

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

SOUTH DAKOTA

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$26.9 million** to the South Dakota economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

186 citizen diplomats in South Dakota volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

1,287 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in South Dakota.

96 South Dakotans and foreign visitors participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Higher Learning

South Dakota universities with the most foreign students

1. Northern State University
2. University of South Dakota—Main Campus
3. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
4. Augustana College
5. Dakota State University

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

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

Notable ECA Alumni

Richard L. Bowen

Former President of the University of South Dakota
(*Fulbright Student*, 1954)

William John "Bill" Janklow

Governor of South Dakota, 1979–87; 1995–2003
(*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)

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Senator, South Dakota Legislature of the 21st District, 2007–11
(*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)



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