

## **Press Release**

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### **Asheboro High School Students Earn Summer Study Abroad Scholarships**

ASHEBORO – Four students from Asheboro High School will soon step into different cultures around the world, thanks to Global Navigator Scholarships. These awards will go to students to participate in summer study abroad [programs](#) designed and directed by CIEE: the Council on International Educational Exchange, a leader in international education.

Asheboro High School was one of only 90 U.S. high schools chosen to receive the scholarships by donor Sheron Long and CIEE. Awards honor the schools' commitment to developing global citizens and its enthusiasm for world language instruction. "The goal of the Global Navigator Scholarships is to prepare students to navigate across languages, connect with cultures, and develop global competencies for thriving in today's interconnected world," says Ms. Long.

- Asheboro High School will receive scholarships to fund program tuitions for four deserving students. They include: Karla Estrada Perez - Spanish Language Intensive in Alicante, Spain
- Makayla Hunter - Arabic Language & Moroccan Culture in Rabat, Morocco
- Carolina Leon-Valderrama - German Language & Culture in Berlin, Germany
- Noah Young - Italian Language & Culture in Ferrara, Italy

Students may apply for any of CIEE's 57 programs in 27 destinations as diverse as Mexico, China, France, Spain, the Dominican Republic, or Japan. All programs combine cultural immersion and top-notch academics in one of three areas: Language & Culture, Service & Leadership, and Global Discovery.

Language & Culture programs offer instruction in seven different languages: Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, and Arabic. Community projects in environmental issues, community development and children's rights and education are options

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available in the Service & Leadership programs. For Global Discovery programs, students focus on fields such as marine ecology in Bonaire, global entrepreneurship in Ireland, wildlife conservation in Botswana, or digital filmmaking and documentary in Spain.

Scholarship recipients will return home from their summer experiences as Global Navigators with new skills, fresh achievements, and insights into different cultures that will impact them for the rest of their lives.

Donor Sheron Long was formerly CEO of Hampton-Brown, a preK-12 educational publisher of language and literacy materials. As a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, CIEE has been offering quality educational programs to help people succeed in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world since 1947.

**About Asheboro City Schools**

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district's website at <http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/>.

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