



SABIS®

Success Story



Terrance Mack

SABIS® is a global education network that operates in 16 countries and educates 70,000 students. Using a comprehensive, proprietary system, SABIS® Network schools provide students with a high-quality education that is essential to help them achieve success in a changing world.

The **SABIS® International Charter School (SICS)** opened its doors in 1995 as the first U.S. charter school to join the global SABIS® Network. From its first day of operation, the school has provided a high-quality education to a diverse student body. Currently celebrating its 20th year in operation, SICS educates over 1500 students and has graduated over 1100 students, all of whom have been accepted to college.

This is the story of a student who, thanks to the positive school environment at SICS, asked himself “Why not me?” The answer to this question would change his life forever.

Terrance Mack joined SICS as a 10th grader. His academic performance at his previous school had been only average, with his grades fluctuating between the C and D mark. At SICS, the structured curriculum and the methodical approach to learning helped Terrance improve his grades drastically. Soon after joining the school, Terrance began earning steady Bs and his self-confidence rose.

In addition to finding his academic focus, Terrance credits the positive environment at SICS for prompting him to re-evaluate his self-perception and ask the question, “Why not me?” Indeed, that question opened a brand new horizon for Terrance. Instead of complaining about what was wrong or waiting for others to bring about change, he realized that he had the power to make a difference. Terrance joined the SABIS Student Life Organization® (SLO®), became an active participant in his school, and sought out opportunities to get involved in the greater Springfield community. He became the President of the Springfield Youth Network and a volunteer for the YEAH! Network, the Gandara Center, and the “Making Proud Choices” program.

Fueled by a determination to be an agent of change, Terrance founded the “Mending Wings Project,” which organizes fundraising events for area causes. So far, the project has raised money for tornado relief, the Shriners Hospital for Children, and numerous scholarships for students in need. *“All of the volunteer experiences I had at SICS inspired me to start the Mending Wings Project,”* Mack said.

Terrance graduated from SICS in 2011 and went on to college. He recently completed his bachelor’s degree in political science at Clark Atlanta University, and in early June 2015, he moved to Rwanda, where he will be serving for two years in Peace Corps as a teacher and doing outreach work for reproductive justice.

We wish Terrance a safe stay in Rwanda and hope that he continues to model the lessons he learned at SICS and make a difference in the lives of others.

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