

Global Indiana Traveler

Newsletter from the Consortium for International Exchange
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Front row from Left: Phil Boley, Guide Daniel, Dr. Sheri Grate, Janet Anthony, Kimberly Fifer, and EF representatives, Lauren and Brian. Second Row: Clare McKinney, Patricia Bartel, Phyllis Lewis, Otha Reese, Amanda Hayward, Jen Oliver, and Beth Bowers-Carlos. Back Row: Scott Bess, Brett Gruetzmacher, President Chris McGrew, Tom Sanborn, Steve Teders, Joe Loeffel, John Layton, Amber Vonderau, Mark Seele, Sherry Marcotte, Robert Gaff, David Marcotte, Sara Cave, and Emily Naftzger.



Global Indiana Mission

The Consortium advances opportunities for global understanding, cultural exchange, economic development, and international study through the formation of partnerships with world nations that will prepare Indiana citizens to become contributing members of a global society.

Wave VII a Great Success!

Global Indiana completed its seventh Key Leaders' trip to China on October 22. The group landed in Beijing on October 12. While there Wave VII visited the Great Wall site: Mutianyu. First visited by Global Indiana's Wave VI in a snow storm last March, Mutianyu boasts two cable lifts and a speedy toboggan run from the lofty top to the bottom. The usual vendors offer a wide variety of souvenirs very inexpensively for the tourist crafty enough to drive a hard bargain. While in Beijing this group also visited Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven.

From Beijing the travelers flew directly to Hangzhou, capital of Indiana's sister state, Zhejiang Province. There each group of educators visited schools with the intention of forming long term school-to-school partnerships. Soon to be Dr. McGrew and Mr. Boley visited new potential partners in Taizhou, a major city on the Zhejiang coast about three hours from Hangzhou.

Participants included teachers and principals from several districts, including DeKalb in Kendallville, Hamilton, MSD Wayne Township in Indianapolis, South Bend Schools, Columbus Schools, and Brown County Schools in Nashville. CELL, at the University of Indianapolis also sent a representative. President Chris McGrew led the trip with the assistance of Executive Director, Phil Boley.

From the President

Global Indiana began as a dream. Over coffee at a downtown Indianapolis restaurant, Board member Aaron Zou and I scratched out a



plan to help schools expand international education. Almost ten years later, the number of Global Indiana (GI) schools with partnerships is approaching 100 in three countries.

I believe that it is important that Indiana young people start seeing the benefit of learning other languages and about other cultures. I am very proud of the hard work that the active members of GI have done to increase global awareness and language acquisition in the state of Indiana.

Global Indiana Activities

Global Indiana as an organization has been active in Indiana since 2005.

Key Leader Trips to China, Thailand, and Germany

Global Indiana has arranged seven trips to China for university faculty, superintendents, principals, and teachers to create school-to-school partnerships. A similar trip to Germany is scheduled for February. In February of 2010 Global Indiana's president, Chris McGrew journeyed to Thailand to begin the process of establishing partnerships in that country. A preliminary contact in Mexico has been established for future partnerships with our southern neighbor.

Principal Shadowing Program

In cooperation with the China Exchange Initiative in Massachusetts, Global Indiana has recruited and trained principals for one-to-one exchanges with Chinese principals. GI has been authorized by the CEI to operate the program for Indiana principals. GI has worked closely with the Indiana Association of School Principals and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents to recruit participants.

Hosting International Visitors

Global Indiana leaders frequently arrange for welcome dinners and home-stays/hotel stays for visiting educators and government officials. The goal is to provide warm Midwestern hospitality to facilitate cooperation and the continued establishment of cooperation between Indiana schools and partner schools abroad.

Pre-Departure Orientation Sessions

All trips arranged by Global Indiana leadership are preceded by training sessions for the travelers. Topics include survival language training, introductions to the culture, and travel tips

PLANNED PROGRAMS

Eighth Grade Odyssey

This program earned selection as a Top Ten K-12 Citizen Diplomacy Program at the US Summit for Citizen Diplomacy in Washington DC held in November. The goal is to expose middle level students to the possibilities and opportunities offered by international travel, exchange, and intercultural study. Seventh grade students nominated by their social studies and world languages teachers will be trained at a four-day retreat in late June, and will spend three weeks in July in China, Japan, or Thailand or even a combination of the three.

Formal Consulting with Central Indiana Educational Service Center

Global Indiana will be entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with CIESC for the purpose of providing consultation regarding the center's new international education initiative. This initiative will include designation of CIESC as an official Exchange Visitor Program by the U.S. Department of State. This designation will allow CIESC to bring in foreign nationals as world language teachers

International Language Summer Camps

In cooperation with foreign partners, GI is planning to create summer camp experiences for American and international students who are studying each other's languages. Camp activities would include intensive language study and the chance to interact using the two languages. Top American students would be selected for the experience and would be sponsored through fees and corporate donations.



CIESC Hosting Global Indiana

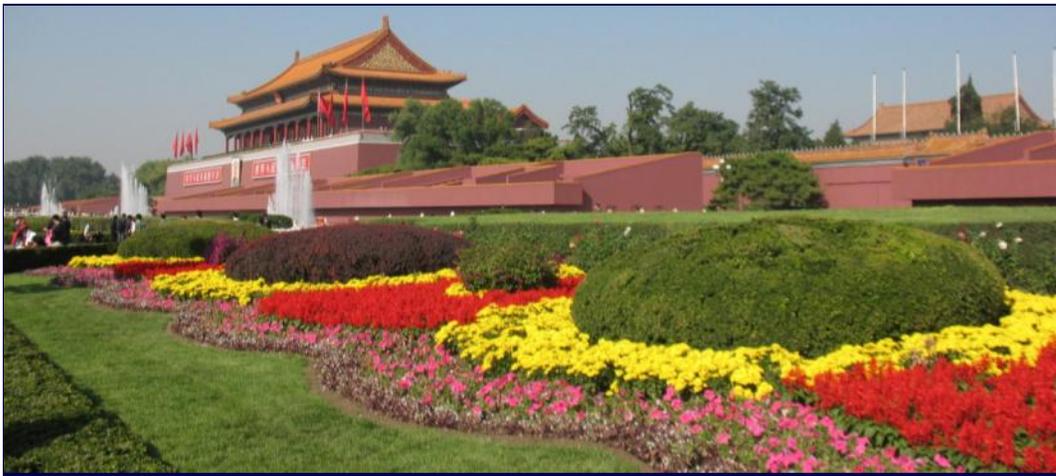


Thanks to Executive Director, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, who also serves as the President-Elect of Global Indiana, Global Indiana is now provided with office space for its headquarters. CIESC is also providing clerical assistance, accounting, and space for its pre-departure orientation sessions. The goals of the cooperative are stated as follows: *Our goal at the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC) is to foster collaboration for the success of education and educators in Marion and surrounding counties. The cooperative effort of our entire CIESC helps us reach this goal. Through innovative student programs, professional development, advanced technological resources and cooperative purchasing, the CIESC successfully strengthens and builds educational opportunities across central Indiana.*

Boley Named Executive Director



After a career of more than thirty-eight years as an Indiana educator, Phil Boley retired from his last administrative role, that of Superintendent of Clinton Central School Corporation, in order to assume the full time role of Executive Director for Global Indiana: A Consortium for International Exchange. Phil served as GI's first president from 2005 till July of this year and helped oversee the development of group from a loosely defined group of China travelers to an incorporated nonprofit.



What Global Indiana Travelers Have Said

Global Indiana gives travelers an opportunity to give feedback on their experiences. Here is what some of them had to say:

"Seeing things that one only sees in books and movies is awesome, but also getting to go into our sister school and actually getting to teach was amazing. As an art teacher, I came home with an immense desire to create and share my experience."

Daniel Zapata

Elementary Art Teacher

Clinton Central Elementary School

"Before this opportunity, China was merely my impressions gained from textbooks and videos in high school. Now, I have lived with, laughed with, learned with, and built relationships with Chinese educators and families that will last a lifetime."

Kimberly Fifer

Elementary Principal

DeKalb Community Schools



My opportunity to travel to China has been a life changing experience for me. I want my students and teachers to have the same opportunities I had.

Mark Seele, Principal, Fort Wayne

The trip to China and hosting the Chinese principal made me realize that we all have to work together to create educational programs that benefit our future world leaders. Today's students will be communicating globally on a daily basis. It is our responsibility to make this happen. The more our students know about China and the Chinese culture, the better our students will be prepared to conduct business in the future.

Dr. Kathy Steele

Superintendent, Crawfordsville

Email Distribution List

Global Indiana leaders regularly distribute information on international education and exchange to a network of more than 300 educators. Several schools have applied for and received grants as a result of information acquired in this manner.

Robey Elementary School

Hosts 20 Chinese

5th Graders

The first week of school is always a busy, if not hectic, time of year. Imagine hosting 20 students and three teachers from China at the same time! Principal Kyle Fessler and his staff handled the situation with aplomb back in August. Robey is a Wayne Township school located on the far west side of Indianapolis in the little town of Clermont. Students and teachers from the school hosted the visitors in their homes. Special events included a trip to the State House, where they met the Governor, and a day at the State Fair.

June Trip Especially for Teachers

Board Secretary, Becky Burton, is leading a group on a June Professional Development Tour



While Wave VIII, our April trip, is nearly full with school delegations from around the state, there is still an opportunity for teachers who wish to travel to China during the summer and earn PD credit at the same time. Teachers will not be forming school partnerships but will be visiting an existing partnership school, New Century Foreign Language School. This trip does not require a school principal or other leader to head an official delegation. For information on the trip, contact Becky Burton at the Orchard School. bburton@orchard.org.



Active Involvement and Cooperation with Other Organizations

GI has formal affiliations with the following:

The Central Indiana Educational Service Center (<http://ciesc.org>)

The China Exchange Initiative (www.thechinaexchangeinitiative.org)

Department of Foreign Affairs, People's Government of Zhejiang Province,
Hangzhou, P.R. China

EF Educational Tours (www.eftours.com)

We have worked with the following but have no formal agreements with:

Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents

Indiana Association of School Principals

Indiana Council for the Social Studies

Asian Learning Center -- Indianapolis

Confucius Institute, IUPUI

Confucius Institute, Valparaiso University

Confucius Institute, Purdue University

Our board members include representatives from many of the above as well as...

Indiana Corporation for Economic Development

East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University

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Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) University of Indianapolis

Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies, Marian University

Center for Economic Education, Indiana State University

Indiana Council for Economic Education, Purdue University

Spread the Word!

Global Indiana is the ONLY Indiana-based nonprofit that arranges partnerships for K-12 around the world. Nearly 100 public, private, and charter schools from throughout the Hoosier State are collaborating with schools abroad. Most are in China, but GI has begun to establish partnerships in other countries, including Thailand and Germany. Tentative plans are in place for partners in France, Mexico, and Columbia. Your membership is important if Global Indiana is to continue its goal of partnering every school in Indiana with a partner elsewhere in the world. Complete a form online or simply give us a call at 317-387-7100.

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