

## 2010–2011 Highlight Report

### Office of International Affairs

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### Teaching and Learning

- Facilitated the development of **six undergraduate “2+2” dual degree programs** within the following IUPUI departments and their corresponding partner schools at Sun Yat-sen University: Business, Computer and Information Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Media Arts & Sciences, and Public Affairs. The agreements further develop IUPUI's strategic partnership with SYSU and support the growth of international student enrollments under the Enrollment Shaping Initiative. (<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/4967/2+-2-Programs-Deepen-Ties-Between-IUPUI-and-Sun-Yatsen-University>)
- 6% of IUPUI's Spring/Summer graduates made **study abroad** part of their IUPUI experience. Approximately 380 students studied abroad on 54 different programs in 30 countries. Two IUPUI students received national Gilman scholarships to study abroad. (<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/4982/Two-IUPUI-Students-Receive-National-Gilman-Scholarships-to-Study-Abroad110110>)
- Eleven new IUPUI study abroad programs approved for ten countries, creating new international experience opportunities for students:
  - Physical Education & Tourism Management – Korea;
  - Education –Thailand;
  - IUPUC – Europe;
  - Public and Environmental Affairs – China;
  - Medicine – Vietnam;
  - Liberal Arts, Dept. of Economics – India;
  - Informatics – China;
  - Social Work – Croatia;
  - Timmy Foundation – Guatemala;
  - Honors College – Kenya;
  - Women's Soccer – Spain

- Students with **international experience** gained strong representation in IUPUI's Top 100 Students program:
  - 29 of the 2011 Top 100 students studied abroad.
  - 8 of the 2011 Top 100 students list a country of origin other than the United States.
  - The 2011 Top Male Student is an international student from Tanzania, and the Top Female studied abroad in Greece.
- In May 2011, **International House officially celebrated its 20th Anniversary** with an Alumni Reunion. The International House was established at IUPUI in 1991. Since then it has been home to nearly 1,000 international and American students, scholars and researchers from over 80 countries. (Alumni signed the guestbook at <http://international.iupui.edu/reunion/guestbook/>)
- Collaborated with the Center for Teaching and Learning to develop a **New International Faculty Orientation** as a supplement to the standard new faculty orientation program and addresses specific concerns of international faculty, such as U.S. classroom culture, and strategies for successful communications with students.

#### Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

- Created the **Understanding Society and Culture (USC) Faculty Resource Corner** in coordination with the USC Community of Practice as a faculty development tool. A small library of more than 65 books and DVDS, including a special section on Kenyan history, culture, politics, and economics has been made available to IUPUI faculty along with a Kindle e-reader loan program with books on international themes.
- Convened a group of 20 faculty to explore development of **international linkages in India** with the University of Pune, University of Hyderabad, and Symbiosis International University. Completed a detailed expression of interest list from interested faculty in a range of areas including business, science, journalism, and medicine.
- Implemented a **Global Voices Speaker's Program**, to facilitate the engagement of international students as resources in internationalizing course content. GVSP international student volunteers participate in in-class panel discussions or provide formal presentations on topics related to their home country and culture.

#### Civic Engagement

- Organized a year-long series of 14 events known as **Partnership Mexico**. Supported collaborative programming with the Division of Student Life, the Multicultural Success Center, the Bi-National Cross-Cultural Health Enhancement Center, the Indianapolis Mexican Consulate, Wishard Health Services Multicultural Outreach, the IU School of Medicine, Rotary International, and the campus-wide Mexico Interest Group. Nearly 400 students, faculty, and

staff attended Mexico-related events. (<http://international.iupui.edu/partnership-mexico/>)

- Hosted distinguished visitors: Her Royal Highness Princess Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand, who also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Indiana University Bloomington; the Mayor of Hyderabad, India, sister city of Indianapolis; the Governor of Zhejiang Province, China (sister state of Indiana); and a delegation from strategic partner Sun Yat-sen University, including President Xu Ningsheng. (<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/4971/Princess-of-Thailand-Visits-IUPUI-Receives-Honorary-Degree-from-IU>)
- Co-sponsored the first North America-wide Rwandan Genocide Commemoration Event with over 500 attendees, including the Rwandan Ambassador to the U.S. Cosponsored by the Government of Rwanda and the Office of the Ambassador, the Department for the Prevention of Genocide, the Grand Mufti of Rwanda and the Anglican Bishop of Rwanda, as well as local sponsoring agencies including the Sagamore Institute, the NGO Faith and Justice in Society, the Peace Learning Center, the Indianapolis Interfaith Alliance, and Martin University. (<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5128/Moving-Beyond-TearsIndianapolis-to-Host-1st-North-Americawide-Rwandan-Genocide-Commemoration>)
- The full **IUPUI Flag Collection**, 195 country flags, curated by the Protocol Office of the International Center of Indianapolis and sponsored by Duke Energy was displayed on campus for the first time at the 7th Annual IUPUI International Festival, held in the IUPUI Campus Center.
- Facilitated Earth Day-related programming and activities, including:
  - A panel of returned study abroad students discussing how their experiences abroad influenced their views of the environment and consumption of resources
  - The planting of 10 trees on campus

### Diversity

- As part of Enrollment Shaping Initiative, **increased applications and admissions of undergraduate international students** for Fall 2011 by more than 30%.
- Created an **International Spouse and Family Program** to support the families of international students and scholars on campus. Through this program, spouses have opportunities to learn about U.S. culture, gain practical insights on living in the U.S./Indianapolis, and become engaged in the IUPUI/Indianapolis community.

### Best Practices

- Facilitated development leading to launch of new systems to improve efficiency in services: (1) **iAbroad**, a web-based data management system that facilitates online collection of study abroad applications and related documentation and (2) Implementation of the Scholar Services modules of **SUNAPSIS**, a web-based case management and document generating system, permitting

electronic submission of visa sponsorship requests. (<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/4816/New-iAbroad-Study-Abroad-System-Improves-Process-for-Students>)

- Collaborated with **IUPUI Food Service** as co-sponsor of the 7<sup>th</sup> IUPUI International Festival to offer samples from IUPUI's strategic partner countries China, Kenya, and Mexico as well as Saudi Arabia and India. (<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5032/IUPUIs-International-Opportunities-Showcased-at-7th-International-Festival>)
- Participated in a media roundtable event in Mumbai, India, which resulted in articles published about the IUPUI Chancellor's Recognition award in 24 unique publications with a combined readership estimated at 26 million. This includes a piece in the *Hindustan Times*, one of India's best-read newspapers.

#### External Achievements and Awards

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