The Consortium for Global Education celebrates 35 years of international cooperation involving CGE member leadership, faculty and students who have engaged in strategic programs and cooperative projects in more than 90 nations. From beginning efforts in China, Mongolia and Uzbekistan, the 38 members span the globe with both academic and service projects. At the 2022 September Annual Meeting hosted by Oklahoma Baptist University, members will host overseas partner reporting from 17 nations. Members celebrating this 35th Anniversary meeting will remember the presidents and visionaries, from several organizations, who first met in 1985 to craft a framework for a cooperative group of Christian educators committed to excellence in international education, service, and a heart for sharing. Along with keynote addresses and workshops, CGE attendees will honor and remember Dr. Dan Grant, who passed away May 25, 2022, and served as President of Ouachita and then as the first President of CGE from 1987 - 1997. Dr. Grant will be remembered for his passion for international cooperation, belief in the impact to be made by global education, and his sharing of a faith-centered life.

**Anderson University** welcomed 29 international students to campus from 14 different countries enrolled this fall, from such countries as: Vietnam, South Korea, Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Chile, Armenia, Colombia, Canada, Bermuda, Australia, the Dominican Republic, and Venezuela. Anderson Univ. partnered with Université de Picardie Jules Verne, France for an exchange program. The Director for the Center for Global Engagement, Mrs. Ann Themistocleous, served on the Fulbright National Screening Committee. Mr. Jordan Anderson, Coordinator for the Center was selected as a NAFSA (Association of International Educators) Rise Fellow.

**Baylor University** is the largest of the member CGE institutions and a rising research university positioned nationally through membership in the Big 12 conference, the Mid American Universities International (MAUI), and CCCU. As a vibrant arm of Baylor’s Center for Global Engagement, the Office of Study Abroad supports international students with GSP, a Global Friendship Program, that provides U.S. students and families who provide a supportive learning environment. Baylor Scholars International Roundtable (BSIR) provides prospects across the globe and facilitates a scholarly forum each year for the exchange of ideas.
Blue Mountain College has welcome international students representing many countries. Upon arriving to BMC, these students are quickly immersed into the American college culture. Dr. Philip Ritchey participated in the CGE delegation to Costa Rica’s Spanish Language Institute. Expert teaching staff on a beautiful campus and facility offers students a rich language and cultural experience. Host families provide accommodations with meals, language-support and fellowship. The BMC family is delighted to enroll international students and grateful for the opportunity to afford them a life changing educational experience at Blue Mountain College.

Bluefield University students international mission trips after the conclusion of the Spring 2022 semester. Students and alumni went to Spain and Ecuador. Bluefield University’s Director of Vocation, Calling, and Mission, Dr. Henry Clary, went to Madrid, Spain with students John Balthaser, Elise Clary, Laurel Romano, Antowyne Shaw, and Hannah Shockley.

Campbell University offered five undergraduate programs in 2022 to Poland, UK, Spain, Italy and Hawaii. International student athletes had a world village at international night at the soccer/football match. In June Campbell’s President, Brad Creed, led the CGE delegation to Northrise University in Ndola, Zambia. NU’s well designed campus hosts degree programs in Theology, Nursing, Business and IT. Opportunities to meet with staff and faculty were scheduled by Northrise President, Moffat Zimba. Excursions included an amazing visit to Victoria Falls in Livingston and enjoy a nearby Botswana game preserve.

Campbellsville University provides International Education Week with the Center for Global Engagement hosting an annual International Fair. This is many people’s favorite event on campus and gives students, faculty, staff, and members of the local community the opportunity to learn about the cultures represented on campus. During the Fair, student groups showcase their talents and cultural heritage. One of the audience’s favorite presentations is the “Soran Bushi”, a traditional fisherman’s dance presented by our Japanese students. Every month, a different culture is highlighted during our Global Kitchen events. During these events, International students cook foods from their home and share their cultures and traditions around the table.

Carson-Newman students looking to work in the medical field enjoy a tour of Groote Schuur Museum during a May 2022 faculty-led study abroad program to Cape Town, South Africa. During Carson-Newman’s annual International Festival students wave flags during a campus event and experience foods from each country. Spring 2022 graduates from Carson-Newman’s English Language Institute were hosted in a special event and recognized by President Charles Fowler. C-N continues to host international students from all over the world, with fall 2022 students looking enthusiastically for international activities.

Dallas Baptist University’s Fall 2022 intake of 260 new international students broke all previous records. In anticipation of the inflow of new students, the International Student Services department worked with area churches, friends of DBU, faculty, and staff to procure hundreds of donated household items which were given to students free of charge. Items included furniture, kitchen items, toiletries, Bibles, and numerous other provisions for a student far from home. This year during DBU’s International Week, Pastor Rani Espanioly, an Arab Christian spoke and is instrumental in assisting DBU in our ongoing mission and service work in Nazareth.

Gardner-Webb University has an Office of International Programs (OIP) that supports the activities of international students from 28 countries. They encourage students and faculty in their local population to explore the world through exchange opportunities, faculty-led trips, and mission trips. Gardner-Webb University’s International Teaching Assistants, represent the nations of Columbia, Uruguay, Germany and France. In April, Dr. Bernhard Martin went to Costa Rica as part of the CGE delegation visiting the Spanish Language Institute.
Haigazian University is a higher education institution founded in 1955 in Beirut, Lebanon. Graduates are academically qualified students who are also experienced in giving service to others. Innovation is a hallmark of HU who hosted international conferences in 2022 for the Gulf States and an Idea Lab for Business Entrepreneurship in MENA and other nations. Other outreach projects involve social relief programs for refugees and sending books and materials to other nearby nations.

Hardin-Simmons University’s global studies supports international academic programs that foster an understanding, development and implementation of the global community. Students visited Stonehenge, Bali, and London during study abroad programs.

John Brown University students participated in study abroad in London highlighted by a meeting with the Lord Mayor. Bill Stevenson, senior director of their International Programs, guides JBU’s Friendship Family Program and the Walton Scholar’s Program, which is for academically strong and capable students from Central America and Mexico.

John Cabot University is an American University in Rome, Italy. JCU combines the best qualities of an American liberal arts college with the history and cultural heritage of Rome, Italy. It was founded in 1972 and offers undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, and study abroad programs to English-speaking students. Students have rich study opportunities in multiple campus and library facilities.

Liverpool Hope University’s study abroad students enjoyed an exciting experience in 2021/22 with the added element of a self-development course running alongside their classes. The most popular part of this was the 3 day outdoor adventure experience in Wales, staying in a historic but homely mansion house and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. Students also enjoyed the personal challenges offered by volunteering in the community and taking part in a themed poster conference.

Louisiana Christian University’s international transfer student, Aiora Rivas from Spain, enjoys the family environment present on the Louisiana Christian University’s campus. Hospitality shown by LCU faculty, students, and staff makes an international student’s transition stateside easier. International students participated in Rotary and are an exciting part of campus life including players on the women’s soccer team.

Mississippi College students study in Tours, France for a Fall semester of language acquisition. The Spain summer semester group went to Salamanca for language and cultural immersion study time. The Honors college explored Ayutthaya, Thailand for 2 weeks in May 2022. The location is selected by the students and the experiential knowledge gained is used in individual research projects.

Missouri Baptist University’s International Education week activities included a variety of events throughout the week, culminating in the Festival of Nations where their international faculty and students had the opportunity to share the country cultures with the rest of the student body. MBU’s student athlete, Dave, studied in Geneva for a spring semester and took time to visit much of Europe while abroad.

Northrise University is a private accredited university located in Ndola, Zambia. Students enroll in Theology, Nursing, Business and IT. Recently, students participated in a general maintenance of the Ndola Teaching Hospital. Students helped with painting the hospital walls, planting flowers and cleaning the hospital surroundings. Students serving during Impact Ndola 2019 at McKenzie Community School and Mapalo Morning Glow. Northrise became a new member of CGE in 2021.

Oklahoma Baptist University students served with WellSpring in Egypt in Summer 2022. The team served for two weeks at Day Camps while also experiencing the local culture. Students completed a Study Abroad/Global Outreach Trip in Ecuador. While experiencing the culture they also partnered with local ministries. OBU students serving in Zambia in Summer 2022, working with local refugees as well as orphans, a radio ministry, and various other outreach opportunities. OBU will host the 2022 CGE Annual Meeting in Sept.
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