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Bennett's Center for Global Studies Receives \$498,000 Grant

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has approved a grant to Bennett's Center for Global Studies for \$498,000 over three years to support the implementation of President Julianne Malveaux's global studies initiative. The four (4) specific activities that will be implemented are:

1. An International Study Program (ISP) in Salzburg, Austria, on Global Citizenship for 20 Bennett honor students, in collaboration with 20 honor students from King College, an Appalachian college in Bristol, Tennessee;
2. A Maymester Language Immersion Program in a Spanish speaking country;
3. Continuation of the Venezuela Study Abroad Partnership with the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill through the Stone Center for Black Culture and History; and
4. Preparation of Bennett students for international careers through a focused mentoring program



Dr. Gwendolyn Bookman, director of the Center for Global Studies, stated that “providing these four activities will assist Bennett in meeting the President’s goal that fifty percent of the student body has an international experience by 2012. Moreover, they will provide a foundation for our students that will make them more intellectually curious, academically aware and globally astute. Our objective is to offer international experiences that will lead to increased recruitment, student retention and improved graduation rates.”

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