

MINUTES

Attending: Riah Bahur, Benoit Labat, Sarah Spencer, Zaid Ghori, Drew Gephart, Carmenmara; Lyn Vogel-Zuilderweg; Claudia Acosta, Sef Girgis, Norma Vegan; Margaret Hiebert; Andrea Petrai; Micherri Wiggs; Ramior Pinedo; Katie Egan; Maritaza Munzon

Congratulations to Grant and Scholarship Winners

100,000 Strong in the Americas Grant – State Center District. The grant will include exchanges with Mexico

Ideas Grant - Riverside District. The grant will support a Summer 2024 short-term education abroad in Japan with internships following the coursework. Riverside is the only community college in California that won this grant. Courses will initially be in international business and then in subsequent years will be in other discipline-based subjects.

French Embassy Bootcamp: 2022: 51 students accepted of which 60% of students awarded got grants. Recipients from California included **State Center District** that sent 4 students and **Riverside District** that sent 3 students and a staff member.

Lessons Learned from Summer 2022 Programs

- 1) Airport Travel challenges. This includes cancelled flights, luggage that did not arrive. The provider helped with all these challenges
- 2) COVID outbreaks. Some of the colleges have an existing College and Study Abroad Office plans that coincided with the provider's plan for COVID situations. A few colleges did not have a college or education abroad office plan and instead relied on their providers for taking charge.

Special Invited Speakers

Benoit Labat from the French Embassy shared two special programs for community colleges. [https://frenchhighereducation.org/grants-and-programs/7813-transatlantic-](https://frenchhighereducation.org/grants-and-programs/7813-transatlantic-mobility-) mobility-

Sarah Spencer, Founder of the OnPoint Global Strategies and Coaching shared information on a new program with CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchanges). CIEE is looking into developing a 1st year abroad programs teaching Gen Ed, 100 & 200 level courses. CIEE is looking to partner with community colleges to be the school of record.

Future Topics:

- 1) What should be required in future study abroad programs
- 2) How to work with student government to provide funding
- 3) Question of "who is study abroad for"

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 20 at 4:00 pm

All CCIE Members are invited. To get an email invite, please contact Rosalind at rabyrl@aol.com