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Tarheel Highlights

- ▶ **Western Carolina University** has been tapped to coordinate a new China abroad program for UNC students. This is the outgrowth of a 2005 journey to China by a dozen UNC faculty members. Plans are to recruit 20 students from among UNC's 16 campuses to spend June of 2007 in China. Fudan University in Shanghai will host the students, providing language and cultural programs. For more information...[click here](#)
- ▶ **The NC Department of Commerce's** vision for North Carolina is a state that differentiates itself in the global economy. Its top long-term strategy for getting there is to "invest in education and train a globally competitive workforce." To visit the department's website... [click here](#).



National Notes


- ▶ **Results of a new** national survey show that Americans have mixed feelings about globalization as well as their own role in the new economy. They are looking for leaders who understand the benefits and costs of globalization and can maneuver through the changing economic landscape. A report on the survey -- "The Emerging Politics of Globalization" -- is presented by the Democratic Leadership Council and can be downloaded [here](#).


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

In 2005, Olympic High School in Charlotte received a Gates Foundation grant to convert from a large comprehensive high school to five small schools to better serve its students. In August 2006, it became the Olympic Community of Schools, five individual theme-based schools which share the existing Olympic campus.

According to Assistant Principal Sheila Lester, a core mission is infusing a global perspective into each school. Here are just a few examples of strategies employed by Olympic:

Olympic teachers have partnered with the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii to receive instructional training and materials and to assist in the training of Southeast Asian teachers, many from Indonesia.

 Olympic students and faculty are building new school-to-school partnerships with China and Denmark. They anticipate hosting staff and students from both those countries in the spring of 2007.

 Ongoing partnerships with secondary schools in Berlin and South Africa, in conjunction with the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) International Business organization of UNC-Charlotte and with IBM Mentor Place, have led to students working in international teams, both collaboratively and competitively, on global issues such as world hunger and the availability of clean water.

"It is our sincere goal that each student leaves our campus having learned the skills needed to be successful in this new global environment," Ms. Lester stated. "But just as importantly, that they leave with an understanding of diversity and cultures that can only come from hearing others and learning from those who are different from yourself -- thereby, making real world experiences all the more vital to their success." For more information, contact Executive Principal Pamela Espinosa at p.espinosa@cms.k12.nc.us



Progress **Report:** North Carolina in the World

► **The deadline for** applications has been extended for this year's Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education. Awards of \$25,000 will be awarded to winners in each of four categories: elementary/middle school, high school, media/technology and state. Applications are due February 5, 2007. For more information...[click here.](#)

Teacher Knowledge

“Our interconnected world demands both competition and cooperation. Such demands require a teaching force with real knowledge about the interconnectedness of the world,” writes UNC President Erskine Bowles in the introduction of a new report. “North Carolina in the World: Preparing North Carolina Teachers for an Interconnected World,” was released January 5. Developed by a committee of deans and faculty of schools of education from North Carolina public and private universities, it makes five recommendations for adding global content to teacher preparation. Increasing teacher knowledge about the world is one of five goal areas for North Carolina in the World. To download the report...[click here.](#)

Advancing Policy

The Public School Forum has released a new study, "Creating Internationally Competitive Schools." Among its recommendations are a focus on foreign language instruction and weaving global content throughout the curriculum. The study highlights the work of many North Carolina in the World partners, and it states that, "the current funding for coordination of the North Carolina in the World initiative should be made recurring and increase over time."

The report is the work of three study groups, each of which examined one of the following questions: 1. What would it take to bring NC's teaching of mathematics and science up to internationally competitive standards? 2. How could NC become a national leader in creating a curriculum that would better prepare young people to work and thrive in an increasingly global environment? 3. What would need to be done to enable NC to provide high quality, high volume professional development to support these changes? For more information about the Forum's work...[click here.](#)

Higher Ed K-12 Relationships

There are now more than 650 web-based resources available to educators on the North Carolina in the World website, www.ncintheworld.org. Developed and hosted by Learn NC, a program of UNC-Chapel Hill, the site gives teachers tools to infuse international content across the curriculum. Offerings include classroom strategies, professional development and grant opportunities as well as international experts available for classroom visits. If you know of a website that would be of interest to the international education community in North Carolina, please email ideas to Matt Friedrich at mfriedrick@northcarolina.edu.



North Carolina in the World is a statewide collaborative effort to prepare students to be citizens, workers and leaders in the global age of the 21st Century.

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Business Perspective

"When we started the company 13 years ago, most of our work took place within the boundaries of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. But now our clients have business around the world and, as a result, so do we. Capstrat's team members have to be ever more aware of diverse cultures and business processes that a decade ago would have been foreign to us in every way."

Ken Eudy, CEO
Capstrat
Raleigh, NC

Business Profile

Capstrat is a strategic communications firm based in Raleigh. It employs 66 people and its branding, marketing, and media relations work reaches about 50 countries around the world.

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