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Guyanese Students Studying in US Increase 5.7%

Georgetown, November 19, 2010 -- According to *Open Doors 2010*, the annual report on international academic mobility published by the Institute of International Education (IIE) with support from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State, the number of Guyanese students enrolled in U.S. institutions of higher education in 2009/10 increased from 280 to 296, a 5.7% increase compared to the previous year. This represents a slight increase after five years of decline.

This year's *Open Doors* report shows the total number of international students at colleges and universities in the United States increased by 3% to 690,923 during the 2009/10 academic year. This represents a record high number of international students in the United States. This year's growth was primarily driven by a 30% increase in Chinese student enrollment in the United States to a total of nearly 128,000 students, or more than 18% of the total international student population, making China the leading sending country. Students from India increased by 2% to a total of nearly 105,000 and represent 15% of all international students in U.S. higher education.

Open Doors 2010 reports 2009/10 enrollments have been affected by decisions made in a period of economic downturn in the United States and in many countries around the world. The data reveals a complicated picture of international student enrollment in U.S. colleges and universities, with enrollment patterns varying widely according to place of origin and academic level. There were strong increases in the number of students from a few countries, but more than half of the top 25 sending countries showed decreases, resulting in a slower rate of overall growth than had been seen in recent years. Each of the top five host U.S. states, California, New York, Texas, Massachusetts and Illinois, saw increases in the number of international students. According to Allan E. Goodman, President and CEO of the New York-based Institute of International Education, "The United States continues to host more international students than any other country in the world," and "Active engagement between U.S. and international students in American classrooms provides students with valuable skills that will enable them to collaborate across cultures and borders to address shared global challenges in the years ahead." Of the 296 Guyanese studying in the U.S., 144 are pursuing studies at the undergraduate level; 112 are enrolled in graduate programs and 40 in non-degree programs. Nassau Community

College (11.61%) is the top receiving college and New York (35.60%) is the top receiving state for Guyanese studying in the U.S.

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*The **Open Doors** report is published by the Institute of International Education, the leading not-for-profit educational and cultural exchange organization in the United States. IIE has conducted an annual statistical survey of the international students in the United States since 1919, and with support from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs since the early 1970s. The census is based on a survey of approximately 3,000 accredited U.S. institutions. **Open Doors** also reports on surveys on international scholars at U.S. universities; international students enrolled in pre-academic Intensive English Programs; and on U.S. students studying abroad (since 1985). A full press kit and further details on the Open Doors 2009 surveys and their findings can be accessed on www.iie.org/opendoors, and the full 128 page report can be ordered for \$64.95 from IIE Books at www.iiebooks.org.*

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State manages a wide range of academic, professional, and cultural exchanges that include approximately 40,000 participants annually, with the goal of increasing mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. These include, among others, the Fulbright Fellowships, the Gilman Scholarships, and the International Visitor Leadership Program. ECA also manages the EducationUSA network of advising offices (<http://educationusa.state.gov/>) for students around the world who wish to study in the United States. For more information on the Department of State's educational and cultural exchange activities, visit www.exchanges.state.gov.

The EducationUSA Advising Center,

The Advising Center is open Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Student Visa Stats for Guyana 2005-2009

| FY | Students: academic, vocational | | Media, Journalists | Exchange Visitors | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | F-1 | F-2 | | J-1 | J-2 |
| 2005 | 95 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 2 |
| 2006 | 80 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 2 |
| 2007 | 76 | 1 | 8 | 12 | |
| 2008 | 64 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 2 |
| 2009 | 65 | 11 | 9 | 21 | 4 |
| Total | 380 | 23 | 33 | 85 | 10 |

Source: [FY1997-2009 NIV Detail Table \(Excel spreadsheet\)](#)
http://travel.state.gov/visa/statistics/nivstats/nivstats_4582.html