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### **StudyColorado announces continued growth in international student enrollment at Colorado institutions**

DENVER – Nov. 14, 2016: StudyColorado announced today that international student enrollment continues to climb at Colorado higher education institutions, according to data released by [the Institute of International Education \(IIE\)](#). The five percent increase suggests Colorado is gaining traction among students looking for a high-quality higher education experience abroad.

“We’re pleased that so many students are finding opportunities at our many colleges and universities. Each campus offers a unique experience for international students, whether they choose to study at a rural campus with only a few thousand students or a larger campus in Denver, Boulder or Fort Collins,” said Inta Morris, director of StudyColorado.

During the 2015-2016 school year, Colorado colleges and universities enrolled 11,346 international students—the majority studying at the University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado State University and the University of Denver. Comprising 30 percent of the international student population, China sent the most international students to Colorado, followed by India, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Kuwait. IIE compiled the data from each Colorado Institution as part of their annual [Open Doors Report](#) on International Education Exchange.

Morris attributes the continued growth in part to the collaborative marketing and recruiting efforts of Colorado’s institutions. “Many students specifically choose Colorado schools for their strong academic programs and inviting communities,” she said. “Not only do American students learn from sharing a classroom or a dorm room with someone from another country, they also gain an understanding of the cultural and economic diversity they will face in the global marketplace.”

The report also shows that 5,350 U.S. students from Colorado institutions participated in an exchange program, about the same number as last year.

The announcement falls on the first day of [International Education Week](#) (Nov. 14-18), a celebration of international education sponsored by the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Education. In addition to sharing their culture and experiences with their American classmates, international students contributed more than \$378 million to Colorado institutions and communities in fiscal year 2015-2016.

#### **About StudyColorado**

Housed at the Colorado Department of Higher Education and established in 2012, StudyColorado is an initiative of the State of Colorado, its institutions of higher education and the Colorado business community. StudyColorado’s primary purpose is to support the internationalization goals of its member institutions. The 24 members are all accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) or the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET).