

## Shine the Light Global Initiative Western High School

Vision: to stimulate awareness and knowledge of world cultures and empower students to become leaders, worldly visionaries, and critical thinkers as their achievements “shine the light” on Western’s legacy of inspiring women since 1844.

### About Western High School

- Founded November 1844,
- Pioneer in women's public education,
- College-preparatory high school serving young women in the Baltimore, Maryland area,
- National Blue Ribbon School,
- Motto: “Lucem accepimus, lucem demus” (“We have received light, let us give light”),
- School Mascot: The Dove symbolizing the Western lady, the Dove stands above the crowd by being dignified, poised, and beautiful,
- School colors: Red and Black.

Initiatives includes:

### Sister School Global Initiative

The Sister School Global Initiative (SSGI) is a comprehensive cultural awareness program for high school girls designed to support and expand students’ path for personal, academic, professional, and leadership growth as they participate in activities that increase their understanding of diverse world cultures. Students will enjoy valuable friendships, have authentic experiences, prepare for future global leadership roles, and collaborate on projects.

- Western High School is partnered with Aje Comprehensive High School located in Lagos, Nigeria

### Women Who Rock Leader-to-Leader Network

IWTT’s Women Who Rock Leader-to-Leader Network offers valuable connections by linking Western students to a network of women leaders that care about the personal, academic, and professional development of girls. They will support the leadership development of students by engaging their expertise to connect with students as role models and open opportunities through their international networks.

- Ms. Rokeya Jones, Microsoft was a speaker to the senior computer science class

## United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030

Shine the Light Global Initiative supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, SDG's 4 on quality education and 5 on gender equality.

### Leader-to-Leader Collaboration

Dr. Brenda Morant is an alumna of Western High School and serves as a Board Member of Western High School Foundation, Inc. She brought IWTT's principles of global understanding and international contacts to her work on the WHSF Board. Connecting HRH Princess Dr. Moradeun Ogunlana, President, African Women Health Project International and Principal Michelle White for a series of conversations that resulted in the partnership between Western High School and Aje Comprehensive High School.

According to HRH Princess Dr. Moradeun Ogunlana, "We believe individual relationships, sharing cross-cultural experiences and perspectives, are the key to personal maturity and women's professional ascension...and as importantly, to a more harmonious world." As evidence of the power of individual relationships, her longstanding friendship with Brenda Morant and new friendship with Principal White are the basis of the implementation and ongoing success of the Sister Schools program.

"This is a distinctive opportunity for Western girls who are setting their sights on leadership roles, not just in Baltimore but in the world," said Principal White who is also a Western alumna.

Western High School: The Difference Maker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgIxaksmzHE&feature=youtu.be>

The Western High School Foundation is a partner to the Sister School Global Initiative.