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# Quality of Life INNOVATIONS (QLI) Program

*\*NY Seal of Civic Readiness Approved\**

## Eligibility:

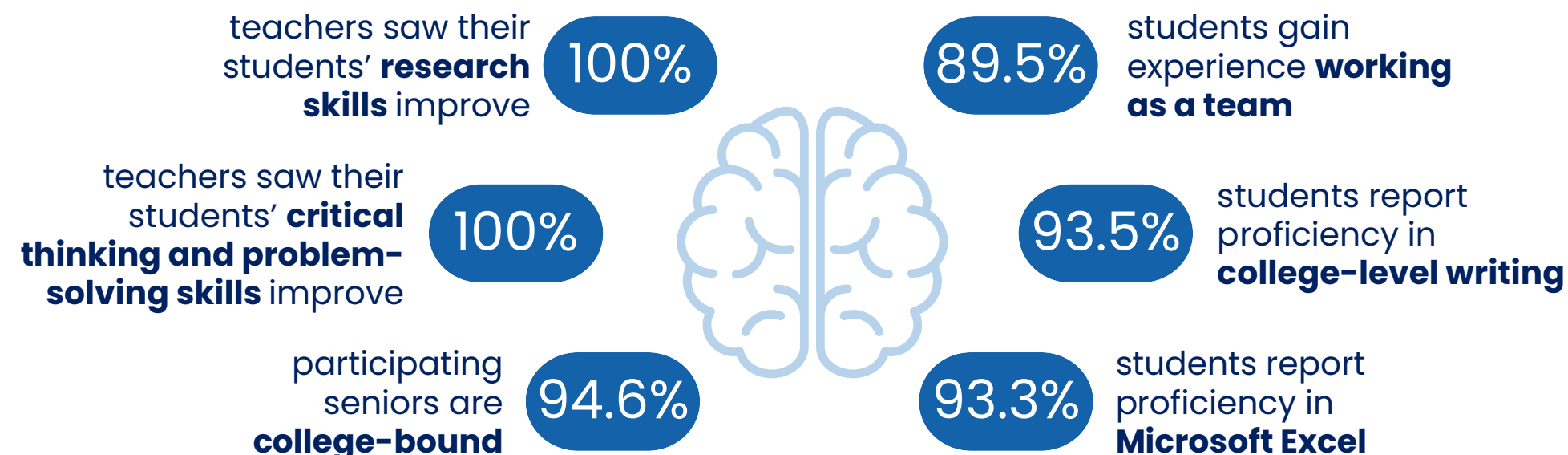
- Any high school in NYC is able to participate (public, private, or charter)
- This program is for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students



## Program Cost:

- \$1,000 for registration up to 100 students and/or 5 classes
- \$1,500 for registration of more than 100 students and/or 5 classes

***QLI is a civic-engagement research program for 9–12<sup>th</sup> grade students that culminates in a scholarship competition.***





# Program Specifics

## Complete Curriculum (lesson plans and assignments):

- 1 **Introducing the Project**
  - **Defining Quality of Life**, across the Globe and City
  - Using News Media to Find Student Passions
  - Peer Activity to **Narrow Down Topics**
- 2 **Background Research**
  - Talking about **Plagiarism**
  - Coping Strategies for **Writing Anxiety**
- 3 **Field Research and Analysis**
  - Is Everything Researchable? -- **Ethics in Research**
  - Exploring Field-Research Questions Together
  - Introducing **Questionnaires**
  - **Interviewing Techniques**
- 4 **Recommendations**
  - Strategies for **Social Change**
  - The Potential of **Youth-Led Change**
  - Implementation Plan and Budget
  - Getting the Word Out

## Teacher and Student Benefits:

Throughout the year, we provide **opportunities for real-world learning:**

- Educational field trips
- One-on-one and whole-class mentoring
- Specialized skill-based
- Networking opportunities with professionals in various industries



***For more information:***

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# EURO CHALLENGE COMPETITION

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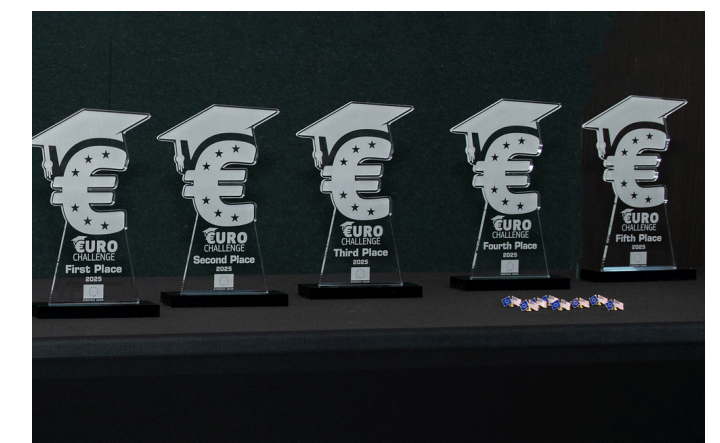
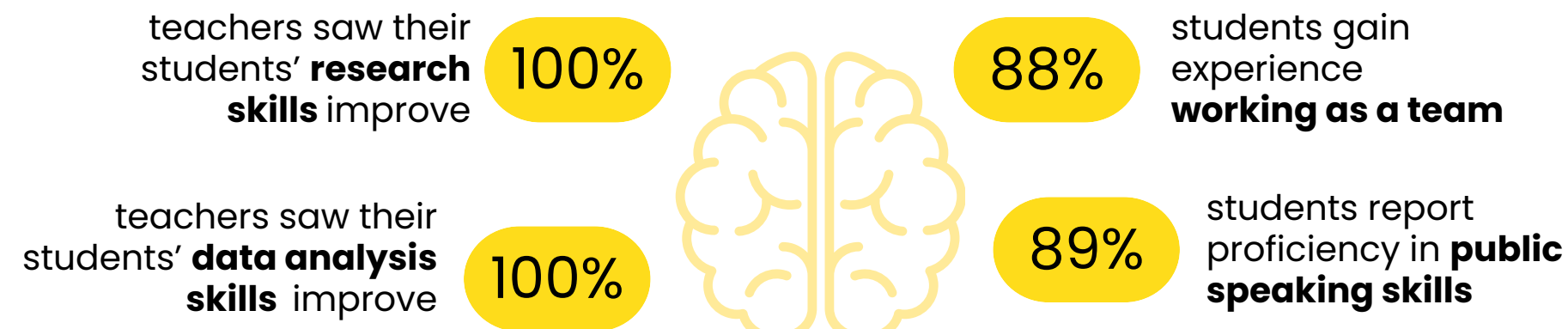
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students (9th-12th for Title 1 Schools)



## Benefits

- Develop public speaking, research, and analytical skills.
- Network with professionals in economics and international relations.
- Meet the Ambassador of the EU to the US.

*The Euro Challenge is an economics and foreign policy competition where the top 5 teams win cash prizes!*



# Program Specifics

**Student teams will be asked to deliver 15-minute presentations in which they are required to:**

- Describe the current economic situation in the euro area (the economic region consisting of the 20 EU member countries who have adopted the euro). The description must include a discussion of GDP growth, unemployment, and inflation in the euro area and a brief discussion of the current monetary policy activities of the European Central Bank (ECB). To learn more about the ECB, toggle over the “Resources” tab and select “Useful Links”. There is a link to the ECB website that explains its role for the EU.
- Select one economic-related challenge topic confronting the euro area as a whole (see list below), and pick one of the 20 member countries of the euro area to illustrate that challenge. To learn more about each country, toggle over the “Resources” tab and select “Country Profiles”.
- Recommend a policy or policies for addressing the challenge you identified in the country you selected. Be sure to include in your recommendation a discussion of how having a single currency may or may not affect the policy choices for addressing the challenge.

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# The Wise Institute Program

## Eligibility:

- Any high school or middle school in NYC is able to participate



## Program Cost:

- \$1,500 for 8 in-class sessions with a professional volunteer

***The W!se Institute provides students with work-experience opportunities and college and career exploration***

## How the Program Works:

- Provides seminars to help students explore careers and college majors
  - **Topics:** sustainability, business, personal finance, arts, humanities and STEM
- Prepares students for the workplace through **mock interviews, résumé counseling and training on professionalism**

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# FINANCIAL LITERACY CERTIFICATION

## Eligibility:

- Any NYC DOE School is eligible to participate
- For 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students



## Program Cost:

- **Free** for Schools in NY

## Benefits:

- Students become “**certified Financially Literate**”™

*The goal of the program is simple—to help high school students graduate as financially capable young adults. Participating high schools teach a course or unit on personal finance and then administer our national, standardized Financial Literacy Certification Test.*

## Curriculum:

### • Topics

- Money
- The Cost of Money
- Budgeting
- Banking
- Credit
- Insurance
- Investing
- Taxation
- Money Management

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