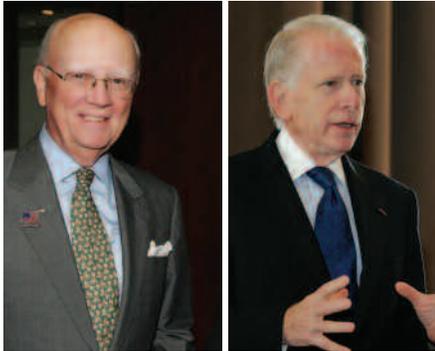


Message from the Chairman and President



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In accepting the 2007 Nobel Prize for Literature, Doris Lessing made the case for why educational exchanges are needed more than ever. “It is common,” she noted, “for young men and women who have had years of education to know nothing about the world.”

With 75 percent of college-educated young adults in America today unable to locate Iran or North Korea on a map and half unable to name the two major branches of Islam, she seems to be right. Only a small percentage of U.S. students currently study abroad, and many do not have the opportunity to study the language or culture of countries that are critical to our nation’s international trade and foreign relations.

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Through the more than 200 programs we manage, we create opportunities for people to live in and learn about other societies and cultures. Developing such international expertise is good for business and good for national security. But most importantly, we do this work in the fervent belief that people with this experience are likely to work together across borders to solve problems in their own countries and worldwide, and are unlikely to advocate violence in response to differences among peoples.

With support from our partner foundations, corporations, government agencies, and generous individual donors, the Institute’s programs are taking aim at some of the most intractable problems. And together, we are making change, one student, one scholar, one campus, one community, one leader at a time.

In the pages of this report, we invite you to meet the extraordinary men and women who took part in these programs in 2007: Fulbright Students and Scholars coming from and going to all world regions; threatened scholars who continue their important work with help from the Scholar Rescue Fund; winners of the Victor J. Goldberg IIE Prize for Peace in the Middle East; American students from all fields and backgrounds gaining expertise through study abroad; Foreign Language Teaching Assistants representing critical countries and critical languages; Goldman Sachs Global Leaders engaging in social entrepreneurship; winners of the Andrew Heiskell Awards; and so many more. We take hope from the impact that they have already had, and from the enormous potential that these future leaders have to change the world as international education transforms their lives and careers.

We extend our utmost thanks to the partners and donors who make the Institute’s work possible. We hope you will be inspired by and take hope, as we have, from the progress that is already being made, and that you will join with us to extend its impact in the years ahead.

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