



**THE CYBERSMILE FOUNDATION**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The Cybersmile Foundation And Scholas Occurrentes Foundation Announce Official Global Partnership**

**NEW YORK, USA, JUNE 4, 2019** - The Cybersmile Foundation and Scholas Occurrentes are joining forces to tackle the global problem of cyberbullying and online abuse through awareness campaigns, educational initiatives, global research and civic engagement.

Both foundations are announcing today their commitment to educating and supporting young people around the world, ensuring safe and productive use of the internet for future generations.

Cybersmile and Scholas will work together to identify and understand growing trends, provide access to interactive educational programs and launch innovative awareness campaigns to engage and inspire young internet users.

Cybersmile's full digital civility curriculum and interactive learning platform will be launched in September and will be made available to Scholas' global network of 500,000 non-faith and faith schools across multiple regions. This will bring technological innovation into the classroom to create an engaging learning experience for young people with the opportunity for them to understand more about topics including digital civility, personal safety, online security, content authentication, emoji use and technology related wellbeing.

"Everybody at Cybersmile is very excited to be partnering with Scholas Occurrentes. This partnership will enable Cybersmile to work with Scholas globally on research, educational programs and initiatives in order to better understand the problem and potential solutions to cyberbullying and its associated problems," - Scott Freeman, CEO, The Cybersmile Foundation.

As part of the partnership, Cybersmile and Scholas will also work together to promote this year's Stop Cyberbullying Day on June 21st with a number of activities planned which include a 24-hour event that will be live-streamed on various social platforms, influencer engagement, international school activities and a round table event to bring together thought leaders from around the world.

"One of the main goals of the Scholas Occurrentes Foundation is to give a voice to the problems and needs of new generations. By partnering with The Cybersmile Foundation and taking part on #STOPCYBERBULLYINGDAY, we hope to make the voices of young people heard loudly throughout the world on such an important topic like cyberbullying," - José María del Corral, President and Global Director of Scholas Occurrentes Foundation.

## **ABOUT SCHOLAS OCCURRENTES**

Scholas Occurrentes, is an International Organization of Pontifical Right created by decree of His Holiness, Pope Francis, present in 190 countries covering five continents with an education network of 500,000 schools, and reaching to over a million children and youngsters across the world. Its mission is to achieve the integration of all students of the world through technological, sports and artistic proposals that promote education from the culture of the encounter.

## **ABOUT THE CYBERSMILE FOUNDATION**

The Cybersmile Foundation is a multi-award winning nonprofit organization committed to tackling all forms of digital abuse and bullying online. They work to promote diversity and inclusion by building a safer, more positive digital community and encouraging people to realize their full potential without the fear of ridicule and abuse.

Through education and the promotion of positive digital citizenship, The Cybersmile Foundation reduces incidents of cyberbullying and provides professional help and support services to children and adults around the world.

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