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Center for International Education – February 2025

Message from the Director

Central State University's **Center for International Education** (CIE) embodies a commitment to global engagement, offering students invaluable opportunities to broaden their worldviews. Located in Room 314 of the Charles H. Wesley Arts & Science Building, the center's mission is rooted in cultivating students' global competencies, aligning with the University's dedication to preparing graduates for a globally interconnected world.

Through study abroad programs, support services for international students and partnerships with educational organizations, the CIE has become a gateway to international experiences for students from diverse backgrounds.

At the heart of the center's offerings are study abroad programs that connect students to global destinations. Whether through faculty-led courses or independent study arrangements through program partners, Central State students have the chance to gain hands-on, cross-cultural experiences.

The Center provides a range of services to the university's international students population, from providing the required documents to come and study in the US, to facilitating work on campus, and internships off campus.

Faculty-led Programs

Paris, France

In December 2024, a group of nine CSU students participated in a study abroad program led by Professor Erin Glenn-Smith to Paris France. The program was titled "Paris Noir: An examination of how Black Artists of the Harlem Renaissance shaped the fabric of modern day Paris."



Central State University students embark on a transformative cultural exchange to South Africa

Recently, seven students from the university embarked on a remarkable journey to Cape Town, South Africa on February 13, 2025. This unique opportunity provides students with first-hand exposure to the rich cultural and historical landscape of South Africa, a place deeply intertwined with the struggles and triumphs of Black communities around the world.



South Africa, with its complex and inspiring history, offers a learning environment that goes beyond the classroom. For these students, this cultural exchange represents a chance to explore key historical landmarks, including Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years. Visiting the District Six Museum offers students a deeper understanding of the forced removals during apartheid, allowing them to witness firsthand the resilience and determination of South Africa's people in the face of systemic oppression.

In addition to its history, South Africa's vibrant cultural landscape offers students the chance to experience a wide range of artistic expressions, including music, dance, and food traditions. Immersing themselves in these cultural practices provides students with a broader worldview and an appreciation for the diversity that exists both within South Africa and across the African diaspora.

Fulbright's Foreign Languages Program

Eunice Kang'ethe

Central State University brought the vibrant culture of Kenya to its campus during **International Education Week**, an annual nationwide celebration promoting cross-cultural understanding.

A session on Kenyan culture was hosted by **Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA)** Eunice Kang'ethe, who shared the rich traditions, history and diversity of Kenya.

Kang'ethe, who arrived in August, is teaching Swahili during the 2024-25 academic year.



The event, introduced by Dr. Fahmi Abboushi, director of the **Center for International Education**, served as an opportunity for the campus community to immerse themselves in Kenyan culture and gain a broader understanding of the world beyond the classroom.



Ohio International Consortium (OIC)

The Center for International Education coordinated the hosting of the annual meeting of the OIC, a consortium of the 14 public colleges and universities of Ohio. The meeting had representatives from the international students' offices (PDSOs & DSOs), and representatives of the study abroad programs at those colleges and universities. The meeting took place on campus on September 27, 2024.