

# KEEPING YOU INFORMED...



Arizona International Educators (AIE)

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## 2014 AIE State Meeting a Great Success!

International Educators from Arizona met on March 7, 2014 to exchange ideas, share information, and teach one another and learn from one another at the AIE 2014 annual State Meeting. The event was hosted by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University at its beautiful Prescott, Arizona campus. This year's theme, *Where in the World are We?*, was reflected in the program topics that were offered throughout the day.

Approximately 50 people, mostly from Arizona schools with some coming from related programs and auxiliary organizations, joined together to network with one another, learn about the most recent trends and share their expertise and knowledge with each other. Participants were welcomed to ERAU by Andy Fraher, Director of International and Graduate Recruitment, who introduced Dr. Richard Bloom, ERAU Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Bloom shared his rich background of international experience and knowledge, kicking off the day with positive comments and encouragement to attendees to be both teachers and learners.

The program highlighted an exciting new resource, called *Mapping the Nation: Linking Local to Global*, which was developed by the Asia Society and the Longview Foundation in cooperation with SAS. It features a map that shows state-by-state data for economic, educational and demographic global connections. Heather Singmaster of the Asia Society reviewed and demonstrated how the map can support efforts to enhance international education in our schools. Following the demonstration, a panel of individuals knowledgeable about the global connections in Arizona joined Singmaster to present expanded information about Arizona's global footprints. Panel members included Anna Flaaten (U.S. Department of Commerce), Aiden Fleming (Arizona Department of Education), and Michelle Medved (Deer Valley Unified School District).

To see the map, go to [www.mappingthenation.net](http://www.mappingthenation.net).

Post-Meeting evaluation data indicate that the event was a very positive experience, with attendees using such words as fabulous, interesting, useful, and awesome to punctuate their descriptions and appraisals.

They attribute their positive assessments to the stimulating and timely session topics as well as the worthy and knowledgeable presenters who delivered their information with finesse and expertise. (Go to the AIE website at [www.arizonaie.org](http://www.arizonaie.org) to see a full listing of sessions and presenters, and the State Meeting program agenda.)

The Embry Riddle campus provided a spectacular venue for this annual event. From the beautiful campus, to the comfortable facilities, the tasty, delicious food, and the absolutely delightful weather, the setting was the perfect place for us to meet and reconnect with professional colleagues. Thanks to the ERAU staff, and especially to Debi Parris and Andy Fraher, for the support, work and attention to detail that made our meeting successful.

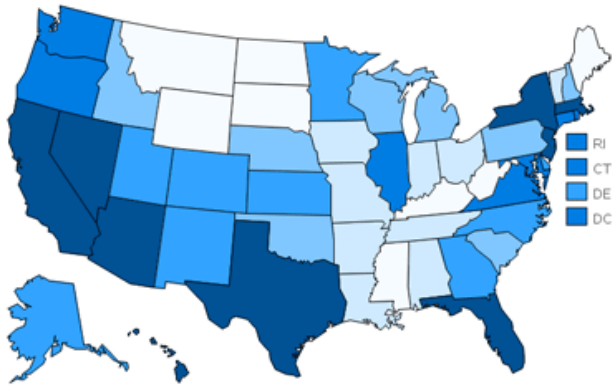


*"Great panel!!! Well organized and a wide variety of experience and programs represented."*

*- 2014 Meeting Participant*

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Retrieved from <http://mappingthenation.net/>

# Mapping the Nation: Linking Local to Global

How global is Arizona? Check out the resource titled, *Mapping the Nation: Linking Local to Global*, at [www.mappingthenation.net](http://www.mappingthenation.net) to find out how we stack up with the nation. This interactive map will let you compare Arizona's international infographics with the other states in the union. In addition to using the map to gather information, we can add to the data and contribute to the narrative to enhance the picture the Arizona map presents through this resource. While we are watching the nation, the nation is watching us. A special 'thank you' to Heather Singmaster of the Asia Society for reviewing the map at the 2014 AIE State Meeting.

## Field Advocates

There's a place for you on the AIE Field Advocate Team!

AIE comprises a diverse and varied group of professionals who work in different areas of education, in different fields of interest, and at different educational levels. Each of us has a particular area of interest and expertise to share with our colleagues. No matter how narrow or broad the focus of your professional endeavor, it constitutes a piece of the general field of international education, so it is relevant to the AIE mission. In the role of Field Advocate, you have a great opportunity to share what you have learned, and hence help AIE members to know more about what your field of professional endeavor contributes to international education.

Whether your work is with study abroad, foreign students, admissions, recruiting, academic exchanges, sponsored students, faculty exchanges, curriculum development, world languages, K-12 foreign language training programs, or any of the many and growing areas that are expanding the global community, you can be a contributor to AIE programming.

## Meet Our Members

**Jeffrey Banner, tell us a little about yourself....**I have worked in higher education for 10 years at several universities and 2 years in international education. I have spent the past year as Assistant Director of Retention in the College of Liberal Arts and Science at Arizona State. In the past I have worked as an advisor, developed academic support programs, and developed a university-level honors program. I have also taught a Religions of the World course at Arizona State and University of Phoenix.

I currently serve as the AIE Webmaster. I joined AIE during the 2013 state meeting, when I was working with students interested in study abroad at Grand Canyon University. Currently one of my responsibilities includes overseeing the selection of study abroad scholarship recipients for my college at ASU.

Most of my time outside of work is spent with my wife and two sons, ages 3 years and 2 months old. I enjoy camping, playing board and card games, and racquetball.

While I was a graduate student I had the privilege of travelling to India and stayed with a Dalit family, who were the most wonderful people I have ever met. The experience changed my perspective on life in ways that I am still discovering.



Jeff Banner, ASU

## Announcements

### **NAFSA Region II Arizona State Representative**

The current Arizona State Representative to NAFSA Region II Team is Ken Bus, Glendale Community College. He assumed this responsibility on January 1, 2014 and will continue until December 31, 2015. The NAFSA Region II State Rep serves as liaison between AIE and NAFSA and holds a seat on the AIE Board of Directors.

### **NAFSA Region II Conference**

The annual NAFSA Region II conference for 2014 will be in Tucson on October 14-17. Be sure to save the date, and plan to attend. Potential presenters, please note, session proposals are now being accepted. The session proposal form is available online. Stay tuned for information soon to be posted at [www.nr2archive.org/conferences/2014](http://www.nr2archive.org/conferences/2014). Join the conversation at [www.facebook.com/RegionIIINAFSA](https://www.facebook.com/RegionIIINAFSA).

### **AIE Friend and Colleague Retires**

Alex Flores, "Our Man in Washington" and long-time friend of Arizona International Educators, retired from Department of Homeland Security in July 2013. Alex spent many years working in the Phoenix offices of the USCIS, formerly the INS, being a supportive and helpful colleague and friend who educators could contact when we needed help with federal issues. Good wishes, Alex! Take time to enjoy yourself, kick back, and go fishing!

## Community Engagement and Government Outreach

In an effort to provide a whole-government approach and response to community concerns and issues, the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) sponsors roundtable meetings in various locations in the country. These community roundtables are held quarterly in thirteen metropolitan areas across the U.S., with community leaders and Federal, State, and local government officials presenting information and leading discussions on relevant topics of interest to the attending participants. Roundtable discussions and Q&As reveal needs of stake holders, and government services and processes that are available to communities. Community groups are encouraged to band together, to engage one another, to find pathways to problem solutions, and support the needs of the various stake-holder groups in local communities.

AIE was represented at the two community engagement roundtable colloquia which took place in Phoenix this spring on March 7 and on May 15. These community engagement roundtables provide AIE with an excellent vehicle for spreading the word about international education and its mission to enhance schools and communities in Arizona. The next meeting will be held sometime in mid-August (date yet to be decided), at a location somewhere in the Phoenix Metro area, hosted by a stake-holder non-profit agency. An announcement about date, place, and time will appear sometime in mid-July. If you would like to know more about this opportunity and/or attend the next roundtable, contact MaryLee Carter at [mcarter01@cox.net](mailto:mcarter01@cox.net).

# Get involved!

**\*\*Become an AIE member** to ensure that you will get all the news about AIE. It's FREE and easy to sign up! Go to [www.arizonaie.org](http://www.arizonaie.org) and click on "Become a Member of AIE" link to submit your membership form.

**\*\*Mark your calendar now!** The AIE 2015 State Meeting will be on March 6 at Glendale Community College. Tell us your suggestions for session topics and/or presenters.

**\*\*Planning for the 2015 AIE Annual State Meeting** has begun. Please contact MaryLee Carter at [mcarter01@cox.net](mailto:mcarter01@cox.net) for information and interest in the Planning Committee.

**\*\*AIE elections** are coming! In its inaugural year as a formal organization, AIE established a roster of leaders, with term limits of two years for president and three years for secretary and treasurer. The first change in the leadership team will occur at the 2015 annual State Meeting, when we elect a new president. As an AIE member you are encouraged to be involved. Contact any Leadership Team member (see contact list on the website at [www.arizonaie.org](http://www.arizonaie.org)) if you have an interest in increasing your role within AIE.

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## AIE

### BY THE NUMBERS

- \*96 people have signed up as AIE members.
- \*41 people registered for the State Meeting.
- \*Profit from the 2014 State Meeting - \$1840.
- \*Current Bank Balance - \$4304.87.