

INTERNATIONAL PLACE STRATEGIC PLAN

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PREAMBLE

The peoples and nations of the world are increasingly interdependent. An education for the future will be an international education -- one which helps develop a global perspective and multicultural competence. The presence of students, scholars, and faculty from around the world helps create a sense of world community and enriches the education for all students, faculty, administrators, and the community beyond

VISION

International Place seeks to help increase international and multicultural understanding and friendship and a sense of world community at The Claremont Colleges and surrounding communities.

MISSION

To provide specific services for international students and scholars at The Claremont Colleges, to facilitate their successful adjustment to the academic and social environment, and to provide accurate and relevant information and assistance throughout their course of study.

To offer programs and activities which increase international and multicultural knowledge and understanding at The Claremont Colleges and surrounding communities.

To provide professional services and information for administrators, faculty, and students in line with institutional, federal, and national professional principles and regulations governing international education.

STRATEGIC GOALS/OBJECTIVES

Strategic Goal 1 – Programs and services for international students & scholars, language residents, international faculty)

Provide specific programs and services for international students and scholars at The Claremont Colleges to facilitate their successful adjustment to the academic and social environment

Objective 1.1: Provide accurate information and advice and the highest quality of assistance and orientation for new international students:

- Pre-arrival communication brochures and information relevant to international students.
- Mail and e-mail to answer questions and to arrange services such as airport pick-up and homestays with community hosts.
- New International Student Orientation for graduate and undergraduate students – initial and follow-up
- Ongoing help with cultural adaptation
- Referral and information center for all college and community resources
- Specific assistance with such issues as finding housing, telephone, social security cards, automobiles, health and legal issues, federal and state tax requirement, etc.
- Accurate information concerning compliance with immigration regulations
- Network of relationships that provide support throughout a student’s stay at The Claremont Colleges and physical “home away from home” in the atmosphere of the I-Place Lounge.

Objective 1.2: Provide ongoing assistance and programs to assist students and scholars achieve their personal, academic, and career goals:

- Increase staff contacts with individual students -- "Let no international student be left behind!"
- Collaboration with faculty, writing centers, and deans of students to increase retention of international students to successful completion of program.
- Collaboration with career centers, counseling, and health centers and organizations throughout the consortium to meet the unique needs of international students.

Objective 1.3: Develop high quality workshops to provide information and assistance for students and scholars in the following areas:

- Compliance with the federal regulations governing stay in the United States
- Career choices and working in the United States

- Re-entry to the culture and work opportunities in their own countries

Objective 1:4: Increase use of International Place as a resource for visiting scholars and faculty

Strategic Goal 2: Institutional Resource on International Education

Provide information and leadership throughout the consortium regarding federal regulations governing international students, national principles and guidelines for institutions which enroll international students, and other issues in international education.

Objective 2.1: Provide opportunities for professional development for those involved in advising international students and institutional compliance with federal regulations.

Objective 2.2: Participate and offer leadership in professional organizations (e.g.NAFSA) and efforts that affect international educational policy

Objective 2.3: Provide leadership and/or assist efforts to internationalize the campus and increase global and diversity awareness

Objective 2.4: Strengthen relationship with Offices of Student Services at all of the colleges and become a more active resource for all colleges departments

Strategic Goal 3; International, Multicultural Programs

Develop quality programs that increase global awareness and understanding at the Claremont Colleges and surrounding communities.

Objective 3.1: Provide a forum for co-curricular education on global issues – utilizing the experience and perspective of international students at the Claremont College: Thursday Lunch & Conversation programs, evening discussion groups, etc.

Objective 3.2: Work with student organizations to develop programs and activities that further international and multicultural understanding and develop global competence and leadership skills for a future work in international and multicultural organizations. E.g. The International Festival, fall banquet, other social and cultural programs

Objective 3.3: Collaborate with faculty, institutes, and departments throughout the colleges to bring international perspective through educational programs to international and US students, faculty, college staff, and the community beyond.

Objective 3.4: Collaborate with study abroad offices to increase multicultural competence

Strategic Goal 4: Financial Support and Facility

Develop intercollegiate and external financial support which will enable adequate staffing, salaries, and facilities to realize mission and goals.

Objective 4.1: Evaluate staff salaries in light of job descriptions and comparable positions within the colleges and at peer institutions

Objective 4.2: Work toward a realistic budget for programs and services

Objective 4.3: Develop a budget procedure that is consistent and clear to all parties.

Objective 4.4: Evaluate future needs for the physical plant.

Objective 4.5: Work with development offices and other sources to seek funding to ensure that future facility, programming, and facility needs can be met.

Strategic Goal 5; Alumni

Develop alumni networks for mutual benefit of international alumni, current international students, the college, and International Place.

Objective 5.1 Provide opportunities for current and former international students to network for professional and personal enrichment.

Objective 5.2 Provide opportunities for alumni to continue their relationship with International Place and with the colleges.

Strategic Goal 6: Recruitment and Admission

Assist offices of admission in their recruitment of international students

Objective 6.1 Develop effective materials to describe the valuable programs and services of International Place

Objective 6.2 Communicate the values of I-Place in a timely manner to enhance yield

Strategic Goal 7: Relationship with Community

Objective 7.1: Continue to build on the strong relationship with **Community Friends of International Students** --

Utilizing members talents, leadership, and resources for the enrichment of the international student experience and enhancement of the mission of International Place

Objective 7.2: Continue and enhance relationships with other organizations throughout the community

Objective 7.3: Seek opportunities for International Place and the experience and knowledge of international students and scholars to be utilized as a resource for public schools and community educational efforts.

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