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- The center serves as a catalyst for recruitment, learning and success.
The center serves the College of Education, Health and Human Services (EHHS) as a global outreach center. The Gerald H. Read Room, located within the center, brings the world to our students through our Cultural Dialogues and Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lecture Series. It also serves as home base for our international students; showcases our faculty global outreach; and hosts numerous visiting delegations and visiting research scholars-in-residence.

INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

- Freshman Sabina Yogolova selected Kent State’s Early Childhood Program, the first in the world to be authorized as an undergraduate International Baccalaureate World Schools Primary Years program. This program will enable her to teach in IB world schools throughout the world, as well as prepare her for the state of Ohio teacher’s license — a dual licensure that greatly expands her employability worldwide.

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- Salvador Lavigna never thought it would be possible for him to study in Italy. As a first-generation college student, he is grateful for EHHS scholarships that helped him study for a semester at Kent State’s Florence, Italy education-abroad program, where he visited Montessori and Reggio Emelia schools and studied Italian.

- Imouri el Mustapha teaches in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco; Mercy Labial leads discussions with her class in a remote island in the Philippines; and Saïde da Silva connects his English class deep in the Amazon in Brazil to students at Kent Roosevelt High School in Ohio. They are among 144 of international teachers who spent a semester at Kent State as part of the U.S. Department of State’s International Leaders in Education Program. Not only are their Moroccan, Filipino and Brazilian students benefitting from these international scholars experiences, local students in Stow, Ravenna and Streetsboro have also been enriched in their classes via these international teachers.

- With experiences in India and Turkey with Kent State international partners, and as part of the Longview Model Ohio Teacher Preparation Curriculum Project, Associate Professor Janice Kroeger redesigned her teacher preparation class with global competencies for her students. Janice and her pre-service students know that the young children they teach will need to understand a highly mobile world population in a highly interdependent world.

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The College of Education, Health and Human Services is currently a world leader in preparing International Baccalaureate (IB) teachers. Kent State is the first university in the world to have an IB authorized Primary Years Program at the undergraduate level. The university also has an exclusive agreement as the only institution in the world to give graduate credit for IB teacher development and evaluators training workshops. To continue this world-class leadership, our Career and Technical Education and Middle Years faculty must receive specialized training from IB. Funds are also needed for curriculum development.

EDUCATION-ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

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EXPANSION OF SERVICES

SUPPORT OF SCHOLARS

EHHS is the destination of choice for Fulbright Scholars, scholars funded by other U.S. government projects and many home-country funded scholars. Each year the center hosts 25 to 30 scholars from around the world. Currently, we host these scholars in the center’s suite of offices, which also house the program staff and the director. To set aside a suite of offices for visiting scholars would enhance our reputation as one the premier destinations in the country for international research in education, health and human services.

NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

For over two decades, the college has been one of seven places in the world visited by all National Teachers of the Year. We would like to continue this legacy, where we feature our Kappa Delta Pi national honorary, and the elected officers of the Kent Student Educators Association. The funds for the annual dinner, reception, hotel and airfare for the National Teacher of the Year would allow this legacy to continue for future generations of pre-service teachers.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

While the Gerald H. Read Endowment supports one graduate assistant, current activity in the center requires two graduate assistants. Funding for an international student to study at EHHS and to work in the center would create one of the few funded graduate assistantships exclusively for international students.

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