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New Web Site Feature

SUBMIT YOUR ORGANIZATION

We are currently in the process of completely renovating the way organizations are listed on our website. The new format will expand the current database of organizations that provide citizen diplomacy programs and make searching for these programs more convenient for our Web site visitors. As part of this enhancement, citizen diplomacy organizations and resources that would like their information made available may utilize a new listing feature and submit their organization for listing via an online form.



To learn if your organization qualifies and to submit your organization for approval, please [visit our website!](#)

If you have any questions regarding the content of the questionnaire, contact Derek Forsythe at 515-282-8192 x226. For any technical issues, contact Manoj Aryal at 515-282-8192 x209.

EDUCATION UPDATE

Global Education in the Classroom

The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy (USCCD) recognizes the critical role of education in preparing the next generation and the nation for success in a global age. Below are a few updates from the education front.

As the initial phase of a National Global Education Institute (NGEI) and with funding from the State of Iowa/Iowa Dept. of Economic Development, Townsend Vision, Prairie Meadows and Principal, the Iowa Global Education Initiative is currently underway.



In collaboration with the University of Iowa and the J. William and Harriet Fulbright Center, and the Department of Education, a state wide task force led by

[World diplomats to converge on US heartland state of Iowa](#)

[Obama 'friends' the world with Facebook, Twitter diplomacy](#)

[Every Citizen A Diplomat](#)

[Conference to mark historic visit to Iowa by Soviet leader](#)

USCCD Director of Education, Jan Drees, has been at work over the summer and includes over 50 educational leaders across the state. As part of the task force, a writing team is working to define K-12 global literacy skills and concepts as a critical component to the Iowa Core Curriculum's 21st Century Skills.

In addition, a state global education resource guide is nearing completion, and an Iowa pilot program is being designed for use as a delivery model of cross curriculum global education. The model will be implemented in one or more Iowa elementary school classrooms in the future to measure impact and results.

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Iowa School Districts are invited to spend a day with Tony Wagner, author of the book *The Global Achievement Gap*, in Des Moines, Iowa on September 16. The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy is one of a coalition of collaborative partners endorsing the event, sponsored by the School Administrators of Iowa, Area Education Agencies and the Wallace Foundation. [Download the brochure or register to attend here.](#)

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Upcoming Educational Conferences & Events

NAFSA/Brookings Washington Symposium
October 22-23

International Education Week
November 16-20

An opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

Learn more on our [Conference Calendar!](#)

BACK TO SCHOOL Educating Diplomats One Classroom at a Time

Teachers! Spark an interest in world cultures and encourage your students to think and act as global citizen diplomats. Below are a few ideas to help incorporate global education into the K-12 classroom and links to a few exemplary programs.

Connect with a classroom in another country and develop a two-way learning relationship via video. [ePals](#) is the fastest growing community of connected classrooms with access to 120 countries around the world. View additional [epal and pen pal resources](#) on our Web site.

Invite a cultural ambassador to present hands-on aspects of another culture and engage students in cross-cultural

learning.

[World of Difference](#) is an Iowa-based organization providing cultural experiences and workshops to K-12 schools. Know of an exemplary citizen diplomacy organization in your area? Encourage them to [apply for listing on our Web site!](#)

Interested in developing global citizen diplomacy curriculum for your students? Browse curriculum resources listed on our [Web site](#), or check out [Thinkfinity by Verizon](#), an online directory of free lesson plans and educational resources that highlight global concerns such as health, poverty and the environment.

Consider participating in an international educational exchange with your students as a group leader or attend professional development seminars to improve your foreign language skills. [American Councils for International Exchange](#) is now accepting applications for 2010-11. View additional [teacher exchange organizations](#) on our Web site.

What is a penny worth on the other side of the world? [View a video about the Pennies for Peace program](#) and see how thousands of students have helped build dozens of schools in rural Pakistan and Afghanistan with their desire to help students around the globe and their pennies.

Encourage parents and children to home host an international visitor or student. [Youth for Understanding](#) is one organization that connects American host families with international students. [View a full listing on our Web site.](#)

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Hundreds of resources and organizations are listing on our [Web site](#) to help you enhance your curriculum and give your classroom a window to the world. Best wishes for a peaceful and diplomatic school year!

Spotlight on Organizations: CCID



Community Colleges for International Development, Inc.



[Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. \(CCID\)](#) is an association that provides opportunities for staff, faculty and students within the community college network to build relationships that span the globe in an effort to enhance educational programs and economic development.

CCID offers technical training development, professional development, as well as ways to implement economic

development into curriculum to encourage global understanding. The association also helps to facilitate partnerships for exchanges and provides community college students with greater access to study abroad opportunities via its [Troika Study Abroad Program](#).

The [CCID Annual Conference](#) "Community Colleges: Architects of Global Prosperity" will be held in February 2010 in Woodlands, Texas.

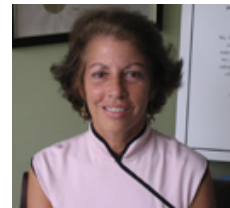
Board and Advisory Updates

The U.S. Center is pleased to announce three new members of our Advisory Council - welcome!

Ms. Mary Jean Eisenhower
President & CEO
People to People International



The Honorable Jill A. Schuker
President, JAS International Group



Dr. Adam S. Weinberg
President
World Learning/SIT Graduate Institute
(Effective 9/1/09)



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