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REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES WHILE ABROAD: YOU AS THE AMBASSADOR

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Today’s Agenda

NAFSA’s Commitment

Preparing “ambassadors”

Resources and Best Practices

Open Forum
NAFSA’s Commitment
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Aspire to enlightened international relations, a globally engaged citizenry, and a more peaceful world.

Advocate for public policies that lead to a more globally engaged and welcoming United States.

Ensure every U.S. college student benefits from global learning.

Create a participatory democracy for all Americans.
Preparing ambassadors

Safety strategies

Cultural Competence

Academic

Ambassador
Cultural Competence

- Become aware of one’s own identity and values
- Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral components
- Not a checklist
Academic

- Resources for better understanding location
- Local student or academic culture
- Relationship with US
- Current Events
Safety

- Safety goes beyond physical well-being
- US political environment may impact students differently
- Political climate in host country may impact students differently
Responding to challenging situations

Engage?  Avoid?
Strategies

Supportive and affirming approach
- Recognize the stress
- Self-care

Creative collaboration with partners
- In-country
- On-campus

Communication
- Managing social media
- Check-ins
Resources and Best Practices
NAFSA Resources and Best Practices

E-learning, on demand
- Improve Your Intercultural Training Through Transformative Learning
- Education Abroad Advising and Orientation for the Changing Student
- New series: Developing Proficiency in Intercultural Communication

Workshops at Annual Conference
- Intercultural Communication in Practice
- Enhancing Your Intercultural Skill Set

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Resources and Best Practices
Resources

• @TravelLatina on Instagram
• https://baniamor.com/ - Bani Amor
• http://travelnoire.com/traveling-black
• http://muslimtravelgirl.boardingarea.com/
• http://www.nomadicmatt.com/travel-blogs/gay-travel-different-matters/
Share, Listen, Learn

• What new questions have your students asked about traveling abroad?
• What are some exercises or talking points you have used in preparing study abroad students or other travelers?
• What works well?

Questions will be accepted via the chat box
Connecting our World is a community of individuals raising their voices in support of international education and more globally engaged and welcoming United States. We advocate for policies that foster a more peaceful world, result in a commonsense immigration process, encourage enlightened global engagement, and sustain an informed civic culture through international education.
Advocacy

- Speak out for students, scholars, and policies that matter to you
- Training and strategizing for advocacy
- Visit Capitol Hill for personal meetings with your elected officials and their staff.

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The more we know about each other, the more we learn about each other, the more we engage in our differences that we have between our societies and between our social systems and between our political points of view, the better off we are. The more dialogue we have at every level and especially at the academic level, where opinion makers are located . . . the better off we are.

Colin Powell, November 2004
Thank You!

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