

Pro-American

Educational

And

Cultural

Exchange



*Founded
In 1988*

OUR MISSION:

Promoting international goodwill and understanding through foreign student exchanges.

Unity and bonding of families, schools and communities across all national borders.

To Unite the World through or children



How Exchange Student Programs Started



- In 1946 Congress created the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs to promote mutual understanding between people of the U.S. and other countries – demonstrating international student exchanges to be an important element of global diplomacy.

A chance to meet students from all over the world



Gives you the chance to
expand & change your World₄

Why Are Foreign Exchange Programs Important?

They present the opportunity to share your home country's traditions and cultures.

They reduce stereotyping by personal experience of other cultures and traditions.

Challenges the World's future leaders to exchange negative prejudices for positive ones.

When understanding replaces ignorance it fosters PEACE.



Where Our Students Come From

- Brazil
- China
- Columbia
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Iceland
- Italy
- Korea
- Latvia



- Lithuania
- Mexico
- Montenegro
- Nigeria
- Panama
- Peru
- Quebec CA
- SierraLeon
- Spain
- Sweden
- Thailand
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

What Immersion Does For You

It helps you to “think” in a different culture and see that morals (universal values – doing the right thing) and mores (local customs – doing things the ‘right way’) are not interchangeable ideas.

When customs vary, to an outsider they may seem weird but to an insider they are normal. Really, both “work”; they are just different.

For example if you are late for an appointment here you disrespect the person waiting for you, but in Latin America if you were delayed to show attention to the one you were with you did the right thing.



In past years we proved that being immersed abroad in a different language for 3 months is the equivalent of studying that language at home for nine years! *Foreign soon becomes familiar!!*



***4 hrs/wk of Spanish x 40 wks/yr of school =
160 hours/year in class studying Spanish***

***160 hrs a yr /16 hrs a day immersed abroad
means 10 days of immersion = 1 yr in school***

90 days of immersion = 9 years of Spanish class!

Benefits of Becoming A Host Family

- To build memories & friendships that will last a lifetime
- To bring the world into your home to enrich your family
- To share our culture, customs & values
- To show your student how we live



gain a new brother or sister

**learn and practice your
students language at home**

Get invited to their home! 9

Shared Activities and Achievements



National Honor Society



Hoard Halloween Candy



Touring a Museum



Hanging out with Friends



Pumpkin Carving



Playing in Snow



Dancing with the Stars

More Things to do Together



Class trip to Niagara Falls



Graduation!



Prom double date



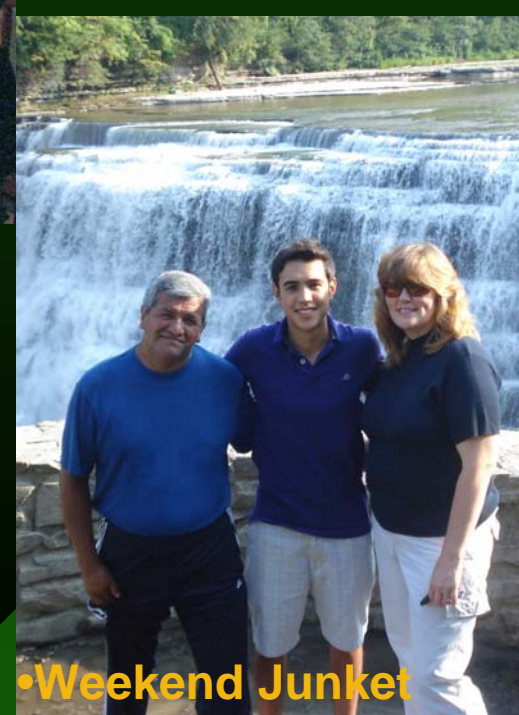
Thanksgiving Dinner



Teammates



Trip to NYC



Weekend Junket

NY host mom and area rep visits four of her Ecuadorian sons



Host family visiting their student and family in Ecuador



Homesick? No matter where you go you can find McDonalds

