



INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION
WEEK

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International
education and
exchange secure
the future.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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White House

President Bush visits the B.W. Tinker School in Waterbury, Connecticut.

“When students get to know each other, they learn the universality of many values. That’s going to be important for peace in the world.”

GEORGE W. BUSH
President of the United States

WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK?



U.S. Department of State

Secretary Powell welcomes the first Iraqi Fulbright Students in the Treaty Room at the Department of State.

“I can think of no more valuable asset to our country than the friendship of future world leaders who have been educated here.”

COLIN L. POWELL
U.S. Secretary of State

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

We encourage the participation of all individuals and institutions interested in international education and exchange activities, including schools, colleges and universities, embassies, international organizations, businesses, and associations, and community organizations.



U.S. Department of Education

Secretary Paige visits Margaret Amidon Elementary School in Washington, D.C.

“If we expect students to navigate international waters, we need to give them an international education that meets the highest standards.”

ROD PAIGE
U.S. Secretary of Education

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION *Fast Facts*

- 🌐 International Education Week (IEW) was first held in 2000 and is now celebrated in more than 85 countries worldwide.
- 🌐 Nearly 600,000 international students from more than 200 countries study in the U.S. each year.
- 🌐 88% of American college students believe international education will give them a competitive edge in the workplace.
- 🌐 International students contribute more than \$12 billion each year to the U.S. economy.
- 🌐 More than 70% of Americans believe that U.S. colleges and universities should require students to take a foreign language or study abroad.
- 🌐 Almost 90% of American college students believe having international students on campus enriches their own learning experience.

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, the American Council on Education, and the Institute for International Education



Fulbright teachers have reached more than 5.4 million students in the U.S. and around the world.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR *Celebrating the Week*

IN CLASSROOMS AND ON CAMPUSES...

1. Incorporate information about another country or culture into your regular lesson plan.
2. Adopt a school in a developing country and donate school supplies and other items.



U.S. Department of State

More than 1,800 of the Department of State's Youth Exchange students present their countries and cultures in America's classrooms during IEW.

3. Trade questions and answers with students from another country through the Internet, pen pal clubs, or a digital video conference.
4. Invite foreign-born students to share the language, culture, food, and customs of their homelands with classmates at special events.
5. Feature local international experts as speakers: Fulbright Scholars, former diplomats or Peace Corps volunteers, business leaders working for multinational corporations, or journalists.
6. Host an international career or study abroad fair.



Indonesian journalists visit U.S. classrooms as part of the Department of State's International Visitor Program.

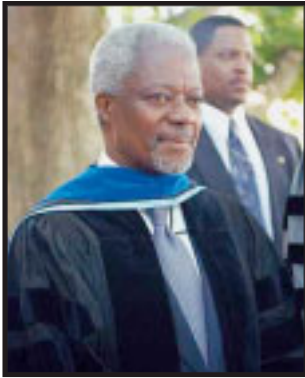
IN COMMUNITIES...

1. Encourage the Governor or Mayor to issue a proclamation commemorating International Education Week.
2. Work with local international visitor councils to arrange visits by international guests to local schools and universities.
3. Spotlight IEW events through articles and broadcast coverage in the local news media.
4. Participate in an international exchange program or host an exchange student.

IN EMBASSIES...

1. Visit or invite students to visit a local school or university classroom to discuss your country's culture, history, and political system.
2. Sponsor a video or an online chat between high school students in the United States and your home country.
3. Provide background materials to help teachers incorporate information about your country into their curriculum.
4. Host a performance, reading, screening, or an exhibit by an artist who has spent time in both the United States and your country.

YESTERDAY'S
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
AND EXCHANGE
PARTICIPANTS HELP TO
SECURE THE FUTURE



U.N. Secretary-General Annan speaks at Macalester College in Minnesota, where he had been an international student from Ghana.

*“The focus which
I found [as an inter-
national student]
has never failed me...
Perhaps it was that
experience that set
me on the road to
where I am now.”*

KOFI ANNAN
United Nations Secretary-General
2001 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
B.A., Macalester College

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EXCHANGES

KING ABDULLAH II
*King of the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan*

MAYA ANGELOU
Poet and Author

CRAIG BARRETT
CEO of Intel Corporation

MAREK BELKA
Prime Minister of Poland

TONY BLAIR
*Prime Minister of the
United Kingdom*

CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
Foreign Minister of Senegal

J.P. GARNIER
CEO of GlaxoSmithKline

HAMID KARZAI
President of Afghanistan

GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
President of the Philippines

MIKHAIL SAAKASHVILI
President of Georgia

GERHARD SCHROEDER
Chancellor of Germany

JIM SCIUTTO
ABC News

RUTH SIMMONS
President of Brown University

JAVIER SOLANA
*European Union High
Representative for the Common
Foreign and Security Policy*

ALEJANDRO TOLEDO
President of Peru

MUHAMMAD YUNUS
Founder of the Grameen Bank



East West Center, Hawaii

“Ambassadors of the World” participate in IEW activities sponsored by the East-West Center in Hawaii.



U.S. Department of State

Assistant Secretary Patricia Harrison, Deputy Secretary Richard Armitage, and CultureConnect Ambassador Mary Wilson celebrate IEW at the Department of State.



U.S. Department of State

Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman with Gilman Scholar alumni at a reception in his honor at the Department of State.



White House

First Lady Laura Bush and an interpreter listen as Japan’s Princess Hisako Takamado reads a book she has written, *Katie and the Dream-Eater*, to students at Akashi Elementary School.

“The most important gift we can give the world’s children is the gift most likely to lead to future peace and prosperity. That is the gift of a good education.”

LAURA BUSH
First Lady of the United States



U.S. Consulate, Guayaquil, Ecuador

U.S. students participate in a Study Abroad Fair in Guayaquil, Ecuador during IEW.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteerism is important to your neighbors and your country. To learn more, visit the International Education Week web site at <http://exchanges.state.gov/iew>. Also, tell us about events you are planning for the week so they can be included on the web site. Contact us by e-mail at feedback@state.gov or by mail:



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