

2023 VIRTUAL NSLI-Y ALUMNI SURVEY

KEY FINDINGS

Since 2019, the U.S. Department of State's **Virtual NSLI-Y** has introduced American high school students to languages critical to U.S. national security via an interactive online format. The first Virtual NSLI-Y alumni survey, conducted in 2023 with a 38% response rate, reflects the program's success in building confidence and a solid foundation for future language learning and promoting cross-cultural understanding.

IMPACTFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

 96%

of respondents found Virtual NSLI-Y to be significant to their educational goals.

 77%

of respondents reported that Virtual NSLI-Y participation increased their overall academic motivation.

 26%

of respondents considered themselves to belong to the first generation in their family to attend college.

SUSTAINED USE OF TARGET LANGUAGE

 75%

of respondents continued studying their target language beyond the end of their Virtual NSLI-Y scholarship.

 57%

of respondents reported using their Virtual NSLI-Y language in personal and professional contexts beyond the classroom.

 51%

of respondents reported applying for further U.S. government language learning or cultural exchange initiatives.

PROACTIVE AND ENGAGED US CITIZENS

 79%

of respondents indicated that Virtual NSLI-Y helped them recognize similarities and differences between cultures and to seek more opportunities to learn about different cultures.

 73%

of respondents reported increasing their communication skills because of participation in Virtual NSLI-Y.

 69%

of respondents reported that Virtual NSLI-Y developed their interest in how others see the world.



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