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The Global Education Office (GEO) celebrated International Education Week at Dominican November 10-18 with a series of events, highlighted by the Consular Corps and Global Education Honoree Reception in the Guzman Lecture Hall on Thursday.

The San Francisco Consular Corps VIPs in attendance were from China, India, Italy, Mexico, the Philippines and Vietnam. The event featured the naming of Dr. Françoise Lepage as the recipient of the inaugural Global Achievement Award, honoring a member of the Dominican community who has greatly influenced the internationalization of the campus.

Dominican President Mary Marcy delivered a welcoming address following a performance by international students and [Dominican LINES Ballet BFA in Dance](#) students Joel Walsham from Australia and Gaby Mendez Lopez from Mexico.

Dominican's [GEO](#) currently has 15 students studying overseas on the [Dominican Semester Abroad program](#), including two [Oxford University scholars](#); Daniel Stockman and Brad Johnson.

In addition, Dominican is home to 43 [international students](#) from 18 different countries. The University is hosting eight [exchange students](#) from its partner universities in Bulgaria, Italy, Estonia, Austria, Germany, France and the Netherlands. GEO is also supporting new programs in Thailand, Belize, and Costa Rica.

International Education Week (IEW) is celebrated the third week of November every year at universities in the United States and around the world. IEW is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State and was inaugurated by President Bill Clinton in 2000.

The schedule of IEW activities at Dominican is as follows:

- On Thursday, Nov. 10, Dominican and ELS students representing a variety of cultures and backgrounds tabled on Caleruega Dining Hall Plaza and shared food, drink, music, information and friendship in a "Multi-Cultural & Study Abroad Fair."
- On Wednesday, Nov. 16, a [Global Ambassadors](#) Lunchtime Forum featured presentations by international and exchange students on campus. The event was co-sponsored by [Campus Ministry](#) and focused on the refugee crisis worldwide.
- On Thursday, Nov. 17, globally focused achievements of Dominican students, faculty, and staff were recognized at the Consular Corps and Global Education Honoree Reception in Guzman Lecture Hall. Dr. Fran Lepage was named the recipient of the inaugural award for Achievement for Global Education. The event was co-sponsored by [ELS](#) Language Centers.
- On Friday, November 18, students presented their recent experiences with global learning in the Creekside Room. This included students returning from St. Catherine's College in the UK, the University of Limerick in Ireland, and American College in Greece.

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