iREACT

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Purpose

- Many high school students in Cameroon end up not going to university
- Those who do tend to switch from the sciences to liberal arts
- Very often, these students have internet access but limit their activities to entertainment only
- Through iREACT, they will learn how to use resources online to successfully apply to college and fund their studies abroad.
Program Content

- Over the course of 3 weeks, students would
  - be introduced to the college application process
  - learn about resources they could use to develop their applications
  - get lots of practice
- Major topics would include:
  - Using online resources and OCW
  - The SAT and TOEFL exams
  - Financing an Education abroad
  - Being an International Student in the USA
OCW Component

- Materials will be posted on OCW Webpage for the student’s everyday access
- Will introduce OCW to the students and computer center
- Envision of the use of discussion forum
- Continued use by the students, their friends, and computer center users
How can we impact more than the fifteen program participants during the 3 weeks?

- Mentorship component
- College Bibles
- OCW webpage
- Computer center collaboration
  - Build a resource library for them
  - Develop our own handbook for the center
  - Train the workers to implement similar program in the future
Current Preparation for Students

- Advising and materials from Admissions Office
- Posting slides on OCW webpage
- Collaboration with onsite supervisor
- Book Donations from class of 2009
- Donation of binders and other materials
- Shipping of materials to Cameroon
What happens after?

- Evaluation and Report Writing
  - Baker Foundation/PSC
  - iCampus (hopefully)
- Match students with MIT mentors in the Spring
- Fund SAT and TOEFL exams of best students in the Fall
- re-ACT?