**CCI Multinational and CCI Egypt Program for Students: August 1, 2010- July 31, 2011**

**Program Description**

The Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) is an organization that promotes global relationships through education by providing funding to community colleges through a program called the Community Colleges Initiative (CCI). This allows international students from over 30 countries to attend school in the United States for one year.

The CCI program has chosen LSC-CyFair campus, which is the newest addition to the Lone Star College System, to host two students from Egypt, two from South Africa, two from Pakistan, and one from India. The students are enrolled in a one year long business program. This initiative provides a unique experience to international students by arranging for housing, transportation, tuition, and access to variety of activities throughout the year.

During their year of study, students are required to participate in different activities in order to broaden their experience. These activities include participation in a newly created program called the Global Leadership Academy, a 60 hour internship in his or her area of study, and creating a relationship with a mentor family. In combination, these experiences supplement their coursework to teach about American culture and promote global relationships.

**Global Leadership Academy (FDR) programming**The Global Leadership Academy serves as an opportunity for GLA participants to delve into extracurricular experiences, which are central to the American higher education experience.  Educational administrators in the United States have always valued such opportunities which breathe life into the student’s classroom learning. Accompanied by a group of students from the Cy Fair campus, GLA students explore a variety of venues in the college community as a means of learning more about American culture, our institutions and our traditions related to leadership.  Paramount to this experience will be experiential learning activities including volunteerism/service learning, cultural immersion and sensitivity, and community building. Monthly outings include visits to area landmarks, civic buildings, cultural centers, and educational institutions which allow students to meet and get to know a variety of American leaders. As a result of the Global Leadership Academy, students will develop a better sense of their own call to global leadership.

**Internship opportunities**

Students will be provided internship opportunities in various business operations around the campus. This experience will require students to participate in a minimum of 60 hours at an unpaid internship under an Academic or Technical advisor/supervisor. The internship opportunity will provide students with an applied supplemental experience related to his or her field of study.

**Friendship Partners**

The friendship partners for international students in the CCI program are community volunteers working in conjunction with the International Cultural Exchange, a Houston based non-profit group. The friendship partners aim to immerse the students in the American culture. Students work closely with faculty and staff at the college so they can grow and develop academically as well as become accustomed to the college and with the friendship partners to acclimate to life in the Unites States. Friendship partners and mentees maintain contact at least twice per month. This contact occurs through phone/email/personal visit conversations, lunches, attending activities together, and providing students with transportation around the city or to stores in the area. Mentors provide a different support to students, providing an opportunity for a unique look into the life of American culture.