



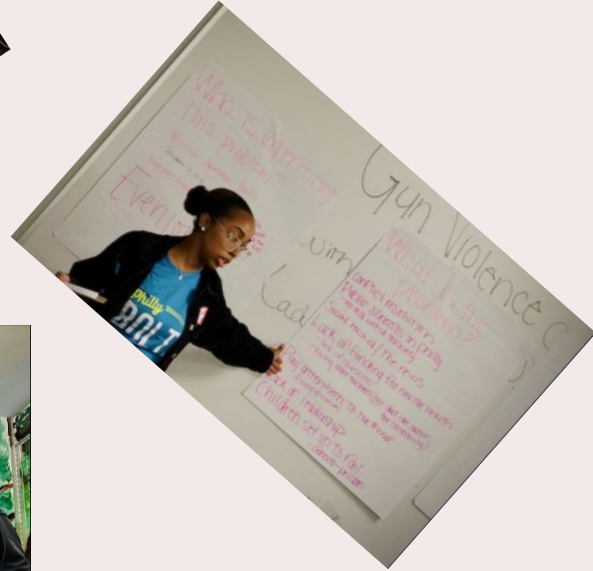
SLA X PHILLYBOLT Senior Capstone



What Is Phillybolt?

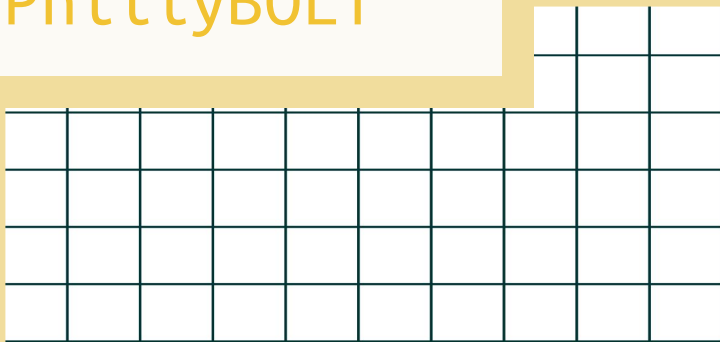


Philly bolt is a youth program that **instills** participants the possibility of **change**, cultivates their commitment to leading that **change** and helps them learn what they need to be comfortable pursuing leadership roles. Focusing on serving public school youth, focusing on those residing in predominantly BIPOC, **low-income neighborhoods**.



Community Norms

SLA x PhillyBOLT



Our Agreements

Be Respectful

Knowing Each Other

Show Others You Care

More Space To Learn

Judgement Free Zone

Public Speaking

Pay Attention To Each Other

No Phones

Group Activities

Trips: Kensington, Chinatown,
Art Museum

Break Halfway Through

Our Goals



PHILLY BOLT

SLA's Core Values and Phillybolt Alignment

Bringing Out the Best in Participants

How do SLA students feel about Philadelphia after Participating in the program.

Grassroots leaders are individuals who emerge from and represent the interests of local communities.

Grassroots leaders have a voice and influence within Philadelphia public schools.

The program will provide valuable insights, lessons, or actionable outcomes.

Engaging People with the Program



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Inquiry

Program Goals and Structure

- What are the desired outcomes for students participating in the program (e.g. improved academic performance, social-emotional skills, exposure to new interests)?
- How will the program balance structured activities with opportunities for student-driven inquiry?
- What resources (materials, technology, field trips) are needed to facilitate inquiry-based learning experiences?

Student Engagement

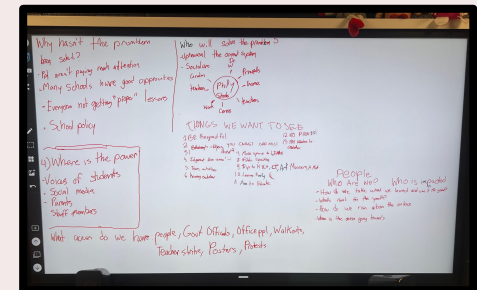
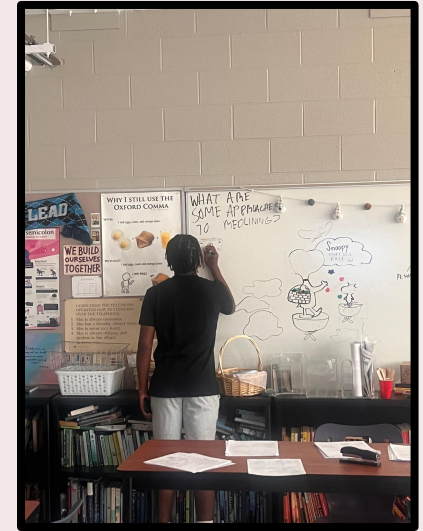
- How will the program spark students' curiosity and motivate them to ask questions about topics of interest?
- What strategies will be used to guide students in developing researchable questions and planning investigations?
- How will students be supported in conducting research, analyzing data, and drawing conclusions?

Presentation and Reflection

- How will students share and present their inquiry projects (e.g. presentations, exhibits, performances)?
- What opportunities will students have to reflect on their learning process, successes, and challenges?
- How can families and the community be involved in celebrating students' inquiry work?

Assessment and Evaluation

- What formative and summative assessments will measure students' growth in inquiry skills and content knowledge?
- How will the program evaluate its effectiveness in meeting stated goals and student needs?
- What processes will be in place to continuously improve the inquiry-based learning experiences?

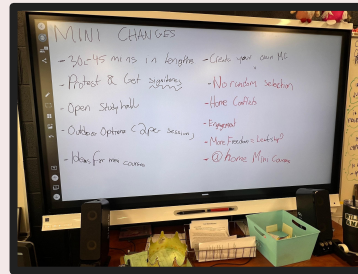
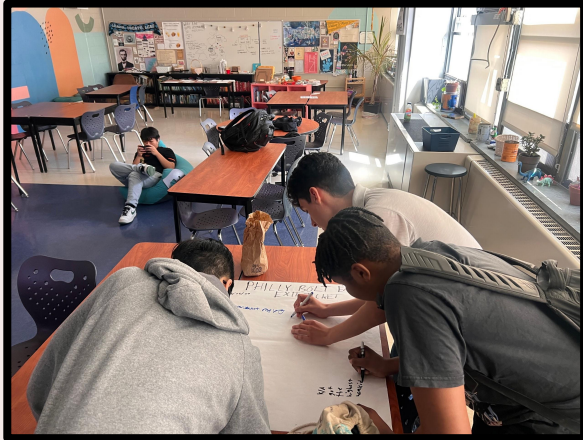




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Research

- Talking & discussing
- Interviewing and talking to people directly involved with Philly Bolt
- Identify and connect with individuals (current/former participants, community partners, funders) who have been involved with Philly BOLT to gain their perspectives.
- Search for news articles, blog posts, or other media coverage about PhillyBOLT and their initiatives in Philadelphia communities.
- Their Website
- Asking & interviewing with Hillary directly



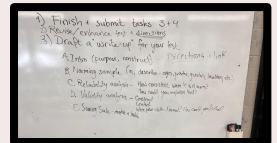
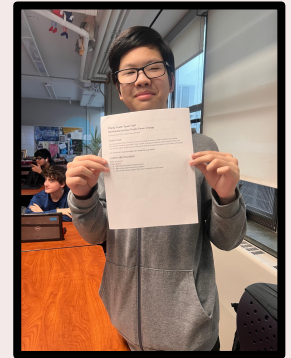


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Presentation

How can we incorporate what's being taught in SLA into what Phillybolt teaches us?

- By doing worksheets and having open discussions, it was a great practice to work on our presentation skills
- Collaborating and working together in small groups made for an easy segway into presentation
- Small group lead presentations
- Group Leads
- Takeaways
- Stand Ups

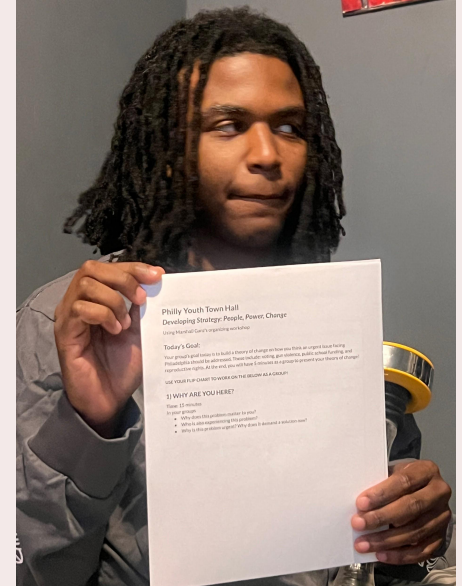
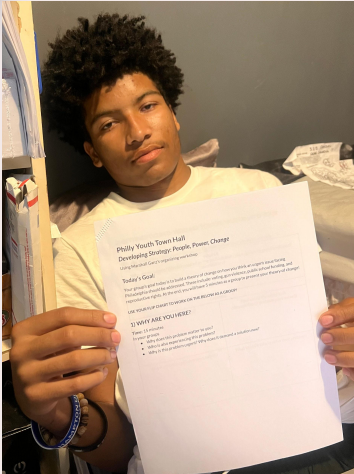




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Collaboration

Workshops & Worksheets!



Improved Learning Opportunities: When instructors collaborate, they can share best practices, teaching strategies, and resources, leading to more engaging and effective lessons for students.

Expanded Course Offerings: This exposure to diverse subjects and perspectives can enrich their educational experience and better prepare them for future careers.

Enhanced Student Support: This holistic support system can help students overcome academic challenges and develop essential life skills.

Increased Engagement and Motivation: Active involvement can lead to better retention of knowledge and a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

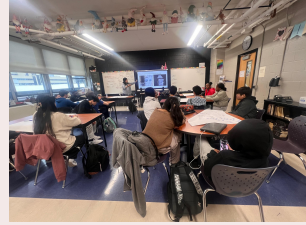
Exposure to Diverse Perspectives: Collaboration among institutions and instructors



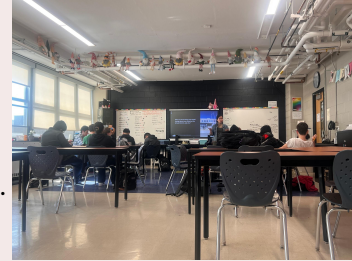
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Reflection

- **Recognize the importance of lived experiences:** PhillyBOLT values the local knowledge and lived experiences of community members, who deeply understand the challenges and needs of their neighborhoods[1]. Their grassroots approach empowers those directly impacted to lead social change efforts.



- **Appreciate the dedication of grassroots leaders:** The site highlights how grassroots leaders often take on multiple jobs and pay out of pocket to test models that provide critical community services[1]. Their unwavering commitment stems from serving their own neighbors, friends, and families.



- **Understand the impact on youth:** The program data shows significant increases in participants' confidence in public speaking (16% increase) and belief in their ability to bring change to their communities (10% increase). This demonstrates the positive influence on empowering the next generation of leaders.

- **Consider the value of trust and local context:** Grassroots leaders are trusted by their neighbors and deeply immersed in the community context. This local embeddedness is crucial for effective and sustainable social change efforts.



What I Learned

9th Graders...

They are a complex species

Speech

Talking Clearly!!!

Feedback

Examining Hillary's feedback

Observing

Observing the many ways she taught made for a smooth path

Emerging trends

Identify emerging trends for what works and doesn't

Organic

Learning to be who I was while also being a top notch instructor



Thank You

Questions?