

BEST PRACTICES IN INTERNATIONALIZATION

THE ANDREW HEISKELL AWARDS FOR INNOVATION IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Award-winning programs are making a difference in the lives of students and faculty in the campuses and communities they serve.

Category: Internationalizing the Campus

Advancing curriculum development and providing services to international students.

CO-WINNER

Juniata College

(Huntington, PA - Enrollment: 1,300)

Language in Motion

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According to JoAnn deArmas Wallace, Dean of International Programs at Juniata College, "Language in Motion is designed to break down the real or perceived barriers that prevent rural youth from expanding their cultural horizons."

Language in Motion is an innovative cooperative outreach program using international students, study abroad returnees, and upper-level foreign language students to enrich small, rural, public school language classrooms. After participating in workshops on language teaching methodology, distance learning techniques and idea development, the college students work with local public school language teachers to create language and cultural activities appropriate to various grade levels. Presentations are made in and about French, German, Russian and Spanish, both in the classrooms and via distance learning.

This replicable model increases young people's interest in second-language learning and study abroad while engaging international and language students in community-based service learning that reaches a primarily homogenous population in an Appalachian Mountain valley community in rural central Pennsylvania.

Last year, 89% of participating high school students wanted the program to provide another experience similar to those that had been presented in their classrooms. In addition, 67% of public school student participants agreed that having Language in Motion in their classrooms increased their interest in or made them consider both studying the language further and going abroad at some point. "Language in Motion helps us to reach out to the local community and potential students to awaken them to the empowering richness of world languages and cultures," says Thomas R. Kepple, president of Juniata College.

The Institute of International Education created the Andrew Heiskell Awards to promote and honor the most outstanding initiatives that are being conducted in international higher education by IENetwork member universities and colleges.

We are delighted to announce the winning programs for 2001-2002, the inaugural year of the Andrew Heiskell Awards. IIE staff and members of the prestigious selection committee were impressed by the strength and variety of the programs that were nominated, and by the diversity of the geography and type of institutions they represented. Among the 11 programs listed on the following pages are colleges and universities from coast to coast, including a community college, and public and private universities with enrollments ranging from 1,300 to 33,000.

The award-winning initiatives are making a difference in the lives of their students, faculty and in the campuses and communities they serve. They are noteworthy for their success in removing institutional barriers to international study and broadening the base of participation in the international elements of teaching and learning on campus. These programs are among the "best practices" in internationalization. We hope they will encourage and inspire other campuses. ■