



## WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY

**IIE's offices across America and around the world offer resources to both our international guests and our local neighbors, bringing public education programs, high-profile international visitors, and information about academic opportunities to their communities.**

### International Resources for the Local Community |

IIE serves as the face of international education to communities around the world. From the IIE Southern Regional Center's outreach via Spanish-language radio stations, to the Higher Education fairs organized by our offices across Asia, IIE works globally to make international education accessible to the communities we serve.

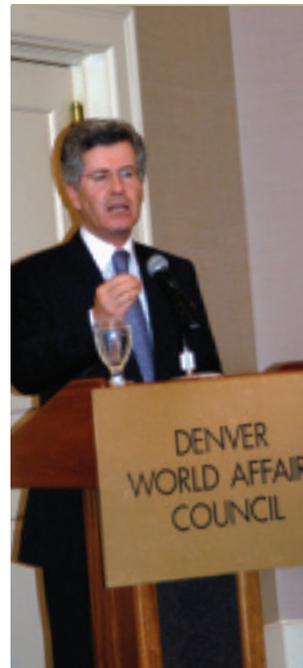
Regional centers in Chicago, Houston, Denver and San Francisco supervise Fulbright students and scholars, welcome international visitors, and design and administer programs for a wide variety of sponsors, while IIE's network of international offices actively work in the community to provide testing, training, and advising services.

### Bringing the World Home |

IIE offices integrate global program activities and participants into the local community. By bringing foreign guests to classrooms and community centers, arranging home hospitality with area families, and offering teacher-training workshops, IIE gives tens of thousands of people international experiences in their home towns. IIE's offices in Denver, Houston, and San Francisco all serve as Councils of International Visitors, designing programs for the foreign leaders participating in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitors Leadership Program and offering cultural activities and home hospitality.

With over 800 International Visitors and 200 Foreign Fulbrighters in the Bay Area every year, IIE's West Coast Regional Center arranges professional meetings and school visits that teach both the visitors and their hosts about global affairs and world cultures. Monthly speaking events for the Bay Area bring together community and international leaders to discuss timely topics such as religious tolerance in Europe and HIV/AIDS in Africa.

With over 300 International Visitors in 2006 and a growing Young Professionals network for the internationally-minded, the Rocky Mountain Regional Center connected hundreds of area students with IIE visitors and speakers. And in 2006, the IIE Southern Regional Center was recognized by the Texas Education Agency and the Board for Educator Standards as a Continuing Education Provider, allowing IIE to train teachers and principals on bringing international culture into Houston's diverse classrooms.



**IMPACT >** The Denver World Affairs Council, run by IIE's Rocky Mountain Regional Center, sponsored 20 experts for talks on world affairs, including the French Ambassador to the United States (left) and Ambassadors from Pakistan, China, and Lebanon.

### Enriching the Fulbright Program |

In 2006, over 1200 Foreign Fulbright students from 125 countries joined together in nine cities across the United States to discuss citizen engagement across disciplines, from environmental issues in San Francisco to education in Denver. The Fulbright students visited local classrooms and were hosted by hundreds of area families for home-hospitality dinners, encouraging the Fulbrighters to teach about their home countries as they gain perspectives on the United States. IIE organized a special Science and Technology Seminar, entitled "From Lab to Market," to bring 84 Fulbright students from 19 countries in the Near East, South Asia, Europe, Africa, and East Asia together with Silicon Valley technology leaders. In the Chicago area, IIE's Midwest Regional Center partnered with universities and community organizations to coordinate additional enrichment events for the Fulbright community throughout the year, in conjunction with the Chicago Fulbright Association and the International Visitors Center of Chicago.

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At its 2006 gala dinner, IIE West Coast presented its Distinguished Service Award to Phyllis and Bill Draper (center and right), shown here with IIE West Coast Director Karin Eisele.