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WOODSTOCK UNION HIGH SCHOOL NAMED 2011 GLOBAL CLASSROOM AWARD WINNER

Commitment to study abroad opportunities brings national prize to local school

April 19, 2011, Woodstock, Vermont – The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) honored Woodstock Union High School this month by naming it a Global Classroom Award winner. The Global Classroom Award recognizes schools that incorporate international issues and global awareness into the school and larger community.

The cultural and student exchange programs at Woodstock Union High School were top-rated among schools nominated nationwide. The faculty and students of Woodstock Union High School demonstrate dedication to raising global consciousness and an enthusiasm for welcoming foreign exchange students into their student body.

Woodstock Union High School hosts students every year from around the world. Woodstock Union also promotes American students studying abroad through the East-West Center in Cambodia, School for International Training in Italy, and Oxbridge Academic Program in England. For the past seven years, teachers, students, and community members have traveled to Peru to volunteer. This program has generated money to build two medical facilities, two school buildings, and fresh water wells. The faculty also takes an active role in exchanges by participating with Fulbright to places such as Japan, Greece, and Cyprus. Woodstock Union High School brings cultural experiences to their school as well. This year the school will host the Cuban music group, Septito Tipico.

Christopher Cate, Director of Counseling Services, comments “We strive to open all avenues to allow our students to experience cultures from around the world.”

“CSIET is takes great pride in recognizing Woodstock Union High School with the 2011 Global Classroom Award,” said Chris Page, Executive Director of CSIET. “Woodstock Union’s commitment to international programs is apparent. Opening one’s doors to international educational travel, both inbound and outbound, is a measure of a school committed to broadening its curriculum and engaging in an increasingly global community.”

As a Global Classroom Award winner, Woodstock Union High School will receive a \$500 scholarship for its students to study abroad, or equivalent funds to put towards global awareness projects in the school community. In addition, a representative from the school has been invited to Seattle, Washington and will receive complimentary registration, accommodation and airfare to take part in the 2011 National School Conference on International Youth where he/she will accept the award. The other CSIET Global Classroom Award winner this year is Palmer Trinity School in Miami, Florida.

About the Council on Standards for International Educations Travel

CSIET is a private not-for-profit organization whose mission is to identify reputable international youth exchange programs, to provide leadership and support to the exchange and educational communities so that youth are provided with meaningful and safe international exchange experiences, and to promote the importance and educational value of international youth exchange. CSIET has been promoting international youth exchanges since 1984. For more information, visit www.csiet.org.

2011 National School Conference on International Youth Exchange - [click here](#)

This conference – October 28-29, 2011 in Seattle, Washington – will provide a unique opportunity for school leaders, educators and administrators to meet and network with school colleagues and leaders of various youth exchange programs. CSIET is very pleased to announce that the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Global Washington, iEARN, and One World Now are partnering with CSIET for the conference.

About Woodstock Union High School

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