



Center for International Affairs and Programs



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The Center for International Affairs and Programs strives to continuously increase the international student enrollment and enhance the cultural and academic profile on campus. Our international student enrollment portfolio reached **508** in fall 2008. This is an historical record achieved in less than 4 years under the leadership of President Judson. The university's strategic goal is to foster the international dimension as one of its important pillars, right alongside its highly acclaimed academic programs. This is an integral part of our pluralistic and internationally diverse campus.

CIAP aligns its activities and initiatives to be consistent with the University mission to be a campus without borders, make the world a friendlier place, articulate a vision of global citizenship, create public awareness towards world peace and foster campus ethos towards diversity in thought and culture.



Our vision is to serve as a premier international center with national distinction by ensuring high standards and providing excellent global liaison partnerships that augment campus internationalization. We strive to make the world a better place through friendship, respect and cross-cultural understanding.

Our campus internationalization initiative entails several components such as recruitment and admissions, student and scholar services, foreign culture and language immersion, as well as study abroad initiatives in critical areas of the world such as Arabic language and culture.

Our mission is to recruit, admit and retain a 10% international student population through offering leadership advocacy and exemplary services. Examples of these services include orientation, International Coffee Hour, and international food and culture days.

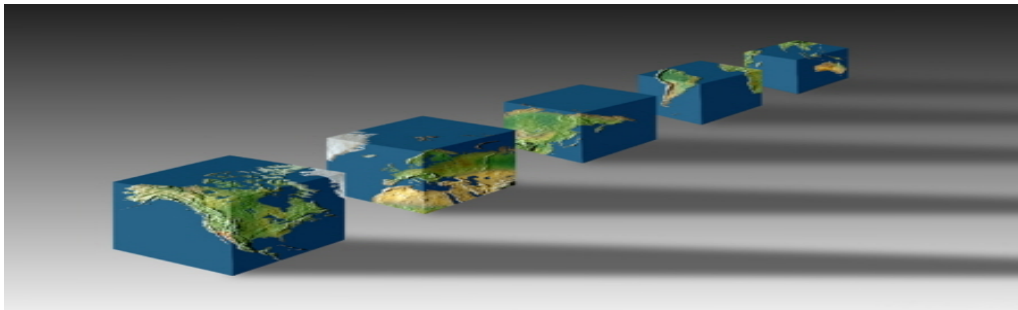
We have also hosted foreign dignitary lectures, such as the Prime Minister of Dominica who spoke about U.S. and Caribbean relations. Additionally, we've conducted several workshops and seminars on OPT, CPT, study skills and adjustment to American lifestyle.

CIAP has created brochures, posters and other marketing material to recruit a diverse group of international students. Our office also completes foreign credit evaluations of high school transcripts. CIAP conducts self organized seminars, marketing the university towards different world segments to create cross-cultural diversity on campus. CIAP's marketing and recruitment efforts target high ability students who will augment GSU's academic brand as the place of choice for International students.



Global Classroom Concept

Our international student enrollment portfolio is a united nations mosaic of 508 international students in fall 2008. This is an historical record achieved in less than 4 years under the leadership of President Judson. Our international students come from more than 48 countries such as **Armenia, Belarus, Belize, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Dominica, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Syria, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, India, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.**



Evidence of the success of our marketing and recruitment strategies is reflected in the growth of our office and the international student population on campus. In Fall Semester of 2007 our office received 499 applications for international admission, in Fall Semester of 2008 our office received 1049 applications for admission; this shows a 110%

increase in international student applicants. In Fall Semester 2007 our office issued 214 I-20s, in Fall Semester 2008 our office issued 380 I-20s; resulting in a 77% increase.

In Fall Semester 2007 we enrolled 96 new students, in Fall Semester 2008 we enrolled 194 new students; these results demonstrate more than a 100% increase in new international student enrollment. In Spring Semester of 2008 the total number of enrolled international students was 385; in Fall of 2008 the total number of enrolled international students rose to 508. As demonstrated by these numbers our office experienced more than 30% growth in enrollment between Spring 2008 and Fall 2008.

In order develop cross-cultural diversity on campus our marketing and recruitment efforts have targeted a variety of countries. The diversity of our students is made up of a total of 46 different countries with a large number of students from St. Lucia, Nepal and Dominica. In total, we have 179 students (35%) from St. Lucia, 103 students (20%) from Nepal, and 68 students (13%) from Dominica.

The fields of study our students choose to pursue vary among 33 different academic majors of the university. The majority of students, 54 (10.6 %), study Nursing; and accounting, also with 54 students. Additionally, 47 students (9.2%) study Biology and 42 students (8.2%) study Business Management.

