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Villanova University Recognized for Excellence in International Education

Villanova Cited as a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students and Leading U.S. Institution for Students Studying Abroad

VILLANOVA, Pa., November 23, 2010 – For the seventh consecutive year, Villanova University has placed among the top producers of U.S. Fulbright students at the master’s institution level. In a special annual ranking published by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Villanova jumped to the #2 spot this year, up from its #10 placement last year. The prestigious Fulbright program was established in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The highly-competitive Fulbright selection process identifies top-performing students worldwide who demonstrate leadership potential. According to the program, Fulbright grants provide these students with an “opportunity to observe each others' political, economic, and cultural institutions, exchange ideas, and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants.” Within the U.S., the program is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Each year, the IIE also publishes *Open Doors*, a multi-faceted report on international education that includes information on U.S. students studying abroad for academic credit at their home universities. In its best *Open Doors* ranking performance ever, Villanova University placed #2 nationwide this year among master’s institutions in the “Leading Institutions by Total Number of Study Abroad Students” category. The university also earned the #4 spot nationwide among master’s institutions in the “Leading Institutions by Mid-Length Duration of Study Abroad” category.

Learn more about the Fulbright list. <http://chronicle.com/article/Table-Top-Producers-of-US/125073/>

Learn more about *Open Doors*. <http://www.iie.org/en/Research-and-Publications/Open-Doors>

Villanova University was founded by the Order of Saint Augustine in 1842. A premier institution of higher education, Villanova provides a comprehensive education rooted in the liberal arts; a shared commitment to the Augustinian ideals of truth, unity and love; and a community dedicated to service to others. A wide variety of degree programs are offered through the University’s four colleges: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Villanova School of Business, the College of Engineering, and the College of Nursing, as well as the Villanova School of Law. With a total enrollment that surpasses 10,000 undergraduate, graduate, and law students, Villanova is the oldest and largest Catholic university in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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