



IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

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Program:

Ten (10) individuals have been selected as 2019 IFYEs or are in the application process. They represent seven (7) different states and come from a variety of backgrounds and fields of study. They are beginning the IFYE orientation process with our schedule of conference calls prior to attending our National IFYE Orientation in Washington, D.C., from June 13 – 17, 2019. They will depart for their host countries on June 17, 2019. Three individuals have chosen the six-month IFYE program and will return on December 5, 2019. All 2019 IFYEs will return to Washington, D.C. on December 5th for the national debriefing. There are several additional individuals who are contemplating the September 14th to December 5th IFYE program. They have yet to submit an IFYE application.

We will also be accepting 12 inbound IFYEs from seven (7) different countries. The inbound IFYEs will join the US IFYEs for the National Orientation. Nine are on the summer three-month program, while three are planning a six-month IFYE experience. Nine states will be hosting these inbound IFYEs.

Our attendance at the April 2019 Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) national conference in Overland Park, Kansas resulted in 36 individuals interested in the IFYE program. Of those, two applied and were selected as 2019 IFYEs. Two other 2019 IFYEs have come from continued contact from previous MANRRS conferences.

IFYE attendance at the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity (AGR) and Sigma Alpha Sorority (SA) Leadership Conference in Indianapolis also resulted in potential future IFYEs, as well as publication of an IFYE application press release in each organization's national e-bulletin. Alpha Gamma Rho will feature IFYE in a series of articles this year. They are currently working on a feature story of an individual who is an AGR and IFYE alumnus.

Presentations by 2018 IFYEs have generated positive exposure of the IFYE program. Several have spoken to university and community-based groups. One such presentation by Hannah Nordby, 2018 ND to Taiwan and Thailand, has resulted in a \$1,000 financial contribution from Farm Credit Services of Mandan (North Dakota) to the National IFYE Program.

Board:

Your Board members and committees continue to work on enhancements that improve our program. A marketing plan was developed and reviewed by the Marketing and Resource Development Committee and then shared for the entire Board of Directors to review and provide comments. Once approved, an implementation timeline will be developed to execute plans. The Program Committee presented a multi-state hosting policy recommendation that was accepted by the Board of Directors. Also, the Board supported a Program Enhancement proposal to formalize partnerships with multiple organizations and universities.

Other Information:

- The [2019 IFYE National Conference](#) registrations are coming in for our annual meeting. More than 80 have already registered. This year's conference is in Lexington, Kentucky. Conference and registration information can be found on our IFYE website. We hope to see you there. Remember the regular

registration fee of \$295 for the IFYE Conference will begin May 2 and end July 4. After July 4, the late registration fee will apply. Think now about submitting your state to host the 2020 IFYE Conference. It's a great opportunity to showcase your state to IFYE alumni.

- [The World Conference Board Report](#) is now available online via the IFYE website. Visit the IFYE website to view the report and enjoy the many photos from the conference.
- IFYE is looking for a [talented part-time administrative assistant](#) with communications, event planning, and database management skills. The job description is posted on the IFYE website in the News and Events section. The opportunity will remain open until the position is filled.

Executive Director:

I was honored in March to be interviewed by RFDTV. [The interview is available](#) on the News and Events section of the IFYE website. One of my goals as Executive Director is to raise awareness of IFYE through various means; this was a good opportunity for IFYE to be showcased during RFDTV's Market Day Report.

The producer I spoke with off the air was interested in the IFYE story; he mentioned he would like to have interviews with IFYE alumni who can tell a good story about their international experience. So, the gauntlet has been cast before us, and I believe you, as IFYE alumni, are up to the challenge.

I am asking that you write a brief one-page article of your IFYE story and send it to me. Think about what you learned, what was most interesting, what did the experience mean to you. What was its impact in your life and community? If selected, the interview will be short; mine only lasted three minutes, but it is something you can do to help raise awareness of IFYE. Not everyone who submits an article will be interviewed by RFDTV, but we have an opportunity to have IFYE in the news broadcast on a near-monthly basis. Please write a brief article and think what might resonate with RFDTV's audience so that we can keep IFYE in the news.

Work continues with fundraising efforts. Outreach and follow up calls continue to foundations and corporations for financial support. If you have contacts within companies you may have worked for or have an acquaintance who works for a major corporation or foundation, then please help by making contact and introducing them to IFYE and asking them if I can contact them to explain more about our current program and the positive impact we have among those who participate in our program.

Finance:

The Finance Committee was busy with our annual audit and tax filing. Both items were completed successfully; all findings by our auditor have been addressed and IFYE's books are in order.

Regular general contributions to IFYE remain a vital component for the success of the exchange program. Please use the attached donation form to make your general financial contribution to IFYE, or visit the IFYE website at <https://ifyeusa.org>, click on "Ways to Give," and follow the instructions to make a one-time or a recurring contribution.

Business Communication: Please direct all IFYE business communication to the IFYE Executive Director, Ken Gordon, at 9340 Warner Rd., Plain City, OH 43064 or email at kgordon@ifyeusa.org.



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Please check the appropriate box(es) for the support you wish to provide to the IFYE Association. Return the form and completed action(s) that you have selected to: **Don DeWerff, 29 Arrowhead Drive, Lyons, KS 67554**

PLEASE COMPLETE:

NAME _____ **EMAIL** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE**__ **ZIP** _____

HOME PHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

I wish to support IFYE in 2019 with the following: \$5,000 \$2,500
 \$1,000 \$750 \$500 \$250 Other Amount \$ _____

- I wish to support IFYE with an annual Membership fee. \$30 for 2019 annual membership**
 - If you are a **life member**, you will always be a life member and do not need to pay the \$30 annual Membership.
 - **ALL life and annual members** have access to the Member area on the website.
 - You can be a member with your \$30 annual membership only, but all contributions (by non-life members) above \$30 membership will count as a general donation.

I wish to become a **Life member** _____ \$1000 paid in one sum _____ \$200 paid over each of the next five years

Enclosed is \$20 for the postal mailing of two IFYE NEWS and eight issues of the IFYE UPDATE published during 2019.

PAYMENT METHOD

I have enclosed my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ payable to **"IFYE Association of the USA"**.

I would like to pay the above amount on a payment schedule. Please contact me. Phone # _____

Please charge my credit card: MC_ Visa __ Discover _____ Amex _____ **AMOUNT \$** _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: __/____ Security Code: _____

SIGNATURE _____

I will pay online at <http://ifyeusa.org>

Please send me (by email) access information to the IFYE website "Paid Membership area".
My email address is: _____

I am unable to financially support IFYE at this time. Please discreetly remove me from the *contact for donation* list.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of IFYE _____ 01/19