



North Carolina in the World **NEWS**



Tarheel Highlights

A Greensboro YMCA camp is helping kids think more globally about their changing society and future role in it. The newly created Camp Flat World was inspired by Thomas Friedman's Pulitzer-Prize winning book "The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century" and aims to help campers gain an understanding of the significance of Friedman's ten "world-flatteners" through a weeklong, overnight summer camp. For more information about the camp, [click here](#).

The Turkish Cultural Foundation recently hosted a group of business, government, and education leaders from across the US on a 15-day educational and cultural tour of Turkey. Todd Culpepper, the executive director of the Raleigh-based nonprofit International Affairs Council, was a part of the group and called the trip "an amazing journey through one of the most incredible countries in the world." To read Culpepper's blog, [click here](#).



National Notes

The Goldman Sachs Foundation and Asia Society are seeking applications for the 2007 Prizes for Excellence in International Education. North Carolina was the inaugural recipient of the state prize at the program's creation in 2003, and since, the program has awarded \$150,000 annually to the most outstanding applicants in five different categories: Elementary or Middle School, High School, District or State, Media and Technology, and Youth.

Applications for the 2007 prizes are due Monday, December 3rd. For more information, [click here](#). **President Bush recently signed**

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

Confucius Institute Opens at North Carolina State University

North Carolina is meeting China in a new way through the recently established Confucius Institute at NC State University. The institute works toward intercultural understanding in our state by enhancing education in Chinese language and culture with a specific emphasis on making China accessible to the community and North Carolina schools.

Created as a cooperative project between NC State, China's Office of Chinese Language International (Han Ban), and Nanjing Normal University, it is the first of its type in the Southeast, though there are more than 20 other Confucius Institutes in the country and the number is growing rapidly.

The institute plans to bring Chinese musicians and artists to the area, promote local celebration of Chinese holidays, and is currently offering non-credit courses through NC State's McKimmon Center in Beginning Chinese, Chinese Culture, and Tai Chi.

In an effort to encourage Chinese education in K-12 schools, the Confucius Institute provides materials and guidance in starting Chinese language and culture programs as well as establishing school partnerships with the help of NC in the World. The institute also offers cultural orientations for both school and business groups preparing to travel to China.

Through the institute, nine North Carolina high school students and two teachers traveled to China this past summer to participate in a three-week language and cultural immersion program called the American High School Summer Bridge Program.

The Confucius Institute is striving to meet the needs of our state's growing interest in China. Dr. Betsy E. Brown, the institute's director, explained their mission simply: "When people in the community want to know something about China, we want them to come to us."

For more information about the Confucius Institute, [click here](#).

For information about starting a Chinese Language Program or initiating a school partnership, email Dr. Brown at betsy_brown@ncsu.edu, Ms. Sarah Cao at sarah_cao@ncsu.edu, or contact NC in the World.

Progress Report: North Carolina in the World

International School Partnerships

A delegation of 23 teachers and administrators from North Carolina schools just returned from a nine-day study program in Mexico City and Puebla to lay the groundwork for future school relationships. The group was part of North Carolina in the World's Global Partnership Program. Participants represented five high schools,

the "America COMPETES Act" into law. The act aims at, among other things, expanding and supporting elementary through graduate level critical foreign language programs and offering incentives for school systems striving to better prepare their students for a global economy and world. For more information, [click here](#).



"If you want to be a global company, then you have to show your people how small the world is, not how large it is."

**Eric Hinshaw, CEO
Mattress Maker Kingsdown**
(The News and Observer 9/27/07)

Company Profile

Mattress Maker Kingsdown manufactures luxury bedding. Based in Mebane, it employs 450 people worldwide, including employees in Australia, Thailand, and Japan.

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three middle schools, and one elementary school. In the coming year, students from these schools will work on joint projects across national borders using 21st century technologies.

Infusing International Content

More than 400 North Carolina school teachers are expected to attend World View: An International Program for Educators tomorrow and Thursday at the Friday Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This is the 10th annual symposium and its focus will be the best practices in global education in the United States.

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This school year there are 855 international exchange teachers teaching in 58 North Carolina school districts through the Visiting International Faculty Program located in Chapel Hill.

World Languages

The NC Department of Public Instruction recently hosted a three day seminar titled "Spanish and the New South: An International Dialog." The Spanish Ministry of Education and educational representatives from the US and Canada attended the conference. The seminar focused on ways schools can address challenges of changing demographics due to immigration.

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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