

The Center Convenes Partners for Global Objective



(Left) Employers meet their interns from the Krannert School of Business at The Center
(Right) Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann and International Center President and CEO, Diane Thomas welcome all those involved with the program to The Center

The month of April saw the culmination of months of preparation for a pilot program connecting Indiana companies ready to enter the export arena with international MBA students as they contemplate their post-graduate career options.

An international internship program was developed through a convened partnership among the Lieutenant Governor's office, Purdue's Krannert Professional Development Center and the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC). Three students were selected for a year-long internship at the following employers: Indy Chamber, Fathom Voice and Techshot, Inc. in a convergence of global objectives and community partnerships certain to translate into a "win" for all involved.

The Center was honored to host Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, along with members of ISBDC, the Krannert Professional Development Center and the Indy Chamber at our offices on April 28 to introduce the students and companies to one another and officially launch the internship program. This initiative grew out of a shared interest among all participants in retaining international students in Indiana and providing Indiana companies with resources to help them develop their export potential. Other phases of the program include global competency training for the participating companies, as well as ongoing consultation as needed.

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The International Center's Blog

Keep up with the work of The International Center on our blog.

Read last week's post on our involvement with Naturalization Ceremonies!

International Events in the Community

Italian Street Festival
Holy Rosary Church
June 12 - 13

Perry Cultural Festival
Baxter YMCA
June 20

Asian Fest
Indiana State Museum
June 20

El Dia de la Familia
Military Park
June 1

World Refugee Day Dinner
The Catholic Center
June 23

Hearland Hula Seminar
Embassy Suites North
June 26-28

[View our calendar.](#)

The Center Receives Major Support for Festival Fund

The International Center is pleased to announce a \$35,000 grant from the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), which will support The Center's Festival Fund program.

The Festival Fund has received a record number of applications to date in 2015 from local non-profit organizations seeking funding as they plan their international community events. This grant will allow for the continuation of the Festival Fund and the support of these events and festivals that enrich cultural life in Central Indiana.



If you or your organization would like to learn more about the Festival Fund, please visit [our website](#) or contact [Kaitlyn Neel](#). Qualifying community organizations may apply to receive funding to support their international or cultural event in a grant award ranging from \$500-\$2,000.

Center Staff Member Speaks at Northwestern

Beth Barich, The Center's International Visitors Program Manager, was invited by Northwestern University to facilitate a panel on Building Global Acumen for current students, alumni and faculty of the University.

The panel, consisting of global consulting and management thought leaders, was a part of the Spring Showcase in May presented by the Master of Science in Learning and Organizational Change program, of which Barich is an alumnus.



The Center's Flag Collection at Indy 500 Parade



At this year's Indy 500 Parade on May 24, The Nationalities Council of Indiana carried flags from 18 countries, courtesy of The International Center's flag collection.

The Office of Protocol at The Center provides flags to organizations hosting or participating in international and multicultural events throughout the year. For information on how you can reserve the flags for your next international event, contact [Peter Kirkwood](#).

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2015 International Citizen of the Year

The Center's Board of Directors have selected Dr. John C. Lechleiter, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Eli Lilly and Company, as the recipient of the 2015 International Citizen of the Year award.

The award will be presented at a tribute dinner and program at the Indiana Roof Ballroom on October 6, 2015.

[Learn more.](#)

International Center Cultural Training Workshop

It's not too late to register to join us Friday for an overview of Mexican culture and etiquette.

Cross Cultural Communications: MEXICO

Date: June 5, 2015
Time: 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Location: Regions Bank Tower, Conference Center, 5th Floor
Cost: \$95 per person, includes breakfast and materials

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