



Dependent & Sponsorship Programs

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Partnerships Through Education



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Alabama Goodwill Ambassador (AGA) Program Orientation

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Overview



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- International Officer School
- Field Studies Program
- Alabama Goodwill Ambassadors
- Assignments/Expectation
- Things to do
- Tips for success
- The “Don’ts”
- IFOP/IDEC/IFLIP/IHR
- Appreciation





International Officer School



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- International Officers are offered seats at AF schools
 - Air War College (year long)
 - Air Command and Staff College (year long)
 - Squadron Officer School (3 months)
- IOS is the preparatory course for the above schools
 - Mission: Building partnerships...
 - One international military student at a time...
 - One international family at a time
 - 7 week course
 - Teaches basics of US life/culture/history (FSP)
 - Prepares for & provides expectations of follow on school



Field Studies Program



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Guest Speakers and Field Trips Enhance Student Knowledge of and Appreciation for US Democratic Values and Institutions



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Alabama Goodwill Ambassadors



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- A community-based sponsorship program
- Began over 50 years ago
- Provides exposure to American ideals & culture
- Establishes life-long friendships & fosters international partnerships
- Mission: To match volunteers from the Greater Montgomery Area to assist international students and their families settle in and adjust to life in the USA





Sponsorship Assignments



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- Each class, IOS emails a Request for Sponsors
 - List of projected countries included
 - Request your top 3 (or more) preferences
- IOS completes matching process
- IOS will provide info on IMS
 - Name
 - Family
 - Contact information
 - Flight/Arrival date/time

All notifications will be through email



Expectations



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- You can be as involved as you want to be
- The minimum:
 - Preparation – prior to arrival
 - food/drink restrictions, important dates/holidays, culture's feelings toward interactions w/ women, current events/news headlines, etc.
 - Meet / Greet the student – **make the first move**
 - Help them feel welcome
 - Assistance w/ settling into area – Critical time for help is during first few weeks
 - Stay engaged / interested (phone calls / e-mail / meetings)
- Make your experience, your experience



Things to do



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Trips, dinner, movies and more





Tips for Success



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- Meet & Greet student at airport
- Be interested in your student, family, and their country
- Provide an “American experience”
 - Be yourself
- Be a friend
- Call IOS if you have any problems or concerns





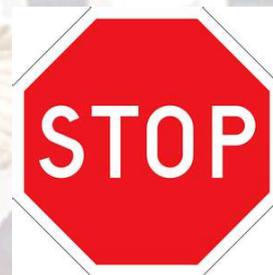
Do's and Do Nots



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- Business/financial relationships
- Romantic relationships
- Fostering dependence
- Provide housing
- Struggle to meet unreasonable demands





Alabama Goodwill Ambassadors



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- Three “flavors” of AGA’s
 - Student sponsors
 - International Family Orientation Program (IFOP)
 - International Dependent’s English Course (IDEC)





International Family Orientation Program (IFOP)



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- Specifically for spouse & children
 - Ease transition / integration into American culture
 - “Survival” skills to relieve stress of living in a foreign land
 - Helps IMS stay focused on studies knowing family can manage while he is at school
- Volunteer run
- IFOP 2016: **20 – 28 June**





International Dependents English Course (IDEC)



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- Focused on the spouse & adult dependents
 - 7 week course, 3 days per week
 - English language instruction
 - Emphasis on daily communication & everyday conversation
- Volunteer run w/IOS course director assistance



International Dependents English Course



Class of 2009



International Family Loan Program



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- Moving to the US can be expensive
- Living in the US is expensive
- IOS manages this program to help IMS in their transition
- Household items to use for the duration of the course
- For a small fee, IMS have access to:
 - Small appliances
 - Cookware
 - Glassware
 - Utensils



International Honor Roll



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- Dedicated in 1988 by SECAF
- Recognize AU Graduates
 - Commanders of their respective AF
- Annual Induction Ceremony
- To Date: 456 Inductees from 94 countries (We invite the AGA back to be part of this ceremony with their student)





Ways we show appreciation



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- Invitations to AU events
 - IOS Directors Reception
 - AWC/ACSC/SOS events
 - AWC graduation
- Gratitude
- AGA Awards Night
- Some AGAs have been invited by their IO to their country





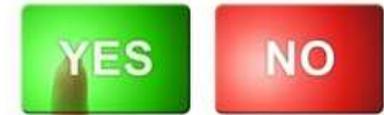
Make our programs better!



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- Give us feedback!
 - What do you like / not like?
 - Is your student involved?
 - Is IOS meeting your needs?



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One International Family at a Time

One International Partner at a Time





Resources



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- CIA World Factbook:
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>
- U.S. State Department:
<http://www.state.gov/countries/>
- International Officer School:
<http://www.au.af.mil/au/spaatz/ios/commanderspage.asp>
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