



**National School Conference on International Youth Exchange
February 19-20, 2010
Charlotte, North Carolina**

EARLY AGENDA (1/15/10)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

1:00 – 5:00 pm Conference Registration and Check-In

Exhibits Open

2:00 – 3:15 pm Welcome Remarks

John Hishmeh, CSIET Executive Director

Opening Keynote Addresses

**Dr. Peter Gorman, Superintendent
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools**

**Dr. June Atkinson, State Superintendent
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction**

Exchange Student/Host Family Speakers

**Rob Moskos, Host Father
Student Speakers, TBD**

3:15 – 3:30 pm Coffee Break

3:30 – 4:30 pm Plenary Session

How Youth Exchange Programs Work

Increasing schools' understanding of program mechanisms in order to facilitate cooperation and enrollment.

Moderator: Megan Allen, Chair, CSIET School Outreach Working Group

Speakers: Program Representatives (TBD)

4:30 5:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

“How To” Workshop for School Administrators

A School Perspective on How To Work with Exchange Programs and International Students

Moderator: Tara Brown, Study Abroad Specialist, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

Speakers: Sharon Easley – Teacher (Language Arts), Lodi High School
Robin Crow – Teacher (Mathematics), Lodi High School

4:30 – 5:30 pm ***Outbound Exchanges – A New Model School Policy***
Developing a model school policy on outbound exchange programs.

Moderator: Louise Reaves, Director, Inbound Programs
Youth For Understanding, USA

Speakers TBD

5:30–6:00 pm Networking/Exhibitors

6:00 – 7:30 pm Evening Reception

Welcome Address

**Rita Golden Gelman, Author, *Tales of a Female Nomad*,
Founder, Let's Get Global**

South Mecklenburg High School Jazz Ensemble

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

8:00 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast Buffet

9:00 – 10:15 am Plenary Session

Federal Session: Immigration, F-1/J-1, and SEVIS

Update on U.S. government policies and regulations on international student immigration issues and international school enrollment regulations.

Moderator John Hishmeh, Executive Director, CSIET

Speakers Karen Hawkins, Division Chief (*invited*)
Private Sector Programs Division, Office of Exchange Coordination and
Designation Representatives, U.S. State Department

Ann Balough, Division Chief
Student and Exchange Visitor Program,
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

10:15– 10:30 am Coffee Break

10:30 – 12 noon Concurrent Sessions

International Transcript and Grade Evaluation

An overview on the process of validating and review international transcripts.

Moderator Joan LeChance, ESL Program Counselor for High Schools
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

Speakers Kristin Bates, AFS-USA
Kim Peckham, Director for International Studies
Saint Edward's School
Others, TBD

International Students and Athletic/Extracurricular Activities

Overview of state activities and athletic eligibility procedures/policies relative to international exchange student participants.

Moderator: Vicki Hamilton, Director, Athletics, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

Speakers: TBD

12 – 2:30 pm Luncheon Presentation

2010 Global Classroom Awards Presentation

Presenter, John Doty, CSIET Board Chair

Individual Presentations from Award Winning Schools

Keynote Speaker

Maura M. Pally, Acting Assistant Secretary of State (*invited*)
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
U.S. Department of State

3:00 – 4:30 pm Closing Plenary Session

K-12 International Education – A Growing Movement

Overview of various international K-12 education initiatives at the state level – lessons learned and models to build on.

Speakers: Shari B. Albright, Ed.D., Executive Director/ CEO
International Studies Schools Network, Asia Society

Other individual state representatives (TBD)

4:00 pm Conference Adjourns

Closing Remarks