

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

FLORIDA

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$935.7 million** to the Florida economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

2,039 citizen diplomats in Florida volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

12,937 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Florida.

881 Floridians and foreign visitors participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Higher Learning

Florida is ranked **#7** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

Florida universities with the most foreign students

1. University of Florida
2. Florida International University
3. University of Miami
4. University of South Florida
5. University of Central Florida

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Florida during 2011–12

1. China
2. India
3. Venezuela
4. Saudi Arabia
5. South Korea

Notable ECA Alumni

Rita Dove

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1987 (*Fulbright/Hays Fellow*, 1974)

Carlos E. Santiago

Chief Executive Officer of the Hispanic College Fund, 2010–Present (*Fulbright Scholar Program*, 1993)

Alcee Hastings

U.S. Representative for Florida’s 23rd Congressional District, 1993–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)

David Rivera

U.S. Representative for Florida’s 25th Congressional District, 2011–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)



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