

# A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM OF THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL INITIATIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA - CHAPEL HILL

**Carolina Navigators** enriches the education of students across the state by engaging them in learning about other cultures, countries, and global issues. The program provides educators with cultural resources and interactive classroom presentations given by Carolina students with international expertise.

Formerly known as the K-12 International Outreach Program, Carolina Navigators is provided free of charge because its mission is to prepare *all* North Carolina students to become informed and effective members of our global community. Since its inception in 1996, the program has served over 85,000 students in 52 counties across the state.

## INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Our classroom presentations are best suited for individual classes or small groups and can be tailored to meet an educator's specific needs. Presentations can provide a general overview of a country or region, or focus on a specific topic.

### Potential topics include:

- Contemporary and Traditional Cultures
- History, Geography, and Religions
- Health and Development
- Festivals and Holidays
- Music, Crafts, and Languages
- Politics, Current Events, and Foreign Policy
- School and Family Life



## CENTER FOR GLOBAL INITIATIVES

The Center for Global Initiatives is a catalyst for the innovative work of faculty and students at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. It is entrepreneurial and nimble in its approach to fostering initiatives that deepen knowledge and understanding of our complex world. For its work, the Center is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of only nine National Resources Centers for Global Studies.

## CONTACT US

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## STUDENT COMMENTS ON OUR PROGRAM

Thank you very much for taking the time to teach us about Chinese culture and calligraphy. I learned things that I would never have learned in a traditional classroom environment.

*7th grader – Magellan Charter School*

I thought it was awesome to have someone talk from the Middle East out of first-hand experience. I learned stuff I never could have learned from a boring old text book.

*7th grader – Durant Road Middle School*

I really enjoyed touching the objects you showed us, but my favorite part was when we learned to greet each other in three different languages.

*5th grader – Blessed Sacrament Elementary School*

## PRESENTER COMMENTS ON OUR PROGRAM

This has been a wonderful experience! I have improved my speaking skills, expanded students' lives, and get to share my stories and passion for traveling whenever I speak. This program has helped me better understand what I really learned while traveling abroad. It's exciting and a blast!

*Andy Shapiro, – Malawi and Thailand Presenter*

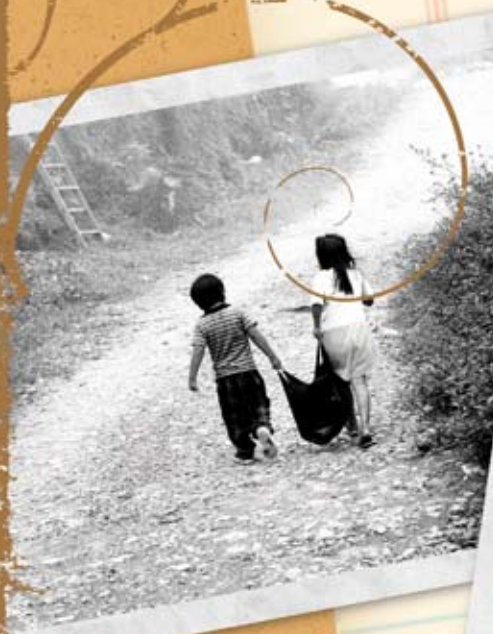
I just love the energy the kids have, and their questions never cease to amaze me...It is a wonderful way for me to keep the memory of Italy strong in my mind.

*Megan Povse – Italy Presenter*

My favorite part is hearing the “oohs” and “ahhs” of the kids each time I show them something cool, or tell them something surprising. You know they're learning something for the first time, and that feels great.

*Kristin Denmark – Spain Presenter*

Matt Craig



Thomas Cluderay

A K-16 SERVICE PROGRAM

# CAROLINA NAVIGATORS

*Global explorations in the local classroom*





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YOUR CLASSROOM** THROUGH OUR  
WEBSITE AT [GI.UNC.EDU/NAVIGATORS](http://GI.UNC.EDU/NAVIGATORS).  
Simply browse our current presentation  
listings, select the presentation of your  
choice, and submit a request form online.

## RESOURCE LIBRARY

The resource library offers videos and “culture kits” that enhance classroom instruction on a variety of international topics across subject areas. Culture kits include items such as clothing, toys, music, currency, and photos that provide a tangible way for children to investigate a culture. Created by Carolina students, each kit contains descriptions of all enclosed items and their significance. Culture kits and videos may be borrowed up to four weeks and are shipped free of charge. Visit our website to browse our collection and to request an item online.



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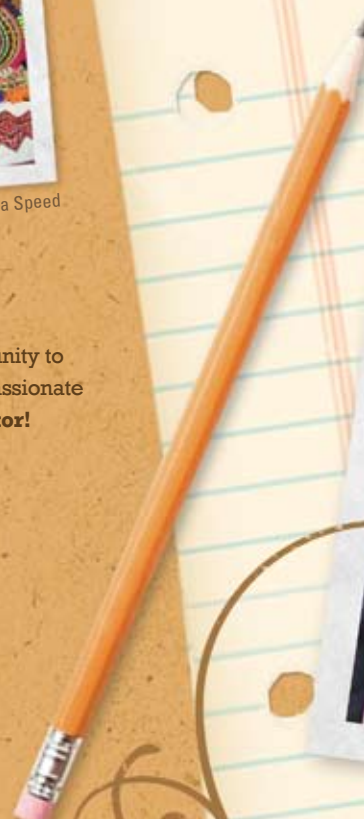
## GET INVOLVED AS A CAROLINA STUDENT

After studying abroad, are you looking for an audience to recount your stories? Do you want an opportunity to dispel stereotypes about your culture and better inform the community about your country? Are you passionate about a global issue and eager to share your knowledge? **Become a Carolina Navigator!**

You will be trained to develop interactive and educational presentations suitable for student audiences and have fun while developing speaking and teaching skills to build your resume. Frequency of school visits is determined by your schedule and by teacher demand for your presentation. You may even be eligible to receive public service credit or payment for your participation. Visit our website to register as a presenter and mark your calendar for our next training session.



Tara Muller





## SERVICE-LEARNING COURSE

Each year, Carolina Navigators offers the course “International Education in K-16 Classrooms” as an APPLIES service-learning course.

Michele Lanham

This course combines guest speakers, discussions, and hands-on workshops to investigate effective methods for teaching international education in K-16 schools. Enrolled students use their international experiences to develop classroom presentations on a culture or global topic of their choice, and the required 30 service hours are spent delivering presentations through the Carolina Navigators program.

## LEADING THE WAY

Carolina Navigators is spearheading efforts to create high quality student-centered presentations and learning resources for international educators. Our training sessions and presenter manual are being used as models by other programs, and to better serve more students across North Carolina, we formed a state-wide network of similar programs with support from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Nationally, we won a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to develop an Evaluation Tool Kit to determine the extent to which K-12 International Outreach Programs achieve their desired outcomes and meet the expectations of teachers, students, presenters, and program administrators. This free toolkit is available online at [gi.unc.edu/k12toolkit](http://gi.unc.edu/k12toolkit).

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