

STUDY ABROAD ADVISING INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER

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STUDY ABROAD FACTS:

- 97% of returning study abroad students feel that study abroad made them more mature;
- 96% feel that study abroad increased their self-confidence;
- 86% of returnees felt a reinforced commitment to language study;
- 76% of returnees say that the skills learned abroad influenced their career path;
- 50% of college-bound high school students express interest in studying abroad;
- 75% of students think study abroad and internships are important during their academic career;
- **LESS THAN 1% OF ALL ENROLLED AMERICAN UNDERGRADS STUDY ABROAD!!!!**

Data taken from:

- <http://www.yearofstudyabroad.org/pdf/studentoutcomes.pdf>
- <http://www.yearofstudyabroad.org/pdf/trendsandbarriers.pdf>

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LINCOLN COMMISSION DECLARES...

2006 THE YEAR OF

STUDY  **ABROAD**

The Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Act of 2006 was introduced in July 2006 by Senators Richard Durbin (D—Ill.) and Norm Coleman (R—Minn.). The legislation brings together the federal government and higher education in an effort to expand participation by U.S. undergraduate students in study abroad programs. (www.nafsa.org)

According to the NAFSA press release, the goal of the Lincoln Study Abroad Act is to increase study abroad participation to 1 million students annually in ten years' time, and to increase diversity among destinations, fields of study and participants.

The press release goes on to indicate that while the legislation addresses the financial

obstacles many students face with regard to studying abroad, it focuses on “the on-campus factors—those related to curriculum, faculty involvement, institutional leadership, and programming...”

If you would like more information about The Year of Study Abroad, including resources from colleagues in study abroad, best practices, and advocacy issues, please visit the following web sites:

<http://www.yearofstudyabroad.org/>

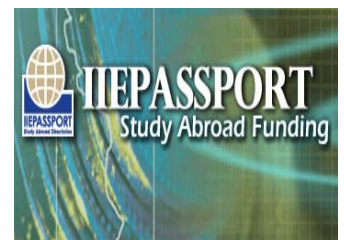
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NEW STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE OPENS DOORS

A perceived or real barrier to study abroad for many students is cost. A scholarship can make the difference between going abroad and staying home. The Institute for International Education (IIE) has launched a new searchable database for study

abroad funding and scholarships. Students and advisers alike can use the site to search for scholarship resources for financing a study abroad experience.

www.studyabroadfunding.org



STUDY ABROAD SESSIONS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS



Five presentation proposals on study abroad have been accepted for presentation at the National NACADA conference in Indianapolis, October 18-21, 2006. If you haven't yet registered for NACADA, register by September 22nd for the lowest registration fees. We look forward to seeing you in Indy!

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/NationalConf/2006/regBrochure.htm>

Pre-Conference Workshop (Wednesday, October 18, 2006)
 "Study Abroad Advising for Academic Advisors"
 Malmgren, University of Minnesota
 Leeman Bartzis, Butler University

"A Global Application of Chickering's Theory: Bringing International Study into the Conversation"
 Metzger, Armstrong
 University of Louisville

"A New World of Possibilities: Improving Educational Outcomes through Study Abroad Advising"
 Malmgren, Galvin
 University of Minnesota

"Increasing Diversity by Preparing Advisors to Prepare Students for Study Abroad Experiences"
 McCauley, Holaday
 Ball State University

"International Service Learning Programs: How Participation Affects Student Commitment to the Goal of Earning a College Degree"
 Metzger
 University of Louisville

The study abroad advising interest group will also meet in Indianapolis. We'll share updates from the group over the past year and discuss "hot topics" related to study abroad.

Study Abroad Advising Interest Group Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2006
Westin-Cabinet Room
10:00-11:00 a.m.

STUDY ABROAD ADVISING INTEREST GROUP OBJECTIVES AND LEADERSHIP

The Study Abroad Advising Interest Group seeks to involve NACADA members to:

- enhance adviser knowledge of study abroad and work, intern, and volunteer abroad options;
- build adviser interest in learning how they can promote and prepare students for education abroad
- share strategies, tools, and materials for advising students interested in education abroad;
- share strategies and successes regarding curriculum integration and course equivalencies;
- create partnerships between NACADA's leaders, academic advisers, education abroad professionals, and other interested parties;
- develop information exchange and partnerships with other professional organizations committed to advancing advising and education abroad agendas (e.g., NAFSA, the Forum);

- support re-entry advising for students who have returned from education abroad experiences;
- promote research, publication, and conference presentations on education abroad.

LEADERSHIP

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