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Below: Jessica O'Brien, a Midwest Networkers Scholarship recipient and Biology and Hispanic Studies major at St. Olaf College, researched adolescent pregnancy in Costa Rica in the spring of 2002.



The Midwest Regional Center located in Chicago, Illinois manages the fellowships of approximately 500 international **Fulbright** grantees studying at 100 host campuses in the ten state Midwest region. This year, IIE/Midwest initiated a partnership with the Chicago Chapter of the Fulbright Association to provide enrichment opportunities for Fulbrighters in the Chicago area and mentoring based on a common field of study or world area.

In March, more than 120 Fulbright grantees participated in the **Fulbright Enrichment Seminar** conducted by IIE/Midwest. The Seminar explored the ways national values have evolved since 9/11 and provided a forum for discussion of topics such as: What has America learned about itself as a world leader in a time of global crisis? And, how is America responding to the complex reality of promoting tolerance, securing civil liberty, and inspiring engagement among its citizens?

The **National Security Education Program/David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship** (NSEP) was created in 1991 to support students who plan to pursue the study of languages and cultures critical to U.S. national security. Upon completion of

the program, NSEP recipients have a required period of government service. IIE/Midwest supports the recruitment and selection of applicants throughout the Midwest. During the 2002/2003 competition, 44 Midwestern applicants received NSEP funding to pursue study abroad.

IIE/Midwest also provides **Midwest Networkers Scholarships** to outstanding undergraduate students attending IIE member institutions in the region. This year seven students were awarded scholarships for study abroad programs during the 2002/2003 academic year.

IIE/Midwest's 2002 **Annual Benefit Dinner** was held October 30th. The evening, which celebrated IIE/Midwest's 50th Anniversary, honored Cathleen Black, President of the Magazine Division of the Hearst Corporation, who was awarded the Stephen P. Duggan Award for International Understanding. Ms. Black, a recognized

leader in the publishing industry, is a native of Chicago. She spoke of the effect her junior year studying in Rome had upon her. More significant than the academics were the opportunities to "see, touch, taste, feel" the other cultures to which she was exposed. She spoke about the importance, especially today, of the IIE mission of Opening Minds to the World.

"What we do here — or what is done in another country — really does have an effect on us all. It is like throwing that pebble into the pond. The ripples reach the shore all around... One thing 9/11 made abundantly clear to us was how interdependent our Global Village really is. Isolationism will never again be an option. The problems of the rest of the world are ours as well. We saw that a fire that starts in a thatched hut or in a dusty tent in one corner of that Village can melt the steel girders of the tallest skyscrapers in the opposite corner of the Village."



Mrs. Katie Stapleton chats with Mr. Jan Zajíčák, governor of the Southern Bohemian region of the Czech Republic, and guest Mrs. Barbara Rumsey at a dinner party she hosted for IIE in honor of a visiting delegation of Czech governors. Mrs. Stapleton is the mother of Craig Stapleton, the current United States Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Center welcomed the annual **Fulbright Enrichment Seminar** with a Mayoral Proclamation declaring February 28, 2002 Fulbright Fellowship Day in Denver. "American Values and Identity in a Time of National Trial: Civil Liberties, Tolerance, Engaged Citizenship," was the topic of the seminar in which 125 Fulbright students from 65 countries participated. A highlight of the seminar was learning about how the diverse religious community of Denver responded to the tragedies of 9/11.

Nineteen **Humphrey Fellows** traveled to Colorado for an in-depth look at natural resources management. In less than a week, they became familiar with techniques, leaders and institutions involved in managing air, water and land resources in the Western United States. The Fellows discussed critical natural resources issues affecting their home countries, and exchanged views on how to solve them.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Center hosted a sub-group of the first delegation of **Afghan Women** brought to the United States under the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council. During their two-week stay in Denver, the women, all officials in the newly formed Afghan gov-

ernment, studied computer use, leadership and management skills in a special course designed for them by a local college. The women enjoyed home hospitality and numerous urban outings. IIE is helping to nurture follow-on activities to deliver assistance from Denver to Afghanistan, particularly in the area of women's education.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Center held its fourth successful **Diplomats Ball**. Diplomats attending the Ball presented a day-long seminar for the community entitled "The Path To Peace, Security and Prosperity," an extraordinary endorsement of IIE's mission and its steady focus on the things that bring the world's citizens together.

Working with the Library of Congress, the Regional Center staff hosted a 12-person delegation from Russia participating in the **Open World Program**. Intensive programming focused on economic development and entrepreneurship. They also benefited from the meetings of the International Chamber of Commerce, convening in Denver at the same time.

The Regional Center offers educational programs for the greater Denver community as the **Denver World Affairs Council**. Last year, more than 20 experts presented their views

on topics as diverse as "The Internet and National Sovereignty," "World Economic Forum," "Bush Foreign Policy," "World Population," "U.S.-Russia Relations" and focused presentations on various Islamic nations. Nearly 1,400 people participated.

Staff members were sought out for their expertise in a variety of areas. The **International Visitor Program** manager helped Denver Mayor Wellington Webb arrange a trade mission to Africa. The Regional Director, as a World Affairs Councils of America board member, helped organize a conference on Latin America in Washington, DC at which President Bush made a major policy address.

Unique in IIE, the Rocky Mountain Regional Center offers a **membership program**, currently at 475 members, providing benefits such as reduced admission to Denver World Affairs Council events, purchasing discounts for publications and group travel, and eligibility to host Fulbright students and VIP visitors.

southern regional center



On November 19, 2002, the Department of State hosted a reception honoring Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), former Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, for his contributions in the field of foreign affairs. The reception was part of the celebration of International Education Week. During the reception, Deputy Secretary of State Richard A. Armitage presented Congressman Gilman the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Medal. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, authorized by legislation introduced by Congressman Gilman, is administered by IIE through its Southern Regional Center. Pictured here are Congressman Gilman and some of the Gilman Scholars who attended the State Department reception.

IIE's Southern Regional Center (IIE/Houston) is located in Houston, Texas, with responsibility for eleven states throughout the South and Southwest. During the course of the year, the office assisted approximately 375 Fulbright grantees from 80 countries, studying at 65 colleges and universities throughout the region.

The **Gilman International Scholarship Program**, which was created by Congress in 2000, targets undergraduate students of limited financial means, a group that is historically under-represented in study abroad. IIE/Houston administers the Gilman Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. Each year approximately 345 students receive Gilman Scholarship awards of up to \$5,000 to be used to defray the additional costs associated with study abroad. Upon return, Gilman Scholars must complete a follow-on project which promotes international education and the Gilman Program at their home institution or community.

To date 481 undergraduate students have been selected as Gilman Scholars. They are from 253 institutions, all 50 states plus Puerto Rico, and have studied abroad in 59 different countries.

Last year IIE/Houston welcomed almost 300 **International Visitor Program** participants

from more than 120 different countries. Visitors met with professional peers in such diverse fields as government and politics, education, journalism, energy, business, healthcare, and the environment.

Among these visitors were Russian neo-natal specialists, studying life-saving obstetric procedures; South African port officials, eager to develop ties with local trade representatives; and international criminal investigators from the Baltic States, enhancing the Texas law enforcement network. For the ninth consecutive year, IIE/Houston hosted the Harvard Fellows Program, welcoming former ambassadors, senior military officers, and representatives from notable social and community organizations.

Among the strengths of IIE, and in particular of IIE/Houston, is its strong volunteer involvement. The **Friends of International Students Program** is designed to promote camaraderie between citizens of greater Houston and international graduate students attending local colleges and universities. By providing home hospitality, goodwill and a local contact for the students who are far from home, the "Host Friends" become citizen ambassadors. IIE/Houston and Rice University have co-sponsored the FIS Program for more than 25 years. In fall 2002, out of 100 new inter-

national graduate students, 75 were matched with 65 "Host Friends." Many of the Friends continue to host the students throughout their academic careers in the U.S., often up to five years.

The FIS Program is the type of initiative that Secretary of State Colin Powell has characterized as "important for a secure, prosperous future not only for our own country, but for the world as a whole."

In October 2001, IIE/Houston co-sponsored a workshop entitled "Teaching about the Arab World & Islam" with the Houston World Affairs Council, Aramco Services Company, and the Middle East Policy Council. Planned almost a full-year before 9/11, it featured pre-eminent academics specializing in the Arab World and the Middle East. The program brought 90 middle and high school teachers together to examine the issues of culture, geography, history, and the role of the family and women in the Arab world.

IIE/Houston ended 2002 on a high note with a 50th Anniversary Gala honoring Belle and Richard J. V. Johnson, Betty and Gene McDavid, long-time supporters of IIE/Houston, as well as Volunteer of the Year, Lori Tavgac, Chair of the International Women's Group.

west coast regional center



Welcoming guests to the IIE West Coast Distinguished Award Dinner are Mary G. F. Bitterman, President and CEO, the James Irvine Foundation; Janet L. Holmgren, President of Mills College, Sue Osborn, IIE West Coast Regional Advisory Board member; Linda Meier, Chairman of the gala event and Chair of the IIE West Coast Regional Advisory Board and Roselyne C. Swig, Member of the Board of Trustees, Mills College.

From a small regional office whose primary responsibilities were to oversee the Fulbright program in six Western states, IIE/West Coast has grown to include a network of thirty-three, both domestic and international, administering a richly expanded program menu.

Under its **Population Programs Division**, the Leadership Development Program in Population and Reproductive Health, funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, is helping to strengthen 300 established and emerging local leaders to enable them to expand reproductive health choices and services in eight countries, including Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, the Philippines, Sudan and Pakistan.

A new grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation will allow IIE to conduct a global survey of human capacity in the fields of reproductive health and population in at least 50 developing countries. The data gathered will create a global picture of the geographic distribution of population expertise and thereby assist IIE and other international organizations to best target their training investments to the reproductive health and population needs of developing countries.

The ChevronTexaco scholarship program, administered by **West Coast Corporate Programs** doubled its numbers this past year. Local corporations such as Cisco Learning Institute, Dole Food Company, Levi Straus, LSI Logic and Raychem turned to IIE/West Coast to help them run international scholarship programs, offering their employees abroad the same benefits offered to domestic staff. IIE provides these corporations an ability to administer programs in radically different educational systems.

With support from the Koret Foundation, IIE/West Coast has expanded its efforts to bring the world to the children of the San Francisco Unified School District. Fulbright students and scholars from around the world spend time in the classrooms and, in so doing, expose the children to leaders in every field of human endeavor. The Fulbright visitors, in turn, are excited to spend time with and learn from the young Americans.

Community, academic and business leaders convened at the annual gala dinner in San Francisco on November 7th when the **Distinguished Service Award** was presented to the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University, for the outstanding role they have played in promoting global under-

standing through education, research and international educational exchange.

Janet Holmgren, President of Mills College, moderated a conversation between Chancellor Robert Berdahl and President John Hennessey on the heightened challenges and responsibilities of higher education today. In her opening remarks, Mary Bitterman, President of the Irvine Foundation, set the tone of the evening, stating:

"International education now is more important than ever...IIE's programs contribute to mutual understanding, to critical thinking, and perhaps most importantly, to tolerance. They change people's lives, they make friends for America, and they pay dividends over many, many years...."

The West Coast Regional Center assists with the recruitment, selection and pre-departure orientation of U.S. participants in the **Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program**, supported by the Government of Japan and sponsored by the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission. This experience allows U.S. primary and secondary teachers to gain a better understanding of an important ally and economic partner.