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Transfer Students from the FSU Republic of Panama Campus Add Cultural Diversity to FSU Main Campus

Florida State University recently won the <u>2017 Senator Paul Simon Award for Internationalization</u>, awarded by NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

FSU has more than 40,000 students from more than 140 countries. Among the reasons cited by NAFSA are FSU's widespread internationalization efforts across different academic programs; the <u>Global Citizenship Certificate</u>, which allows undergraduate students to gain cross-cultural communication skills and competencies that foster global-readiness; and FSU's <u>Republic of</u> <u>Panama branch campus</u>, which serves as a hub for partnership development and U.S.-style education in Latin America.

Each year approximately 100 students transfer from the FSU-Panama campus and come from various countries in Latin America, as well as the Republic of Panama. Students from the FSU-Panama campus have a history of forging strong bonds and getting involved during their time at FSU.

"I am a Panamanian student who transferred to Tallahassee in Fall of 2016," said Antonio Campagna, current president of the Panamanian Student Association (PTY at FSU). "Looking back at my previous (and first) semester at FSU, it is a truly great university with a great educational program."

PTY at FSU promotes Panamanian culture and values in our local FSU community, bringing together Panamanians and non-Panamanians alike. The student organization has been active on campus and has hosted a Global Café at The Globe to share their culture with other students, faculty, and staff.

Ana Belén Croston transferred to FSU's main campus in Fall 2015, and she characterizes it as the best experience of her life.

"The opportunities that Florida State University offers to its international students are amazing and so vast," said Belén Croston. "As an international student, I get to meet and learn so much from literally every country on campus. I have friends from China, Japan, Costa Rica, Colombia, Spain, France, Greece, UK and so on ... Florida State University will always be a place where our hearts can go freely and our beings will be accepted. The Center for Global Engagement just offers so many opportunities not only for international students but for all students in general."

Domestic FSU students can study at FSU's Republic of Panama campus through FSU's International Programs office.



Global Café Featuring Dominican Republic March 31

Friday, March 31, 2017 | 11:30 a.m. until food runs out | The Globe Dining Room

Join us for the fourth Global Café of the semester co-hosted by the Dominican Student Association and the Hispanic/Latino Student Union featuring the Dominican Republic!

MENU:

- Moro de Guandules con Pollo: Rice cooked with pigeon peas and chicken (veggie option: fried eggplant)
- Maduros: Sweet plantains
- Típico: Dominican style cabbage salad with tomatoes, onions, and cucumbers
- Arroz con Leche: Rice pudding
- Jugo de Chinola: Passion fruit juice

Global Café provides the opportunity to spend a culturally enriching lunch hour eating authentic food from around the world, listening to music and meeting students from the featured culture. Student groups and staff prepare lunch from authentic recipes and serve it to guests in The Globe Dining Room for just \$7. The event is a fundraiser for the hosting student group.

The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. or food runs out. It is \$7 per plate, cash or check only.

InternatioNole, VenSA Co-Host Coffee Hour, Collect Donations

Friday, March 31, 2017 | 5-6:30 p.m. | The Globe Dining Room

InternatioNole and the Venezuelan Student Association (VenSA) will co-host International Coffee Hour this Friday. We will enjoy Tres Leches, three milks bread.

VenSA will be collecting donations at International Coffee Hour to benefit Move, an organization providing supplies to Venezuelan people affected by the current humanitarian crisis. Here's a suggested list of donations.

- **Personal Care Items** Feminine hygiene products, diapers (adult & baby), deodorant, soap/body wash, dental hygiene items, toilet paper, creams, shampoo, Ziploc bags
- Groceries Grains, rice, oats, dry foods, powdered milk, beans, seeds
- Health Items Band-aids, Claritin, thermometers, Tylenol/Advil, gauze, petroleum jelly, gloves

Donation boxes are also located in the 1st floor suite of The Globe, The Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, and El Centro (Union Room A212). Donation boxes will be available until the end of the semester.

More Upcoming Events

International Coffee Hour – Every Friday Starting March 24 | 5-6:30 p.m. | The Globe Lounge & Dining Room

U.S. students, scholars, and faculty gather for coffee and snacks every Friday. It's a great place to meet new people from various parts of the world, see old friends, and make plans for the weekend.

English Conversation Club – Every Monday-Friday I 4-5 p.m. I The Globe Lounge

International students, scholars, and their families at all levels of speaking English as a second/other language are invited to meet in a relaxed atmosphere to practice conversational English. Groups are led by experienced English tutors.

Global Citizenship Drop-In Advising – Tues. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Wed. 1-3 p.m. | Fri. 1-3 p.m. | The Globe Suite 1200

Drop-in advising hours are for any student who wants to learn about the Global Citizenship Certificate. This certificate prepares FSU students to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world. Learn more: **<u>cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen</u>**.

Global Exchanges Information Sessions – Every Tuesday 3:30 p.m. I Every Wednesday 12:30 p.m. I The Globe Room 2600

Find out how you can study at an international university while earning FSU credits, paying FSU tuition and using your financial aid! Topics covered include: selecting the right program, application process, and course selection and financial aid. See the complete list of FSU's global exchange programs at: **global.fsu.edu/exchanges**.

Engage Your World Event "Ukraine: Between East and West" – Thurs., March 30 | 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. | The Globe Auditorium

The College of Social Science and Public Policy's Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series, in association with the Center for Global Engagement's Engage Your World series, presents a talk by Maryna Shkuropat, professor at the Horlivka State Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages in Ukraine. Currently in residence as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Southern California, Shkuropat will talk about the current political situation in Ukraine and give a broad historical context to discover the roots of the present circumstances. The event is free and open to the public.

Global Partner Certificate: Bridging Cultures IV (for Faculty, Staff & Grad Students) – Fri., March 31I 10 a.m.-12 p.m. I The Globe Room 2300

The Global Partner Certificate is a Center for Global Engagement professional development initiative for those interested in improving their intercultural communication, knowledge, skills, and awareness, as well as becoming more globally competent. This certificate recognizes an individual's commitment to understanding and appreciating cultural diversity at FSU. Participants must complete all four workshops (in order) and three intercultural events offered on campus and/or in the Tallahassee community. Visit the <u>CGE website</u> for details.

Global Café Featuring the Dominican Republic – Fri., March 31 I 11 a.m. until food runs out I The Globe Dining Room This week is co-hosted by the Dominican Student Association and Hispanic/Latino Student Union. \$7 cash or check only.

Global Café Featuring Morocco – Fri., April 14 | 11 a.m. until food runs out | The Globe Dining Room \$7 cash or check only.

Intercultural Program Series Featuring Russia: A Slavic Culture – Thurs., April 20 I 7-9 p.m. I The Globe Dining Room Experience the culture of Russia from literature to cinema. This event will be co-hosted by the Slavic Student Association.

Denotes a <u>Global Citizenship Certificate</u> qualifying event.

The Global Citizenship Certificate is designed to help undergraduate students maximize the rich cultural learning experiences available to them on campus, in the community, and abroad. Learn more: <u>cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen</u>.

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