

Help More Young People Stay Connected to the Community That Helped Raise Them

Students don't have to move home to stay connected. They can contribute, build experience, and stay in relationship with local leaders while they're away at college. When students stay connected, contribute, and grow, communities benefit as well.

Communities Often Lose Touch Just as Students Start Building Experience

Students leave at exactly the moment they start building experience, relationships, and a professional story. The hometown connection quietly fades.

By graduation, retention efforts are trying to win back someone who already built their network elsewhere.

Talent retention starts long before graduation.

Three Jobs We Help You Do Better

Stay Connected

Keep relationships with local young people alive while they're away.

Create Ways to Contribute

Give students real, local ways to help from wherever they are.

Grow Local Talent

Help students build experience and relationships that make coming back, staying involved, or contributing from a distance a real option.



Bring work you're already doing, or begin something new.

Through participation ↓

Experience

Proof

Relationships

Visibility

How Communities Stay Connected

PeerTakes. Students share lived experience with the students coming behind them.

Ambassadors. Local connectors help students and opportunities find each other.

Chapters. Communities can organize around a hometown, district, alumni network, or region.

College Town is one Academy implementation model, not a requirement.

What Success Looks Like

- ✓ Students stay in touch while they're away
- ✓ More young people contributing locally
- ✓ Students who can name hometown people who know their work
- ✓ More young people who see a future here

Start With One Introduction

Introduce one student to three people in your community.

- ✓ Invite one student to Business After Hours.
- ✓ Host one PeerTakes conversation.
- ✓ Connect one student to one local project.
- ✓ Support one ambassador.

Start small. Expand what works.

No promises that students will move back. The goal is keeping the connection alive.

Start a conversation.

One introduction. No commitment.

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