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Increasing Student Knowledge and Skills About the World



Tarheel Highlights

► **Under a new federal** designation and with accompanying funding, UNC-Chapel Hill's African Studies Center will provide more outreach and educational offerings, including workshops for K-12 teachers. The African Studies Center has been designated one of 11 National Resource Centers with a focus on Africa. The US Department of Education designation supports foreign language instruction and international studies. To learn more...[click here](#).

► **Several dozen NC** technology industry representatives joined Rep. Joe Tolson and Sen. Janet Cowell on March 13 to draw attention to the importance of technology in preparing globally competitive students. The NC Technology Association ([click here for website](#)) unveiled a declaration describing "the 21st Century Student." Among the qualities ascribed to a 21st Century Student was "should be globally aware."



National Notes

This Is **What It Looks Like:** Global Education at Work in NC

Submitted by Robin Calcutt, teacher and sister city coordinator at Union Pines High School in Moore County

Union Pines High School in Cameron, NC, and the Xingtai San Zhong School in the Hebei Province, China, have forged a bond of friendship and collaboration while working to create a global learning experience for their students. The American and Chinese students are using personal letters, pod-casts, video conferences and web pages to communicate and learn from each other across the globe. In November, Mr. Stephen McNeill, an American English teacher in China, sent 700 letters to Union Pines teacher, Robin Calcutt. The package included a red banner of friendship, personal letters, photos of the students and an invitation from the Xingtai San Zhong School's leaders to join them in the Sister-school project.

Union Pines students and faculty excitedly responded with a box full of letters for over 800 Chinese students and teachers. Other special items included in the box were a specially-made red banner, a work of art symbolizing the school and the community by teacher, Lauren Kirk; a personal letter from Principal Robin Lea; magazines and news clippings about North Carolina; and a special student-produced movie about Union Pines.



The teachers and students plan to tutor each other in their native languages and to share their culture throughout the exchange. A web conference is planned for March as a part of a Technology Night at Union Pines. This will be the first time the students will be able to dialogue with each other. Both of the schools are thrilled about the Sister-School initiative and the opportunity to collaborate with fellow learners from across the globe.

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Progress Report: North Carolina in the World

▶ **What can parents do** to encourage global learning at home and in school? National Geographic's "My Wonderful World" campaign has created a resource guide for parents: "10 Ways to Give Your Kids the World." It includes a school checklist to find out how global your child's school is. To see the school checklist and other suggestions... [click here.](#)

▶ **Afterschool programs** are a natural setting to introduce lessons and activities about other regions and cultures of the world. A new report, "Afterschool for the Global Age," provides ideas for infusing global knowledge into afterschool experiences for elementary, middle and high school students. Asia Society, an educational nonprofit, and the George Lucas Educational Foundation teamed to hold a national meeting on this topic at Skywalker Ranch in California in 2006. The report expands on that work. To download a copy of the report... [click here.](#)

International School Partnerships

DENMARK: An International School Partnership between Asheville High School and a secondary school in Denmark has blossomed to include the exchange of both students and teachers between the two countries. Asheville English teacher Howard Shepherd, working with Birger Azen, headmaster of Hobro Gymnasium, provided Danish students with an American perspective on topics from Shakespeare to social inequities and the Bill of Rights in November 2006. Shepherd wrote, "In a world that is more and more international, and with an increasingly global economy, it is essential to have an understanding of cultural diversity throughout the world. This exchange provides an opportunity for such an understanding. More specifically, it allows American and Danish teachers to compare the pedagogy and the culture of American and Danish education."

GERMANY: Four schools in Winston-Salem are currently hosting German students from Eugen-Bolz-Gymnasium (EBG) in Rottenburg, Germany. The German students are living with their American teenage partners and attending school with them. They will also make classroom presentations about cultural issues in Germany. In the summer North Carolina students will return the visit and attend school at EBG before going on to Berlin. The participating schools are West Forsyth, Mount Tabor, Reynolds and the Career Center. The program is affiliated with GAPP, the German American Partnership Program.

Advancing Policy

Two international education reports required by 2006 legislation will be submitted to the NC General Assembly by March 31. One report documents activities and accomplishments of North Carolina in the World, our K-12 international education movement. The other presents a plan to align K-12 international education efforts with state economic development priorities. A web link to the reports will be provided in the April issue of "North Carolina in the World NEWS."

Business Perspective

"Preparing our students for a global economy is the biggest challenge we face as economic development professionals. It is critically important for our academic institutions and our economic development organizations to communicate openly with each other in an effort to bring 'best practices' to our regions and our state."

Ronnie L. Bryant
President and CEO
Charlotte Regional Partnership



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