



ANNUAL REPORT 2010

CREATING CONNECTIONS FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
A Worldwide Network for International Education

The ISEP Network Supports Your Campus Internationalization Initiatives

Student Programs

- » ISEP-Exchange: reciprocal tuition, housing, and meal exchanges among a global network of members
- » ISEP-Direct: affordable, fee-paid study away programs in 30 countries
- » Range of full-year, semester, and summer options
- » Access to academic immersion, extracurricular activities, volunteer opportunities, service learning, internships, and scholarships



Institutional Support Services

- » Centralized management of exchange balances
- » Online and print materials to assist ISEP Coordinators with student engagement
- » ISEP Ambassadors for recruiting participants and welcoming visiting students
- » Enrollment in student health insurance
- » SEVIS administration and J-1 visa sponsorship



Professional Development

- » ISEP roundtables and workshops
- » Training events and teleconferences
- » Council of Advisors and Council Working Groups
- » Organized visits for faculty and staff to regional program sites
- » Faculty outreach initiatives and resources to support the internationalization of individual departments on campus



Networking

- » Consortium of higher education institutions worldwide
- » Global exposure and member recognition
- » Annual ISEP events, symposia, and conferences
- » Social media connections on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn



ISEP is an independent, self-supporting nonprofit organization serving over 300 member institutions in 45 countries. Since 1979, ISEP has provided access to an affordable range of diverse study opportunities to over 37,000 students worldwide.

Mission of ISEP:

- » **Promotes** academic and cross-cultural learning through its worldwide collaborative network of higher education institutions.
- » **Facilitates** academic mobility through innovative and affordable programs to achieve authentic global learning.
- » **Enhances** institutional infrastructures and fosters campus internationalization.

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President's Welcome

Having come a long way since 1979 when 28 students participated in exchanges, the ISEP Network celebrated its 30th anniversary throughout this year. Among the Network's members, leaders, and staff, it kindled both a strong sense of appreciation for ISEP's many achievements and a renewed vigor for its strategic growth.

This year, ISEP has worked diligently to highlight our leadership as a comprehensive international education organization by enhancing student mobility across a global network of more than 300 member institutions. In addition to deepening the global engagement of faculty and students, ISEP also continues to embrace access, diversity, and affordability in all our programs while developing new avenues for realizing this mission. The exciting results of these efforts are featured throughout this annual report.

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Student participation in ISEP programs continues to increase, preparing a greater number of global-ready graduates for tomorrow's workforce. As the value of an ISEP experience becomes clearer, the Council of Advisors is developing assessment tools to document that experience. In addition, ISEP has added to the diversity of its study abroad options and programs by expanding its membership into new regions within the Middle East, North Africa, and Northern Europe.

ISEP's enhanced program management, both at ISEP Central and on campuses worldwide, ensures that students are supported in their efforts for a rewarding international experience. For example, dedicated ISEP Coordinators and staff successfully managed several crises in 2009-10, including repercussions of earthquakes and political unrest in several countries. Moreover, Coordinators will soon enjoy the benefits of enhanced technology within ISEP, including a new database as well as a redesigned website. Last but not least, ISEP is pleased to finish the year with solid financial results even in uncertain economic times.

These and many other successes are highlighted in this annual report, *Creating Connections for Global Engagement*. As you review the following pages, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on how far the ISEP Network has come and to celebrate the achievements of this wonderful organization.



Mary Anne Grant
President and CEO
ISEP



Blaine A. Brownell
Chair, 2007-2011
ISEP Board of Directors

Message from the Board Chair

ISEP's success over 30 years deserves celebration, as do the 37,000 experiences of a lifetime it has afforded students and their institutions. It is worthwhile to recall, however, the trials and difficulties along the way, both to recognize those who overcame them and as a reminder that ISEP is prepared to face new challenges.

The Board of Directors is in a unique position to appreciate what ISEP has accomplished: how the staff, the Council of Advisors, and ISEP Coordinators collaborate successfully to achieve the best possible international experiences and educational outcomes as well as how student participants bring enormous commitment and enthusiasm—indeed, joy—to our work.

The landscape of international education has changed dramatically in three decades and the pace of change is likely to continue. The Board is convinced that future success demands that ISEP be more comprehensive, involve more segments of higher education, reach into more countries and regions, develop additional partnerships, and be an innovator of new programs and learning opportunities. We will build on a solid foundation of proven success and adhere to the same values as when we began.

We had much to celebrate over the past year. For the first time, we have member universities in Lithuania, Morocco, and the United Arab Emirates. We have renewed our activities in Fiji and Colombia. Exchanges are growing in high-demand locations (notably Australia and the United Kingdom), and additional new summer and semester programs are available through both ISEP-Exchange and ISEP-Direct. Our financial position is also strong, and we had a record cohort of 2,768 ISEP participants.

Our revised Strategic Plan provides the framework for channeling this momentum into further progress and new initiatives. We have targeted program development in the Mediterranean, Russia, and Asia. We are exploring new approaches for working with faculty and for providing even greater technological support for our efforts, including online applications. The ISEP Network is the milieu in which we operate, and a major source of ideas and inspiration. We will nurture these connections through annual membership meetings, starting with the 2011 ISEP Symposium in conjunction with the Association of International Education Administrators conference.

The ISEP Board of Directors joins me in thanking every one of you who has contributed to this organization and its ideals. We welcome your comments on this annual report and your ideas for the future.

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Council of Advisors

ISEP has moved to a new level of collaboration with our membership thanks to the leadership of the Council of Advisors and its Working Groups on Assessment, Membership Standards, and Admissions. This valuable work continues as we search for best practices and innovative solutions for global engagement in the coming year. The Standing Committee on ISEP Events has established the criteria for sustaining ISEP's newly launched six-year events schedule. With a focus on facilitating symposia, conferences, and regional orientations across our global network, the committee has formalized the call for proposals and established a schedule that facilitates advanced planning for our members. This standing committee provides the leadership, strategic planning, and oversight that ensures the success of our events.

ISEP SIX-YEAR EVENTS SCHEDULE

Year	Event	Location
2011	ISEP Symposium	USA
2012	ISEP Symposium	outside USA
2013	ISEP Conference	USA
2014	ISEP Symposium	outside USA
2015	ISEP Symposium	USA
2016	ISEP Conference	outside USA

Calendar of Events: A Year in Review and the Year to Come

2010

JANUARY

- » ISEP France Meeting, Savoie, France

FEBRUARY

- » ISEP Networking Reception, Association of International Education Administrators Conference, Washington, DC

MARCH

- » ISEP Network Gathering, The Forum on Education Abroad Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina
- » ISEP Network Gathering, Asia Pacific Association for International Education Conference, Gold Coast, Australia

JUNE

- » Board of Directors Meeting, Conway, Arkansas
- » Council of Advisors Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri
- » ISEP 30th Anniversary Reception, NAFSA, Kansas City, Missouri

SEPTEMBER

- » Meeting of ISEP's German-Speaking Institutions, Trier, Germany
- » ISEP Networking Breakfast, European Association for International Education Conference, Nantes, France

OCTOBER

- » New Coordinator Workshop, Arlington, Virginia
- » Council of Advisors Meeting, Arlington, Virginia
- » Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, DC
- » ISEP Japan Meeting, Kyoto, Japan
- » Coordinators Breakfast, Australian International Education Conference, Sydney, Australia

NOVEMBER

- » ISEP Update, NAFSA Region II & IV Conference, Omaha, Nebraska

2011

JANUARY

- » ISEP France Meeting, Amiens, France

FEBRUARY

- » **ISEP Symposium, in conjunction with the Association of International Education Administrators Conference, San Francisco, California**

MARCH

- » ISEP Network Gathering, Asia Pacific Association for International Education Conference, Taipei, Taiwan

MAY

- » Board of Directors Meeting, Arlington, Virginia
- » Council of Advisors Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- » ISEP Networking Reception, NAFSA Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada

SEPTEMBER

- » ISEP Networking Event, European Association for International Education Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark

OCTOBER

- » New Coordinator Workshop, Arlington, Virginia
- » Council of Advisors Meeting, Arlington, Virginia
- » Board of Directors Meeting, Arlington, Virginia
- » ISEP Japan Meeting, Nagoya, Japan

Gold = Start of ISEP Six-Year Events Schedule

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Africa

ISEP is developing its first Francophone program in Senegal, West Africa, with a targeted start date of spring 2013. Work is also underway to recruit a new South African ISEP member institution.

Anglophone

ISEP welcomes the newest member in the United Kingdom, the University of East London. Many Australian, New Zealand, and Fijian members opened up ISEP-Exchange options this year in addition to their ISEP-Direct programs.

Asia

Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics became the first ISEP-Exchange member in Mainland China. The Chinese University of Hong Kong reopened for US exchanges. Hanyang University, Kwangwoon University, Sookmyung Women's University, and Lovely Professional University are new Direct members.

Europe and the Middle East

Vilnius University in Lithuania joined the ISEP Network, offering classes taught in English in all major fields as well as Russian language study. In the Middle East, the first exchanges with the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates will begin in spring 2011. ISEP welcomed Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco, as our second member offering Arabic language and Middle Eastern/North African studies.

Iberia and Latin America

Universidad ICESI in Colombia signed new membership agreements and will reopen exchanges in 2011-12. Universidad Blas Pascal in Argentina successfully completed its first year of offering ISEP-Direct programs. The International-to-International option at Universidad Santiago de Compostela in Spain was a popular new offering.

USA

Overall student participation from US institutions remains strong. ISEP staff continued to expand outreach to current US members by attending conferences and conducting site visits in various states. New US Exchange members in 2010 are Lenoir-Rhyne University, Pacific Lutheran University, Fort Lewis College, Austin Peay State University, and University of Wisconsin - Stout. ISEP also welcomed five new Direct members: Lyon College, California State University - Bakersfield, Wabash College, Alfred University, and Universidad del Este in Puerto Rico.

Programs

The ISEP Network has provided innovative opportunities for global engagement for over 30 years. This year, the focus has been on creating programs that support a broader range of language and culture learning, including beginner levels in French, Spanish, Arabic, Lithuanian, and Russian. These programs also showcase the unique characteristics of each institution or region and support members' internationalization objectives through the collaborative use of both ISEP-Direct and ISEP-Exchange options. Other new initiatives provide diversified destinations for short-term study away programs as well as expanded options in academic fields such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. New efforts are also underway to increase the support for and collaboration with faculty from member ISEP institutions.

"I was incredibly close with my host family; they were the highlight of my time in Costa Rica. They made the experience what it was for me. We're standing on the street where I lived in Heredia."

Katherine Kurtessis, Roanoke College, USA
to Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica



The ISEP Student Experience



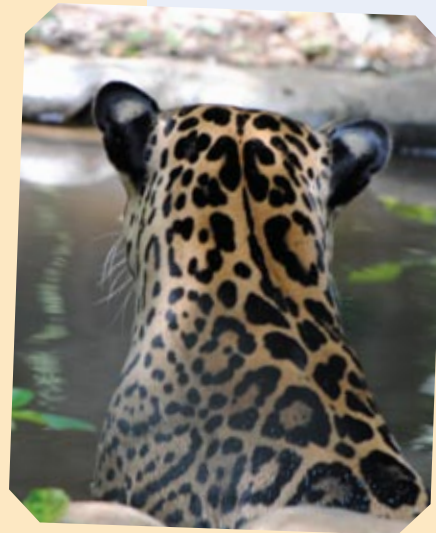
“The college basketball games were so captivating. I cheered for my dear Butler Bulldogs so hard that it probably seemed I’d been a fan of basketball my whole life. That’s the feeling of identification with your host university—when it begins to feel like another home university!”

Volha Kryvets, American University in Bulgaria to Butler University, USA



“Orienting myself to completely new customs, weather, and language proved to be challenging, but exciting. Each Finnish word I recognized in passing conversation or on street signs was a small achievement!”

Stephanie Grogan, St. Edward’s University, USA, to University of Helsinki, Finland



“The best part of my adventure abroad was realizing how many opportunities are out there. I am a biology major and I love animals. After

seeing so many people working hands-on with all sorts of animals, I was amazed to find that my dream of working in a rainforest was an actual possibility.”

Alex Studd-Sojka, Virginia Commonwealth University, USA, to Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica

ISEP Photo Essay Contest

The semi-annual ISEP Photo Essay Contest invites returning students to capture the essence of their ISEP experience with stories and images to share with fellow students and the ISEP Network at large. Entries may be posted on the ISEP website, and many are included in various ISEP publications and promotions.

2009-10 PHOTO ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Clémence Brasme, Lille III (Université Charles de Gaulle), France, to University of Kansas, USA

Brooke Glaser, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, USA, to Thammasat University, Thailand

Kassandra Pena, San José State University, USA, to Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile

Maria Pesek, Universidad de Palermo, Argentina, to Missouri State University, USA

Sanne Vliengenthart, Leiden University, The Netherlands, to Elmhurst College, USA

Leidy Wagener, University of Montana, USA, to Université du Maine (Le Mans), France

ISEP Ambassador Program

The ISEP Ambassador Program continues to develop through its fourth year. Students and home or host ISEP Coordinators may nominate ambassadors, who receive a customized toolkit, promotional materials, and an ISEP t-shirt. Ambassadors agree to participate in at least three activities each semester and submit a log of their accomplishments, which are often highlighted in ISEP newsletters and publications.

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR WINNER

ISEP is proud to recognize Rasmus Hindkjaer of Aalborg University, Denmark, who studied abroad at Western Illinois University, USA, as the 2009-10 Ambassador of the Year. As an ISEP Ambassador, Rasmus arranged airport pickups, led a guided tour of Aalborg University and its surrounding city, and created a Facebook group. He also re-initiated writing workshops with the international office to help exchange students, coordinated a day trip to the town of Aarhus for exchange students to experience Christmas exhibits and traditional holiday food, and created a questionnaire for ISEP students to use in evaluating their time abroad. Rasmus notes, "I encourage all students to study abroad! It will change the way they see the world and their place in it."



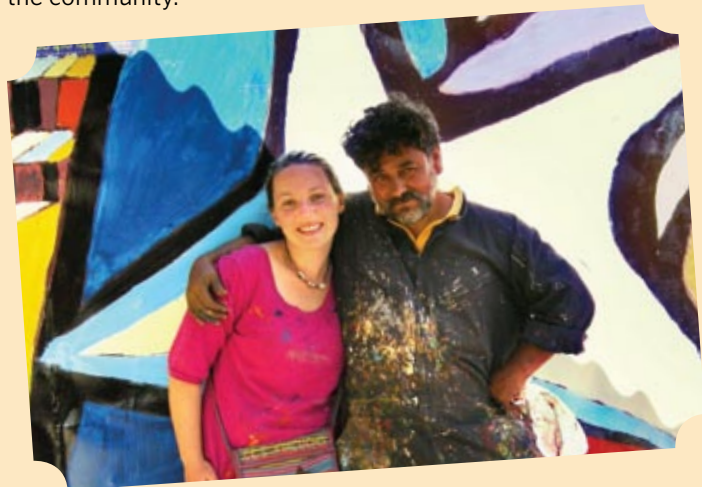
Above: Rasmus Hindkjaer accepts the Ambassador of the Year award from Lone Dirckinck-Holmfeld, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Aalborg University. "Rasmus is a great advocate of study abroad," said his host ISEP Coordinator, Leonie Meijer. Rasmus responded, "My study abroad experience taught me a lot both in and outside the classroom. It strengthened my academic platform, gave me experience with intercultural relations, taught me much about American culture, and made me a more independent person."

Service Learning Initiatives

Volunteering and service learning opportunities at many ISEP universities provide unique insight and integration into the host culture while allowing students to build their résumés, become global-ready graduates, and give back to the community.



"Service is the key to growth," wrote Nicole Bearce of California State University, East Bay, USA, who studied at University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. "The qualities and skills that I acquired from this Service Learning program will be forever ingrained within me. To travel halfway around the world and to learn that people are the same everywhere is truly inspiring... I can be sure that taking action in a community encourages people to be accountable in the world we live in. The valuable work that I did with South Africa's youth has shown me how one person can truly impact another's life."



Anna Wolf of Beloit College, USA, who studied at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile, wrote, "We volunteered for a project with the Hospital of Peña Blanca that was guided by a local artist who raises public awareness about social and political issues through muralism. We transformed a desolate hospital wall into brilliantly colored art."

Statement of Activities

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

REVENUE	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTALS
Programs and general:			
Membership fees	\$763,254	\$ —	\$763,254
Participant placement fees	835,663	—	835,663
ISEP-Direct fees	5,170,462	—	5,170,462
Special program fees	794,685	—	794,685
Student health insurance fees	884,155	—	884,155
Conference fees	13,996	—	13,996
Grant income	—	30,000	30,000
Foreign currency translation gain	(6,558)	—	(6,558)
Other income	206	—	206
Interest and investment income	9,676	—	9,676
Total program and general	8,465,539	30,000	8,495,539
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of usage restrictions	29,900	(29,900)	—
Total revenue	\$8,495,439	\$100	\$8,495,539
EXPENSES			
Program service:			
ISEP-Exchange programs	\$1,926,178	\$ —	\$1,926,178
ISEP-Direct programs	4,525,891	—	4,525,891
Special programs	716,470	—	716,470
Conference	6,602	—	6,602
Total program service expenses	7,175,141	—	7,175,141
General and administrative	855,941	—	855,941
Fundraising and development	55,382	—	55,382
Total expenses	8,086,464	—	8,086,464
Change in net assets	408,975	100	409,075
Net assets, beginning of year	519,379	36,288	555,667
Net assets, end of year	\$928,354	\$36,388	\$964,742

Statement of Financial Position

JUNE 30, 2010

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalent	\$1,651,787
Fees and accounts receivable, net of allowance of bad debts	201,103
Prepaid expenses	129,770
Foreign currency hedge deposits	343,263
Foreign forward exchange contract	(167,589)

Total current assets **2,158,334**

Properties and equipment:

Office furniture and equipment	171,202
Leasehold improvements	54,951
Intangible	74,994

Total property and equipment 301,147

Less accumulated depreciation and amortization 240,022

Net property and equipment **61,125**

Other Assets:

Refundable deposits	11,323
Software development in progress	299,129

Total other assets **310,452**

Total assets **\$2,529,911**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable, trade	\$139,009
Accrued wages	91,149
Accrued vacation	97,379
Payroll related liabilities	11,996
Deferred service fees	1,366,353
Firm commitment	(167,589)
Sublease and student housing deposits	7,200
Current portion of obligations under capital lease	2,849

Total current liabilities **1,548,346**

Long-term liabilities:

Long-term portion of obligations under capital lease	16,823
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Total long-term liabilities **16,823**

Total liabilities **1,565,169**

Net assets:

Unrestricted	928,354
Temporary restricted	36,388

Total net assets **964,742**

Total liabilities and net assets **\$2,529,911**

The ISEP Network — International Members

Argentina

Universidad Blas Pascal +^o
 Universidad Católica de Córdoba +^o
 Universidad de Palermo +^o
 Universidad del Salvador +^o

Australia

Deakin University +^o
 La Trobe University +^o
 Macquarie University +^o
 RMIT University ^o
 Swinburne University of
 Technology +
 University of Canberra ^o
 University of Southern
 Queensland +^o
 University of Western Sydney +^o

Austria

Johannes Kepler Universität Linz +
 Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz +
 Technische Universität Graz +
 Universität Salzburg

Belgium

Vesalius College ^o

Botswana

University of Botswana +^o

Brazil

Fundação Armando Álvares
 Penteado (FAAP) +^o

Bulgaria

American University in Bulgaria ^o

Canada

Brock University +^o
 Laurentian University +^o
 Thompson Rivers University +^o
 University of Regina +

Chile

Pontificia Universidad Católica
 de Valparaíso +^o
 Universidad Católica del Norte +

China

The Chinese University of Hong
 Kong (CUHK)
 Jiangxi University of Finance and
 Economics (JUFE) +
 Sichuan University - Pacific
 Lutheran University ^o
 Tsinghua University ^o

Colombia

Universidad ICESI +

Costa Rica

Universidad Nacional ^o

Czech Republic

Masaryk University +^o

Denmark

Aalborg University +

Estonia

University of Tartu +^o

Fiji

University of the South Pacific ^o

Finland

Aalto University - School of
 Science and Technology +
 Åbo/Turku Consortium:
 - Åbo Akademi University +
 - University of Turku +
 Lappeenranta University of
 Technology +
 University of Eastern Finland +
 University of Helsinki +
 University of Jyväskylä +
 University of Oulu +
 University of Tampere +

France

Amiens Picardy School of Man-
 agement (Groupe Sup de Co
 Amiens Picardie)
 Institut National des Sciences
 Appliquées (INSA) de Lyon
 Rennes Consortium:
 - Institut d'Etudes Politiques
 de Rennes +
 - Université de Rennes 1 +
 - Université de Rennes 2 (Haute
 Bretagne) +
 Université d'Angers +
 Université des Antilles et de la
 Guyane
 Université de Caen +
 Université de Franche - Comté +
 Université de Grenoble II
 (Pierre Mendès France) +
 Université du Havre +
 Université de Lille 3 (Charles de
 Gaulle) +
 Université du Maine
 Université de Nantes +
 Université de Nice (Sophia
 Antipolis) +
 Université de Picardie Jules
 Verne +
 Université de la Réunion
 Université de Savoie ^o
 Université Jean Monnet de Saint-
 Etienne +
 Université Paul Cézanne
 (Aix-Marseille III) +
 Université Paul Valéry
 (Montpellier III) +^o

Germany

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz
 Universität Hannover +
 Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen ^o
 Katholische Universität Eichstätt-
 Ingolstadt
 Philipps-Universität Marburg +^o
 Technische Universität Dortmund +
 Technische Universität Carolo-
 Wilhelmina zu Braunschweig +
 Universität Bielefeld
 Universität Trier +

Ghana

University of Ghana ^o

Hungary

University of Debrecen +^o

Iceland

University of Iceland

India

Lovely Professional University ⁺
 University of Hyderabad ^o

Italy

Università Cattolica del Sacro
 Cuore +^o
 Università degli Studi di Pavia ^o
 Università degli Studi di Trieste +
 Università degli Studi di Urbino
 "Carlo Bo" ^o

Japan

Chukyo University +
 Kansai Gaidai University +
 Nanzan University +
 Nihon University - Mishima +
 Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific
 University +^o
 Ritsumeikan University
 Tokyo International University +^o
 Toyo University ^o

Korea

Ajou University +
 Ewha Womans University +
 Gyeongsang National University ⁺
 Hanyang University ⁺
 Information and Communication
 University (ICU) ⁺
 Keimyung University +
 Korea University +
 Kwangwoon University ⁺
 Kyung Hee University ⁺
 Sookmyung Womens University ⁺
 Sungkyunkwan University ⁺
 Yonsei University +

Latvia

University of Latvia

Lithuania

Vilnius University +

Malta

University of Malta ^o

Mexico

Instituto Tecnológico y de
 Estudios Superiores de
 Occidente (ITESO) +
 Tecnológico de Monterrey
 (ITESM) - Monterrey +
 Universidad de Guanajuato +
 Universidad de Monterrey
 (UDEM) +^o
 Universidad La Salle +
 Universidad Popular Autónoma
 del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP) +
 Universidad Regiomontana +^o
 Universidad Tec Milenio ⁺

Morocco

Al Akhawayn University +

The Netherlands

Leiden University +^o
 Radboud University Nijmegen
 Tilburg University +
 Universiteit van Amsterdam ^o
 VU University Amsterdam

New Zealand

Massey University ^o

Nicaragua

Universidad Americana +^o

Norway

University of Nordland
 Vestfold University College

Poland

University of Wrocław +

Portugal

Universidade Lusófona de
 Humanidades e Tecnologias

South Africa

University of Stellenbosch +^o

Spain

Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio
 Universidad Complutense de
 Madrid
 Universidad de Almería +^o
 Universidad de Málaga +
 Universidad de Murcia ^o
 Universidad de Vigo
 Universidad Pública de Navarra +^o
 Universidade de Santiago de
 Compostela +
 Universitat de les Illes Balears +

Sweden

Karlstad University +
 Linnaeus University +
 Luleå University of Technology +
 Mälardalen University +
 Södertörn University
 University West +

Switzerland

Universität Bern +
 Universität Zürich +
 Université de Fribourg +
 Université de Lausanne

Thailand

Thammasat University ^o

United Arab Emirates

American University of Sharjah +

United Kingdom

Edinburgh Napier University ^o
 University of Bradford
 University of Central Lancashire +^o
 University of Chester +^o
 University of East London
 University of Plymouth ^o
 University of Strathclyde ^o
 University of Sunderland +^o
 University of Ulster ^o

Uruguay

Universidad Católica del Uruguay +^o

+ Participates in ISEP-Exchanges
 with other international members

^o ISEP-Direct host

⁺ Only sends on ISEP-Direct

The ISEP Network — US Members

Alabama

University of Alabama ♦

Alaska

University of Alaska Southeast

Arizona

Northern Arizona University

Arkansas

Arkansas State University

Hendrix College

Lyon College ♦

University of Arkansas – Fort
Smith ♦

California

California State University –

Bakersfield ♦

California State University – East Bay

California State University –

Fullerton ♦

California State University – Long

Beach ♦

Chapman University

Pitzer College

San Diego State University

San José State University

University of the Pacific

Colorado

Fort Lewis College

Mesa State College

University of Denver

University of Northern Colorado

Connecticut

Southern Connecticut State

University

Western Connecticut State

University

Delaware

Wesley College

District of Columbia

Howard University

Florida

Eckerd College

Georgia

Agnes Scott College

Berry College

Georgia Consortium:

- Armstrong Atlantic State
University

- Columbus State University

- Georgia College & State
University

- Georgia Southern University

- Kennesaw State University

- North Georgia College & State
University

- University of West Georgia

- Valdosta State University

Mercer University

Hawaii

University of Hawaii at Hilo ♦

Idaho

Idaho State University ♦

University of Idaho

Illinois

Elmhurst College

Monmouth College

North Park University

Roosevelt University

Southern Illinois University at
Carbondale

Western Illinois University

Indiana

Ball State University

Butler University

Indiana State University

University of Southern Indiana

Wabash College ♦

Iowa

Iowa State University

University of Iowa

Kansas

Benedictine College

Emporia State University

Fort Hays State University

Kansas State University

University of Kansas

Wichita State University

Kentucky

Bellarmine University

University of Kentucky

Louisiana

Louisiana State University

Loyola University New Orleans

Northwestern State University of
Louisiana

Maine

Saint Joseph's College of Maine

Maryland

Frostburg State University

Massachusetts

Hampshire College

Michigan

Central Michigan University

Minnesota

Hamline University

University of Minnesota – Twin
Cities ♦

Mississippi

Millsaps College

University of Mississippi

Missouri

Missouri Consortium:

- Northwest Missouri State
University

- University of Central Missouri

Missouri Southern State

University

Missouri State University

Truman State University

University of Missouri –

Columbia ♦

Montana

Carroll College

Montana State University

Rocky Mountain College

University of Montana

Nebraska

Creighton University

Doane College ♦

Nebraska Wesleyan University

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

University of Nebraska at Omaha

New Jersey

Saint Peter's College

New Mexico

New Mexico State University

New York

Alfred University ♦

St. Lawrence University

North Carolina

Bennett College ♦

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Mars Hill College

North Carolina Consortium:

- Appalachian State University

- East Carolina University

- North Carolina Agricultural &
Technical State University

- North Carolina Central

University

- North Carolina State University
at Raleigh

- University of North Carolina at

Asheville

- University of North Carolina at
Charlotte

- University of North Carolina at
Greensboro

- University of North Carolina at
Pembroke

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Creating Connections for Global Engagement: Featured Story



Soon after Renee Farwell (left) of Roosevelt University, USA, arrived at the University of Ghana for her ISEP-Exchange program, she was invited to the village of Kissemah to meet the children that a university staff member taught on the porch of his modest home. Renee quickly volunteered to join his teaching efforts, and even after she returned home, her extraordinary work has continued, leading her to spearhead an initiative to build a school for orphans and poor children in Kissemah. So far, she has raised nearly \$12,000; incorporated her school organization, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme, in Ghana; purchased two acres of land for the school, which will be home for 80 students and teach up to 200 students; and moved forward with the building's foundation, now in the ground. She also enlisted volunteers through the Student Youth Travel Organization (SYTO) to take her place as teachers in Ghana. To date, SYTO volunteers have come from Holland, Germany, and the United States. "If we had \$50,000, we could finish the building in about a month," Renee notes. She plans to visit Ghana over the winter break and then to move there next summer to teach and lead the new school. "I call every week and talk to the kids," she says. "It's encouraging that they're really beginning to make progress in learning how to read."

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