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Copenhagen

Courtney D. Williams

The primary conclusion of the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference failed to meet the high expectations of many attending ambassadors, but some analysts foresee great potential in future environmental endeavors.

The twelve-day conference, more commonly referred to as the Copenhagen Summit, fostered the Copenhagen Accord—a “meaningful agreement” drafted by the United States, China, India, Brazil, and South Africa.

Although the accord was “taken note of,” participating governments hesitated to unanimously adopt the proposal. The Copenhagen Accord stresses “that climate change is one of the

greatest challenges of our time” and the urgency to “combat climate change in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities”

The document illuminates the necessity to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and keep temperature increases under two degrees Celsius. It further calls for a global pact to implement quantified economy-wide emission targets for 2020. Critics of the proposed accord agree with the dire importance of the subject at hand, but question what specific measures



Environmentalists play dead as they stage a demonstration demanding a ‘real deal’ in the Bella center during the United Nations Climate Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director:

Alina Z. MacNichol-Executive Director

The 2010 census is underway!

Census results will help us understand not only how our community has grown and diversified over the past 10 years but also how our neighborhoods are likely to develop in the next 10 years.

At the same time, Charlotte is addressing issues of growth and community through the **2020 Vision Plan**. The plan is being developed by Charlotte Center City Partners, in conjunction with the

City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, to establish goals, recommendations, and strategies to guide the public and private sectors when making growth, development, and investment decisions for Uptown and the adjacent neighborhoods.

2010 Vision Plan recommendations that have been implemented (such as ImaginOn, the new UNCC Uptown building and the EpiCenter complex) have had a huge impact on the economy and lifestyle of Uptown Charlotte.

The growing ethnic diversity

of our city is reflected in the group of community leaders participating in **2020 Vision Plan** working sessions and has already resulted in fresh perspectives on issues from transportation to urban living and economic vitality.

As we look to the future in Charlotte we must also be aware of the needs of our local and global community today. On February 17th the CIC is hosting our annual International Organizations meeting, which provides a forum for the many international organizations to

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Copenhagen

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the drafters intend to solve the aforementioned problems. Other more optimistic analysts praise the progress accomplished during the summit and hope for further improvements in the future.

“The very struggle to reach agreement at Copenhagen... demonstrates that climate policy has finally come of age. The negotiations at Copenhagen were so contentious because of the very real impact the proposals will have, not only for the environment, but also on national economies. China and the United

States played hardball—and sent heads of government to do the talking—precisely because they had something to lose. The onset of a kind of climate realpolitik which eschews hot

air for real action, is a sign that global climate talks have moved beyond symbolic rhetoric,” writes



Julia Michalak, Climate Campaigner Greenpeace Poland hands over the 'Greenpeace Demands -Copenhagen Climate Report' to Polish prime minister Donald Tusk

TIME magazine.

Danish Prime Minister Lokke Rasmussen adds that “the top leaders were taking Copenhagen seriously as their deadline and delivered

beforehand. Had Obama not been due to attend, I doubt whether the US would have begun committing on long-term finance—which is historical. Had Lula not been due to attend, Brazil would hardly have raised its level of ambitions. Had Wen not been due to attend, China would probably not have opened to some level of international insight as to what it is doing—which actually is a globally politically significant admission.”

As the global population continues to grow, so does the emission of carbon dioxide. Even the most stubborn deniers of global climate change admit the impact this instills on the lives of millions.

TIME also reports, “the toughness of the negotiations only demonstrates that climate policy has moved beyond hot air into economic reality. .”

From the desk of the Executive Director:

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brainstorm on issues, share their concerns and interact with the Mayor and elected officials. More information is available through our office.

The greatest need in the global community today is in Haiti, where there is such tremendous devastation following January's earthquake. There are many fine relief organizations at work there; a list of contact information is available through our office.

Global Gender Gap Index

Courtney D. Williams

The Global Gender Gap Index, an annual publication of the World Economic Forum, measures the figurative gap between men and women in four essential categories: economic participation and opportunity, education attainment, political empowerment, and health and survival. The index serves to frame the scope and track the progress of international gender-biased disparities.

The three basic concepts of the Global Gender Gap Index focus on measuring gaps instead of separate gender levels, capturing the gaps in outcome variables or as the result of current actions, and ranking

countries according to gender equality instead of women's empowerment.

The World Economic Forum calculates the gaps by analyzing credible, qualitative, hard data regarding the four main categories, while perpetually considering the three basic goals. The Index then ranks the countries in ascending order from those with the smallest gaps in access to these resources, regardless of each country's developed levels of resources.

In 2009 Iceland conquered the list at first place. Of the 134 countries listed, the United States ranks thirty-one. Germany attained the twelfth spot, France earned eighteenth, Peru forty-fourth, Israel forty-fifth, Poland

claimed fiftieth, Russia fifty-one, China sixty, and Ghana eighty-one. Yemen's overwhelming lack of gender equality landed the devastating lowest ranking on the index.

Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, stresses the importance of attaining gender equality and utilizing the skills of all to successfully conquer the current economic crisis.

“It is clear that the recovery will require, among other things, the best of talent, ideas, and innovation,” says Schwab.

For the complete Global Gender Gap Index and more information on the research process, please visit www.weforum.org.



Dr. Nini

Samantha Jo Edwards

Congratulations are in order to the International Cabinet's Executive Committee member, Dr. Nini RB Bautista de Garcia,

or as you may know her, Dr. Nini,

Recently, She was honored by the Filipina Women's Network as one of the 100 most influential Filipina women in the United States, for her pioneering work as the Chair of the Carolinas Asian-American Chamber of Commerce .

As an author, nuclear scientist, and active member of

the Charlotte international community, Dr. Nini has always stood out in the crowd. Choosing to study nuclear engineering versus the family favorite of medicine, she went on to work as a nuclear



inspector for the United Nations.

15 years later she left Vienna for a warmer climate, Charlotte, NC. Since

coming to Charlotte, Dr. Nini has played an active part in the community by sitting on numerous boards, serving as president of the Filipino American Community of the



Carolinas, founding the Miss Asian Festival Pageant, being a member of the International Cabinet, co-founding Taste of the World Restaurant Showcase, along with countless other activities.

When asked about how she felt about receiving this award, Dr. Nini said, "I am honored and humbled at the same time for being selected."

Meet Our Interns

A fresh assembly of interns graced the desks of the Charlotte International Cabinet this fall.

Tyler Finnie, a graduate of Coastal Carolina University, with a B.S. degree in Business Administration, recently started volunteering for the CIC in mid-October. Tyler originally reigns from Hilton Head Island, SC and moved to Charlotte in May '09. He plans on living and building a career in Charlotte over the next 5 years. He also has a passion for weather, and plans on attending college in the future for a B.S. degree in Meteorology.

Michelle McNulty is a graduate from UNC Charlotte with a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication. She has a great interest in volunteerism, being involved in her community and area youth. She hopes to become an outreach coordinator. She grew up in Havelock, where her father served as Marine at Cherry Point. Coming

from a military background she learned a lot about leadership, dedication, and team work. Michelle considers her completion of the Marine Corps Officers Candidate School in 2004 one of her greatest achievements thus far. She enjoys spending time with her husband and 4 month old daughter, Zoey, playing the violin, and fishing.

Pablo Carvajal, a native of Costa Rica, majors in political science, international studies, and foreign languages at Queens University of Charlotte. In addition to holding the presidency of the Eta Zeta chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Pablo also serves as a chemical operations specialist in the United States Army.

Jewly Phoutinan attends UNC Charlotte as an international studies and finance double major, with a minor in economics. In addition to school and the CIC, she also devotes her efforts to the UNCC Model United Nations, International Studies Students Association, and Students in Free Enterprise.

Courtney Williams is a senior at Queens University of Charlotte, majoring

in both Corporate Communications and Vocal Music. Her choir tour to Charlotte's Sister City of Wroclaw, Poland last Spring ignited her love for international affairs and interest in the CIC. Courtney hopes to earn her Masters Degree in International Public Relations and ultimately work for Sister Cities International.

International Education Week Spirit Award '09

Michelle T. McNulty

The Charlotte International Cabinet congratulates Zoi Karavokyri for receiving the International Education Week Spirit Award from the International Teacher Exchanges Services (ITES). Currently, Karavokyri is an exchange teacher from Greece working at Socrates Academy in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Karavokyri incorporated Aesop Fables, such as "The Hare and the Tortoise," into her second grade class curriculum. By reading and writing their favorite fables in Greek and English and creating comic strips and posters of the stories, her students learned about ancient Greek mythology. Karavokyri and Socrates Academy will each receive a cash prize of \$250.

International Teacher Exchange Services (ITES) provides opportunities for schools and students in the U.S. to experience firsthand the benefits of having highly qualified international educators teaching in the classroom. For more information visit www.itesonline.com



Franklin Graham

CIC Spotlight: Gail VanDerVeer

Michelle McNulty

Gail VanDerVeer, a 20-year resident of Charlotte, NC, became a member of Charlotte International Cabinet two years ago. Raised in Chicago, IL, VanDerVeer is no stranger to international relations.



Mrs. VanDerVeer with her

One of her fondest memories of growing up is being able to help her father sell gourmet foods to the many international grocers throughout the city. Growing up in such an internationally diverse community is an immense reason for becoming involved with the Charlotte International Cabinet.

After obtaining her undergraduate degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan VanDerVeer taught English and German to high school students. She also had the opportunity to travel to Germany a few times. Once, in undergrad she studied in Berlin for a short period of time. On a Fulbright Grant, she studied in Freiburg in Breisgau and also in Hamburg. In May 2010, VanDerVeer will attain a Masters Degree in Theological Studies from Queens College.

When VanDerVeer is away from CIC she can be found throughout Charlotte playing 2nd violin for Queens Community Orchestra, serving as Vice President for Charlotte Mecklenburg Republican Women, or working out at the YMCA.

Jewly Phoutinan

Asheville native Franklin Graham recently returned from China where he preached to a crowd of 10,000 at the Bethel Church of Baoding.

Baoding, a Sister City of Charlotte, is filled with rich culture dating back past the 13th century.

Preceding his trip to China, Franklin Graham visited North Korea for three days to visit various high ranking government officials as well as his relief organization,

Samaritan's Purse.

Graham is the President and CEO of Samaritan's Purse, winner of the Vinroot Award from MICA 2007.

This will be Graham's third time preaching to the Chinese people since his last excursion this past May where he visited the largest church in mainland China with a recorded attendance of 12,000 people.

The purpose of Graham's visit was to show his support at the dedication



Franklin Graham at the dedication ceremony meeting various Chinese pastors

ceremony of Bethel Church's brand new six-story Lay Training Center.

"The training center is meant to train and teach the young men and women of China about the love of God so that they too may go throughout China as preachers

spreading the Gospel," says Graham.

His connection with the Chinese people is not only through the desire to spread the word of God, but through the

history of his mother.

Graham's maternal grandparents had served for 25 years in China in the medical field and thus their daughter, Franklin's mother, was born in China in the year 1920.

Franklin Graham hopes that one day, his students will be able to spread the words of God throughout all of China and Asia.

Limoges Basketball

Samantha Jo Edwards

The Charlotte International Cabinet is proud to be supporting the Charlotte Cougars' 2010 trip to Charlotte Sister City, Limoges, France.

The Charlotte Cougars have been invited to attend the Limoges Partner Cities Basketball Tournament in April.

The student athletes will be playing against basketball teams coming from Limoges sister cities traveling from all over the world.

Recommended by peers and teachers, 22 high school students have

been selected, from 12 various local schools including, Charlotte Catholic, Butler, Audrey Hall, Independence, Myers Park and many others, to

participate in the tournament.

Six coaches from schools like East Mecklenburg,, Charlotte Christian Academy and Independence, will be accompanying the students on their travel to France and will be coaching the athletes during the tournament.

If you would like to support the team please call the CIC office or visit www.cscbhoops.com.



Obama Praises Sister Cities



Courtney D. Williams

President Obama traveled in November to Shanghai, China, where he stressed the important impact of United States sister city relationships throughout the world.

At his November 16th town hall meeting with Shanghai college students, Mr. President praised the partnership between Shanghai and his home town of Chicago. He further shared his support of such "wonderful" exchanges between cities.

Sister Cities International remains the only U.S.-based organization committed to creating and flourishing long-term city-to-city relationships between U.S. and communities abroad. Founded by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 at a White House summit, Sister Cities International serves as a leader in

interpersonal exchanges with a network exceeding 650 U.S. cities with more than 2,000 sister city relationships in 135 countries on six continents. Sister Cities International maintains 202 affiliations between U.S and Chinese cities, including Charlotte's relationship with the city of Baoding.

"For more than 53 years, sister cities have worked to bridge cultural divides and advance mutual understanding between communities," said Patrick Madden, President & CEO, Sister Cities International. "President Obama comments at his town hall meeting in Shanghai, China reinforces the importance and impact of Sister Cities International's network."

Sister Cities International promotes peace through mutual

respect, understanding and cooperation by focusing exchanges and public programs on sustainable and economic development, youth and education, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance. More information about Sister Cities International can be found at www.sister-cities.org.



President Obama meets with some of his Shanghai audience

Haunted Wroclaw

Courtney D. Williams

A country once coveted at a military battleground, a war-torn crossroads between east and west Europe, Poland now offers a chilling history of chilling ghost lore.

Wroclaw, Poland's premiere ghost town, boasts cobblestone alleyways, centuries-old architecture, and one particular Jewish cemetery, all riddled with the essence of forgotten souls and urban legend. The Hansel and Gretel building near the Rynek, Wroclaw's main square, houses perhaps the city's most infamous ghost story.

The two, skinny, tenement homes are linked by a single archway engraved with Latin script reading "death is the gate to life." According to legend, the Hansel and Gretel house once provided the setting for gruesome murder. Possessed by a demonic dwarf residing in the nearby St. Elizabeth's

church, an adolescent tenant of the home butchered his grandmother in a devilish scene. Many insist hearing the elderly woman's screams to this day.



A family monument in Wroclaw's Jewish cemetery

The House Under the Golden Dog, now a popular restaurant in the Rynek, once was the residence Frederick the Great. While penning a letter one evening, Frederick claimed a phantom force seized the quill

from his fist and forcefully threw him to the floor. Modern visitors report hearing mysterious sounds coming from the cellars.

The city's Jewish cemetery, an overgrown reminder of attempted cultural extermination only sixty-some years ago, exudes an ominous aura. The cemetery closed in 1943, making way as grounds for wartime activity. Just as bullet traces remain etched in the monument, the souls of tortured Jews and fallen soldiers still walk the soggy cemetery grounds.

Wroclaw is commonly described as a student city, filled with college undergraduates and energetic club-goers. Perhaps this is because the city's older residents are not so easily seen.

Wroclaw Art

Courtney D. Williams

Local art students recently expanded their cultural knowledge through a thriving sister city relationship.

From October 12 through November 16, UNCC's College of Arts and Architecture hosted an ambitious exhibit from the Academy of Art and Design in Wroclaw, Poland. The artwork, displayed in the campus' Rowe Arts Gallery, featured more than sixty works from twelve master printmaking faculty members. The techniques presented included copper plating, lithography, mezzotint, dry point, aquatint, etchings, linocut, silkscreen, woodcut, stencil, and contemporary digital prints.

The University of North Carolina-Charlotte served as one stop among a three-city tour of

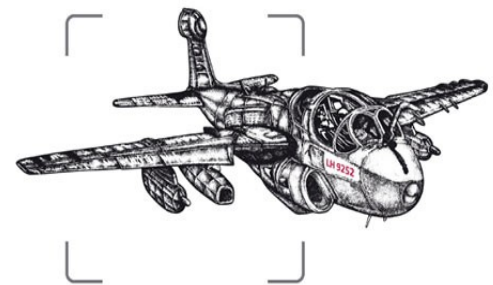
the United States, following an exhibition in Knoxville, Tennessee, before continuing to Chicago, Illinois. A full color, eighty-page catalog of the display and related works accompanied the free-of-cost exhibit.

The Academy of Art and Design in Wroclaw, a higher education institute established in 1946, currently strives to build the school's international relations.

Joint exhibitions and workshops supplement exchanges of students and tutors between more than forty international partners within the Eu Erasmus Programme and other bi-lateral, non-European

agreements within the United States, Japan, Israel, Canada, and Korea.

The administration hopes that their efforts will broaden the school's didactic and artistic offerings, benefitting the Academy, the City of Wroclaw, and future international relations.



Khaled Hafez

Courtney D. Williams

Egyptian artist Khaled Hafez mixes multicultural life experience, painting, video, and photographic art to cross social boundaries.

The McColl Center for Visual Art recently featured Mr. Hafez as a temporary Artist in Residence from September 8 through November 23, 2009. In addition to his art exhibition, Mr. Hafez also graced the Contemporaries of the McColl Center, the World Affairs Council of Charlotte's Magellan Society, and



members of the Charlotte community with an evening discussion of his artwork as it explores various worldly issues.

Mr. Hafez devotes his talents to investigating the recurring dichotomies within and connecting the popular and social cultures of the world. He focuses on his native Egypt, France where he resided for several years, and the United States for its ultimate capitalistic society and "locus of political power." Through a variety of artistic mediums, Hafez attempts to merge understanding and comprehension of specific

binary topics and the overlapping similarities between them: East/West, sacred/commercial, old/new, good/evil, animal/human, male/female, and static/kinetic. His work depicts these dichotomies' influence on the perpetuation of the mass media's tendency to "create emotions of love and hate, notions of collective memory, and visions of the future." Through visual forms, figures, and objects, Hafez illustrates how the international system of commodities creates cultural similarities and differences, as well as universal attachments to social history and identities.

Hafez refined his natural talents through the Cairo School of Fine Arts and has since exhibited his work internationally while striving to master his craft and share his artistic message. His skills earned him a coveted Fulbright Fellowship in 2005.



Orchestra Trip to Limoges

Alexis Gordon

A blend of traditional music united students from six cities for one marvelous concert. Every two years our sister city of Limoges, France invites young musicians from all of its sister cities to take part in a free public concert.

Avery McGuirt (violin), Hannah Hoyt (violin), Jared Olinick (violin), Treva Olinick (Chaperone), Katherine Turner (viola), and Hayley Drennon (viola) traveled to France with CIC Program Director Alexis Gordon.

All of the student musicians are members of the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra. This was most of the groups first trip



Drennon, Turner & McGuirt wait for the rest of the group by the Porcelain fountain in front of Limoges City Hall

abroad and everyone was very excited about the chance to perform with other students from across the world.

The concert is organized by the Conservatory of Performing Arts and the International Relations Department of Limoges. The



The students prepare for their concert at Limoges' Opera Theater

performance piece, "Poème des Cités Unies," was written and directed by Alain Voirpy as a compellation of music from the different countries

participating in the concert. The music was

accompanied by *title*, a stream of consciousness poem written by Vincent Schaer. Schaer is a psychologist and his poem reflected the feelings evoked by the music.

The piece representing Charlotte, "La Montagne Noire" was a blend of civil war songs and Appalachian folk music.

When the students were not rehearsing or performing they got to tour Limoges. The group visited the Bernardaud porcelain factory, a old fashioned paper mill, the House of Enamel and many of the historic sites in Limoges.

Other cities participating where Pilsen, Czech Republic; Fürth, Germany; Seto, Japan; and Grodno, Belarus.

Changing Places, Changing Tunes

Courtney D. Williams

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Levine Museum of the New South, and Mint Museum of Art partnered this fall to present "Changing Places, Changing Tunes."

The program's title and instrumental arrangements borrowed inspiration from the Levine Museum's current exhibit "Changing Places: From Black and White to Technicolor," which studies the growing number of newcomers to the Charlotte metropolitan area and their impact on the larger surrounding region. The Mint Museum of Art's exhibition of Lois Mailou Jones' work "A Life in Vibrant Color" provides a visual film component to the musical interpretation of

both exhibits.

"Changing Places, Changing Tunes" serves as the second annual installment of the *Charlotte Symphony Orchestra On Campus* series, traveling to six campus locations including the University of North Carolina Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, Queens University of Charlotte, Davidson College, Johnson C. Smith, and Winthrop University. The series offers four advanced multi-media

orchestral performances, smaller chamber concerts, accompanying lectures, discussions, and demonstrations exploring the effects of migration and immigration on music and artistic

expression in general.

The CSO and partnering institutes hope the event "encourages collaboration among students and professionals and provides students with hands-on learning in the arts."

The Friends of Music at Queens University of Charlotte will host the final "Changing Places, Changing Tunes" performance on February 6, 2010. In addition to the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the culminating evening features the Queens University of Charlotte Chamber Singers performing pieces inspired by the life and artwork of Lois Mailou Jones.



Immigrant Power in the Tarheel State

Tyler Finnie

Did you know that immigrants within North Carolina have been playing an increasingly important role within the state over the past ten years?

With seven percent of the North Carolina's overall population being immigrants, their impact on the

economy and political system cannot be

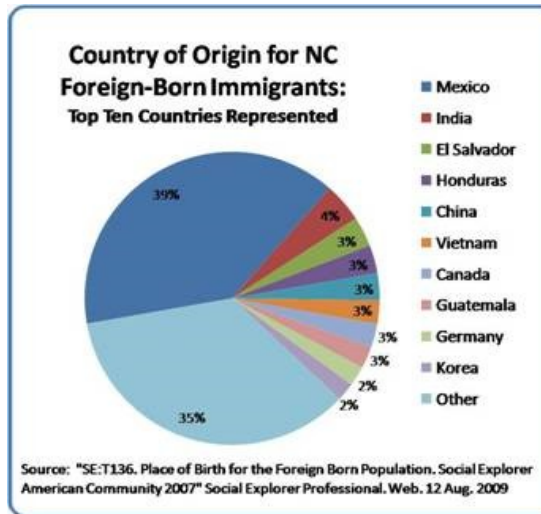
over looked. Nine percent of overall immigrants within the state are either Latino or Asian. These immigrants make up nine percent of the

total workforce in North Carolina, with an estimated \$17.8 billion in purchasing power. In return, this

created 22,738 companies with an employee base of around 44,374 individuals.

With the growing debate over immigrant reform, it is important to look at the economic impacts of the unauthorized immigrants. Five percent on North Carolina's workforce in 2008 were unauthorized immigrants. The effects of removing this workforce from the state would have negative impacts on the state's economy and governmental operations. North Carolina would result in a total loss of \$14.5 billion in expenditures, \$6.4 billion in economic output, and approximately 101,414 jobs.

With the current state of the economy, it is important that the state does not alienate its immigrant population which plays such an important role within its labor force, tax base, and business community.



monetary inflow into North Carolina's economy helped create 89,600 jobs around the state. Latino and Asian immigrant owned companies have also helped

Did You Know?

In Israel, the common greeting is "Shalom," which means "peace." And do not be offended by the common practice of *doogri*—direct bluntness and lack of formality and euphemism.

Russians love and make a fuss over children. Sharing a picture of your own family is a great way to break the ice. Russian hospitality is "legendary." They will take great care to entertain visitors in style, even if it requires making financial sacrifices. And be warned that the consumption of vodka is inevitable.

For more tips on appropriate international behavior, try reading Michael Powell's *Behave Yourself: The Essential Guide to International Etiquette*, or Terri Morrison and Wayne Conaway's *Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands*.

Airport Security

Courtney D. Williams

In this ultra-security conscious, post-9/11 era, how does one feasibly smuggle an explosive onto an airplane? Apparently in their pants.

TSA and government security officials from three separate continents struggle to learn how a 23-year-old Nigerian man successfully boarded a Christmas day flight from Amsterdam to the United States with a harmful explosive device tucked neatly in his pants. The man, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, was hospitalized for burn treatments

following failed attempts to ignite the explosive while on board. Observant passengers on the flight to Detroit foiled the terrorist's plans. The FBI charged Abdulmutallab with attempting to blow up the plane.

This incident, in turn, means an increase in even more tedious airport security measures. TSA responded to the security breach by instituting new international security measures going into effect January 3, 2010. According to a press release document, "TSA is mandating that every individual flying into the U.S. from anywhere in the world who holds a passport issued by or is traveling from or through nations that are state

sponsors of terrorism or other countries of interest will be required to go through enhanced screening. TSA directed the increase use of enhanced screening technologies and mandates threat-based and random screening for majority passengers on U.S. bound international flights."

Security screenings for traditional passengers flying from the United States remain the same until further notice.



Carolina International School

Courtney D. Williams

As Charlotte's international community continues to flourish, so does the area's opportunities for international education.

The Carolina International School opened in 2004 just outside of Charlotte, in Cabarrus County. The mission of the tuition-free, K-10 institution strives to "nurture students' natural curiosity and joy of learning while they achieve academic excellence through a challenging, interdisciplinary, international curriculum."

The innovative school's specialized programs promote project-oriented and inquiry-based instruction, international emphasis and interaction with Charlotte's eight sister cities throughout the world, while also providing environmental studies on their own 36-acre forest and wetlands site and opportunities for each student to learn

individually. Character education instills essential core values such as respect, responsibility, solutions, and service. The administration also recognizes the growing prominence of Chinese and Spanish-speaking countries in our global community and responds by incorporating the two languages into every students' curriculum.



Charlotte Eagles soccer player and former NCAA All-American from Ghana, Ismael Minta, shared a soccer demonstration and stories about his home.

The Carolina International School utilizes resources beyond traditional text books to further global understanding, hosting visitors and guest speakers from various countries including Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Cameroon, Columbia, Ghana, India, Laos, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Montenegro, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, and Uganda.

As the city of Charlotte grows increasingly multicultural, and the world nurtures international interdependency, the need for students to broaden their cultural awareness perpetually deepens. Carolina International School provides young minds with positive stepping stones for enhanced worldly understanding and acceptance.

Global Learning

Pablo Carvajal

Providence Day School celebrated Global Day event on October 3, 2009.

The festivities supplement Providence Day's Global Studies program, which continues enjoying extensive success within the private school system.

Students and community members engaged in a variety of activities focusing on global issues and international cultures. Guests experienced the program's seven intriguing international regional tents including, a variety of international foods, games, cultural arts performances and sports. The event, which promoted the motto "excite, educate, and empower", hosted as many as 600 Charlotte community

members.

Loren Fauchier, Global Studies program director, believes that through this event and the Global Studies program at Providence Day, "students learn to appreciate and value differences among people locally and globally."

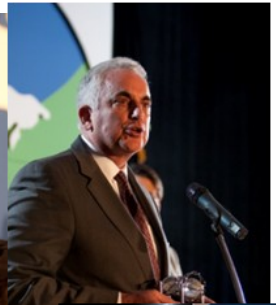
Providence Day School itself boasts strong international diversity comprised of students, faculty, and staff hailing from over thirty different



countries. Furthermore, the Global Studies program focuses on expanding the knowledge, skills, and attitudes in students to understand the nature of global

interdependence and to think globally. If desired, Providence Day students may study to receive a concentrated degree in global studies and can even travel abroad through the support of the program.

Global Day promises to be an exciting event each year, not only for students but the whole community.



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May 10, 2010

at the Westin in Uptown

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Mothering Across Continents

Michelle T. McNulty

Mothering Across Continents (MAC) is a small organization with a big heart. Founded in 2007, their mission is to adopt dreams and raise tomorrow's leaders.

Two women, Patricia Schafer and Dr. Lyndall Hare founded the organization with the idea of helping children in South Africa impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic that paralyzes their community. An estimated 15 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS. However, many orphaned children do not live in traditional orphanages; they remain in their villages raising their siblings after their parent's die of AIDS.

MAC works night and day supporting these orphans by helping them stay in school and

learn income earning skills.



Mothering Across Continents makes sure that shelter, food, health care and counseling to cope with the trauma of losing one or both parents are provided to these unfortunate children.

One of the projects MAC participates in is the "I CAN" campaign, where people are asked to donate quarters to fill up a can of \$150. For just \$150, an orphan in South Africa will be able to have

enough school supplies and a uniform for an entire year.

Mothering Across Continents is always interested in speaking to groups about activities. It is possible to show the documentary film, "Angels in the Dust," or hear directly from one of the Sudan's Lost Boys who wound up settling in Charlotte and now is actively working to build schools in his home village. For more information please call (704) 607-0098, or e-mail info@motheringacrosscontinents.org

"If everyone helps to hold up the sky, then one person does not become tired."

-African proverb

Friendship Force International

Courtney D. Williams

By finding common interests in cultural diversity, one organization challenges us to change the way we see the world.

Friendship Force International is a non-profit organization fighting to "create an environment where personal friendships can be established across international barriers that separate people." Currently serving 350 cities in

more than sixty countries, the Friendship Force focuses on foreign exchange and home hosting programs. The emersion into the home life of a completely foreign culture fosters a unique interpersonal connection. Participants learn from each other to discover a fresh view of the world.

The Charlotte Friendship Force nourishes relations with Brazil and anticipates an exchange

trip to Indonesia and the hosting of residents from Columbia and Bavaria, Germany in 2010. Acknowledged for their advances towards world peace through cultural cooperation, Friendship Force International is a current consideration for the coveted Nobel Peace Prize.

To apply for membership or to host an exchange traveler, please visit www.friendshipforcecharlotte.com





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Upcoming International Events in Charlotte

“Love Notes”

Love Notes is a passionate evening starring international performing artists Olivia Gorra, Luis Ledesma, and Israel Lozano in a program of grand opera and Zarzuel (Spanish folk opera). It will be held at Knight Theater at the Wachovia Cultural Campus

Love Notes is an excellent introduction to opera for those who normally do not attend classical music events, and a great introduction Zarzuela. Recognized throughout Spain and Latin America, the rich tradition of Zarzuela will bring new friends to the theater, and valuable support to these two wonderful organizations: The Hispanic Scholarship Fund and Opera Carolina in their effort to establish a scholarship program for Charlotte area Latino students in the performing arts. **Feb. 20**

CPCC to host “Dances of India”

Internationally acclaimed performer and choreographer Dr. Maha Gingrich is pleased to present “Dances of India.” Dr. Gingrich, assistant chief information officer at CPCC, with more than 40 dancers will perform a series of dances designed to promote unity and celebrate the diversity and festivals of India through their steps and movements.

In its 9th year at CPCC, “Dances of India” includes numerous distinct dance styles performed to live music. During the performance, Dr. Gingrich will showcase the 2000-year-old traditional Indian classical dances from South and North regions of India, namely Bharatha Natyam, Kuchipudi and Kathak, along with folk dances of India. **Apr. 24**

2010 CHARLOTTE DRAGON BOAT/ASIAN FESTIVAL

The 2010 Charlotte Dragon Boat/Asian Festival is nearing. The Carolinas Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (CAACC) will be joined by the Mecklenburg Park and Recreation Department as co-organizers to introduce Asian culture and traditions to the greater Charlotte community.

Dragon Boat race will be joined in conjunction with the colorful Asian Festival where visitors will be entertained by and treated with a wide variety of traditional Asian offerings in food, stage performances, cultural exhibits and merchandise for a fun filled day to all. Enjoy a most colorful display of young talents in the Miss Asian Festival Scholarship competition. Admission is free. Satellite parking areas will be posted for all visitors, with shuttle bus services to the park. **May 16**



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