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(EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION) Celebrates International Education Week by Hosting International Traveler Event

In recognition of International Education Week (EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION) will host a special event on November (XX), 2013, at (LOCATION). Through (EVENT NAME HERE) (EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION) will provide students with information about study abroad opportunities, instructions for obtaining a U.S. passport, and tips for safe travel to foreign countries.

(EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION) thinks that international education should be accessible to everyone. Students who participate in study abroad gain the knowledge, skills, and self-reliance that are needed to compete in today's globalized economy. They also return with the ability to see the world from another perspective and gain lasting ties to the world community.

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International education is a booming sector today with close to 300,000 Americans studying abroad, and nearly one million international students pursuing studies in the United States. The U.S. education community including (EDUCATIONAL

INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION) plays an important role in making study abroad a reality for U.S. students representing the full diversity of our society. By welcoming international students to our campus and encouraging U.S. students to study abroad, we create a more secure and prosperous world.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Education, International Education Week is an annual celebration of benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. It was first held in 2000 and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide. For more information please visit <u>www.eca.state.gov/iew</u>.

More information about applying for a passport and safe travel can be found on the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, <u>travel.state.gov</u>.

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