I encourage you to celebrate the 14th annual International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of Education and State. The week will highlight the benefits and value of high quality international education and study abroad. This year’s theme is International Education: Learning Matters Around the World.

As all of you know, children today live in a very different world from their parents, and it’s our obligation to educate them for it. Today’s challenges are increasingly borderless, and education is the best and greatest investment that anyone can make. We must provide our students with an education that includes knowledge and understanding about other cultures, the acquisition of world languages and area expertise.

Both President Obama and I firmly believe that we are living in an age where jobs know no borders. And, if we don’t prepare our children for this global competition, we will put them at a competitive disadvantage, unfortunately, for decades to come. As President Obama said, “Countries that are passive in the face of a global economy...will lose the competition for good jobs [and] for high living standards.”

However, our young people will have a genuine opportunity to succeed if they get a world-class education – one that prepares them for college and for jobs that they aspire to, and for a meaningful place in our interconnected, knowledge-based world. Here at the U.S. Department of Education, we are working to equip children to become globally competent and internationally successful citizens.

The world is enriched and we all win when everyone gets globally smarter. International Education Week 2013 is a fantastic opportunity for us to focus on how we can all work together to increase global competence. I hope you have an enjoyable week celebrating both our uniqueness and our similarities.

from
U.S. Secretary of Education
Arne Duncan
The Office of International Education & Development invites each college and school to sponsor one or more activities celebrating the benefits of international education, study abroad and exchanges. Some examples have been noted on the previous page. It is especially important to feature our FAMU Fulbright recipients and former study abroad students. Please provide OIED with the name of the event, date, location and time for inclusion on the Master IEW Calendar. Send the form below by fax (850.561.2587) or email to avis.simmonds@famu.edu by Oct. 31.

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK PARTICIPATION FORM

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Contact Person: __________________________________________ Daytime Phone ____________________

Name of Event __________________________________________

Targeted Audience __________________________________________

Brief Description __________________________________________

Guest Speaker/Performer/Panelists __________________________________________

Date _______________ Time _______ Location ____________________________

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Request for Education Abroad Coordinator or Diplomat In Residence Presentation:

The Office of International Education & Development welcomes opportunities to present information about study abroad and the numerous U.S. Department of State opportunities for students and faculty (careers in the foreign service, internships, fellowships for graduate students preparing for employment with State, and Fulbright awards for students and faculty. Presentations range from 15 to 50 minutes. The DIR requires at least 30 minutes.

Name of Faculty or Organization Advisor ________________________________________________ Phone ____________________

Type of Presentation __________________________________________ Size of Audience ______________

Course Title __________________________________________ Date ___________ Time ____________

Location __________________________________________ Time Frame of Presentation ______________

Availability of equipment to show video presentation: yes _____ no ______

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