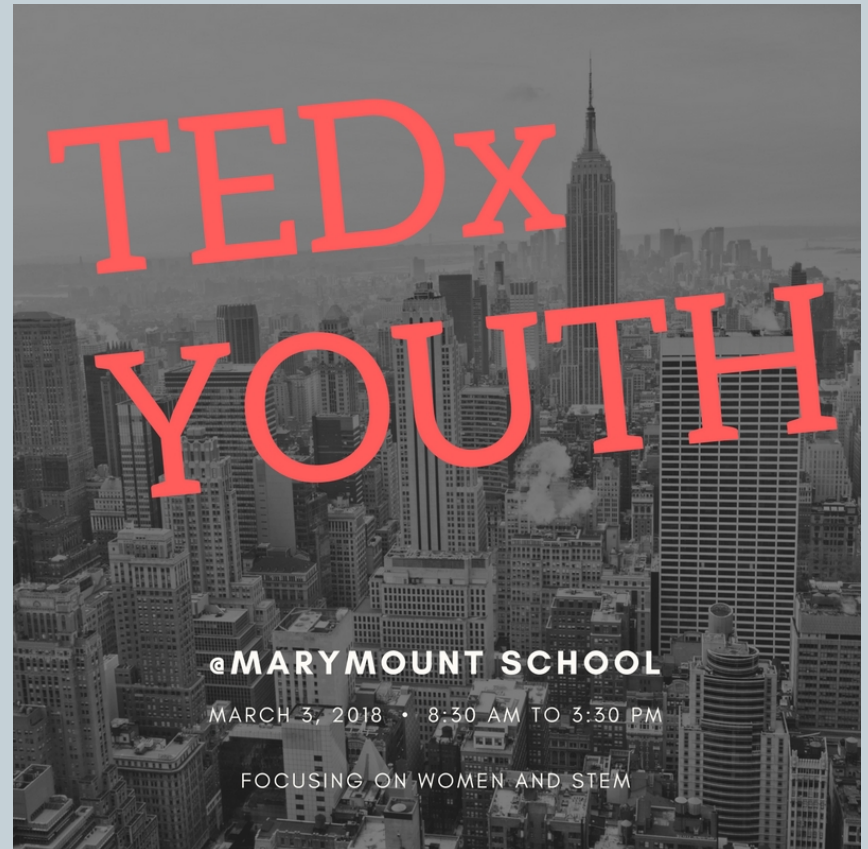


# @ Marymount



Women in Our World Summit  
Pioneering trendsetters/Young changemakers

November 18, 2017  
830 AM to 330 PM  
Marymount School of New York



# Global Student Conference



## Global Student Conference

Spring 2018 | [globalstudentconference.com](http://globalstudentconference.com)



# Student Technology Conference



## **STUDENTTECH CONFERENCE**

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# Propose a Session



# Q&A



**YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, WE HAVE ANSWERS!**

# Facilitator Information



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