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IUPUI international perspectives

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I enjoyed the opportunity to share IUPUI's growing international impact in an interview taped this week on Global Indy - the municipal government TV show that examines worldwide connections and influence emanating from Indianapolis.

IUPUI is a critical element of Indianapolis' influence. With our distinct international focus, it is no surprise the new strategic plan prioritizes internationalization of the campus by the year 2020 as one of the ten imperatives outlined in the report, entitled: "*Our Commitment to Indiana and Beyond.*"

We have built many relationships with international schools such as **Sun Yat-sen University in China**, where we offer an undergraduate dual degree program for students to study at IUPUI for their last two years, and **Moi University in Kenya**, a 20-year partnership resulting in HIV/AIDS initiatives that impact 3.5 million people in Western Kenya.

This focus on deep and long relationships led to IUPUI receiving the prestigious **Heiskell Award** for Innovation in International Education (2009) and the Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization (2011).

Since 2003, we've doubled the number of international students studying at IUPUI, from 913 to 1,837 – which accounts for 6% of IUPUI students. Some 146 countries are represented in the IUPUI student body as more than 600 international scholars participate in research, teaching and service.

In the past five years, we've doubled the number of such programs offered to students from 37 (2008-09) to 78 (2013-14). In addition, the number of IUPUI students studying abroad has doubled every 10 years since 1993.

This year IUPUI pledged to join the Institute of International Education (IIE) Generation Study Abroad initiative to increase the number of students participating by 25% over the next five years.

IUPUI joined the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to lead the *Global Cities Initiative Exchange*, a citywide project creating actionable plans to promote global trade, competitiveness and understanding over the next four year.

Our aim is to transform IUPUI and Indianapolis into a global campus and a global city - working together and with the rest of the world. Internationalization is not a concept, it is a destiny.

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