# ePortfolios: Creating Intentional Pathways toward Global Learning

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#### What is an ePortfolio?

## Definition

ePortfolios are <u>a personalized</u>
web-based collection of work and
reflections that are used to
demonstrate key <u>skills</u> and
accomplishments.

Adapted from "An Overview of Institutional. E-Portfolios" by George Lorenzo and John Ittelson. Edited by Diana Oblinger. ELI Paper 2: 2005. September 2005. <a href="https://net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/eli3001.pdf">https://net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/eli3001.pdf</a>



#### Who uses ePortfolios?

(over 10 million) of students in the US used eportfolios in at least one course

(2,800,000) of students in the US used eportfolios in 2 courses or more

Data retrieved from the <u>EDUCAUSE 2014 Survey of Undergraduates and Technology</u> by Trent Batson Ph.D., AAEEBL (Association for Active Experiential Evidence Based Learning). AAEEBL is an association of eportfolio professionals.

Appalachian State University Journalism CUNY Auburn University Kapi'olani Community College Baruch CUNY Kingsborough CUNY Bloomsburg University LaGuardia Community College CUNY Borough of Manhattan CUNY Lane Community College Boston University Law CUNY Brandeis University Lehman CUNY Bridgewater College Loyola of Chicago Bronx College CUNY MIT Brooklyn CUNY Macaulay CUNY Brown University Manhattanville College Bryant University Middlesex Community College Cal State University Fresno Molloy College Carleton University, Canada Medgar Evers CUNY Central Piedmont Community College Mercy College Central CUNY Montgomery College Central Michigan University Mount Ida College Centre For Recording Achievement Naropa University City College CUNY Nebraska Wesleyan University Champlain College NYC Coll of Tech CUNY Clemson University **Guttman Community College CUNY** Columbia University Northeastern University College of Saint Elizabeth Northwestern Connecticut Community Dartmouth College College Norwalk Community College Davenport University Deakin University, AU Old Dominion University DePaul University Otterbein University Dominican University Pace University Edith Cowan University, AU Pennsylvania State University Embry-Riddle Pepperdine University Empire State College SUNY Point Loma Nazarene University Emory and Henry College Plymouth State University Everest College Prairie View A&M University Ferrum College **Pratt Institute** Georgetown University Portland State University Graduate Center CUNY Queens CUNY Harvard University Queensborough CUNY Hostos CUNY Queensland University of Technology Hunter University CUNY Radford University Indiana University Purdue University Richard Stockton College

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INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER

#### ePortfolios in International Education

How can ePortfolios contribute to global learning?

How can ePortfolios contribute to Internationalization efforts?



#### ePortfolios in International Education

#### In Global Certificate Programs



Capstone Project

#### In International Courses



Blog

#### In Study Abroad Programs



Journal/ Reflection





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## Eportfolios As Capstone Project

#### Example:

The International Studies
Certificate Program
At Santa Fe College

#### **Global Certificate Programs**



## Part 1: Curricular Requirements

12 credits	Internationalized Coursework
8 credits	Foreign Language

## Part 2: Extracurricular Requirements



#### **Global Certificate Programs**





#### Home of the Restoration Project



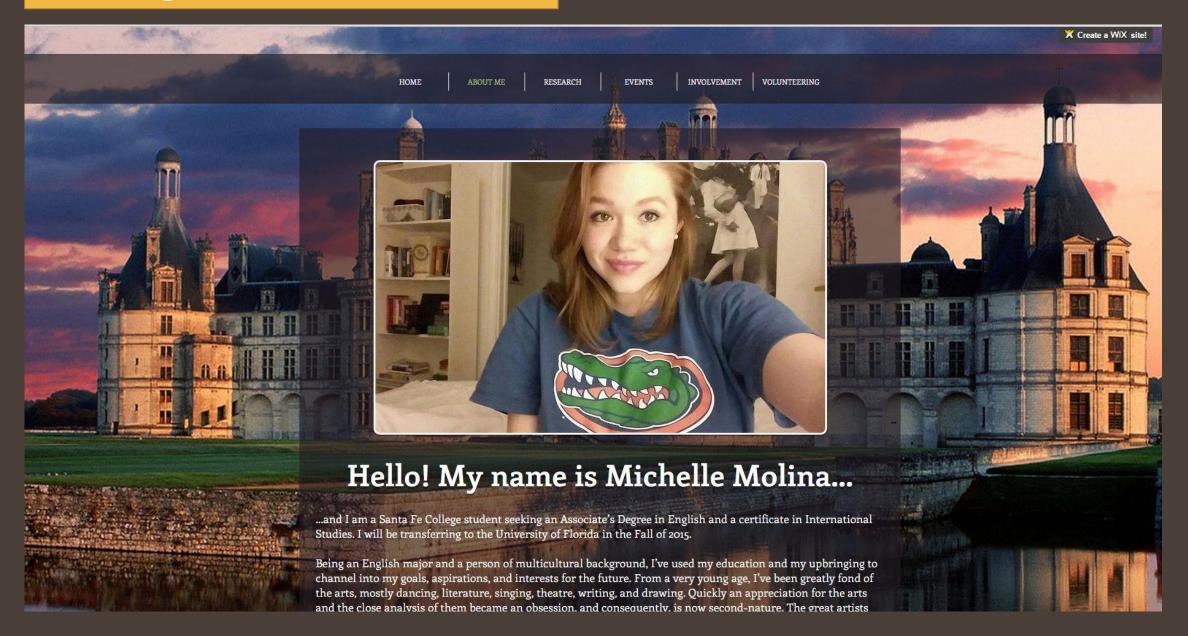
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- Current Projects
- Customs in Jana

#### ePortfolios in International(ized) Courses

- Model: International Certificate's capstone project
- Need for engaging assignments
- The need for a creative medium use critical thinking skills
- Changes in technical communications
  - Need to prepare our students for the digital, global workplace
- New pedagogical approaches:
  - experiential learning
  - metacognitive skills

### HUM 2030: Western Humanities



#### **HUM 2020: Encountering the Humanities**

BLOG

BRIDGE PROJECT

ABOUT

RESUME

#### RESEARCH... REVIEWS... ESSAYS

I'm a nerd. I actually enjoy writing papers for my classes. I have been taking a Renaissance class this semester and I have a few essays, reviews, and little papers from the class I'd like to share. First off, they're actually intellectually pleasing and will (hopefully) help you see a different view of something. Secondly, they're a great example of a good papers to maybe someone get an idea of the format and detail a good document should have. I hope you enjoy.

((Please do not plagarize my work. I really did spend time and effort on these and it would be appreciated if you cite my work properly, It doesn't take that much time, and it makes the world of intellectual property go round.)) -Amanda <3



#### ELIZABETH THE GOLDEN AGE

This is an essay about the movie Elizabeth: The Golden Age in which Queen Elizabeth is both battling the Spanish Armada and her feelings for man she can't have. This movie is based off of actual historical events during the reign of Elizabeth I. I argue that the director is trying to make her out to be a real person unlike the riew we often see of her sitting god-like on a



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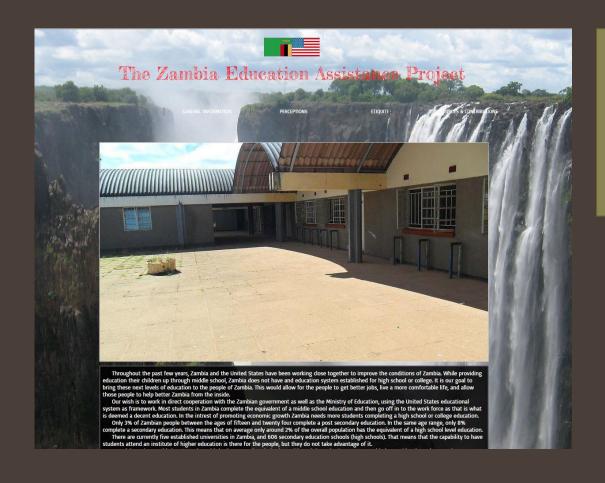
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Have you ever been in professional photos? Maybe your high school senior photos or your photography major friend experimented on you? Modeling for pho...



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#### ENC 2210: Collaborative Intercultural Project and ePortfolio



You and your colleagues are tasked with the job of educating others in your organization about the cultural expectations and practices of your country of choice in order that exploratory trips will be more successful in setting up connections.

- A business seeking to form a global partnership,
- an NGO planning to provide aid to address a problem (in human rights, education, the environment, etc),
- a college hoping to develop a program with another school.

#### ENC 2210: Collaborative Intercultural Project and ePortfolio



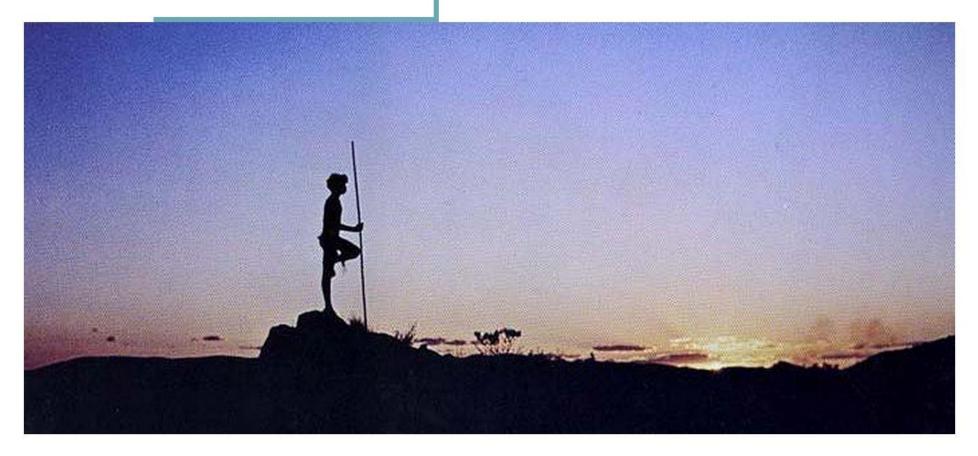
Discuss and research the following questions:

- A. What common stereotypes are associated with this country?
- B. How do people in this country perceive Americans?
- C. What customs, attitudes, and values most characterize communication in this country?
- D. What are the most important practices specific to the country's business etiquette?



Home Bridge My Walks Works About

#### Dylan Webster The Walkabout



As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives

**Henry David Thoreau** 

## Questions?

## Learning with Electronic Portfolios

#### What difference does an eportfolio make?



**Passport & Essay** 



**ePortfolio** 

## ePortfolios and Active Learning

## **Learner-Centered**

ePortfolios are a learner- centered pedagogy that promotes deep and active learning. Reflection

**Ownership** 

Self-authorship



**Connect learning** 

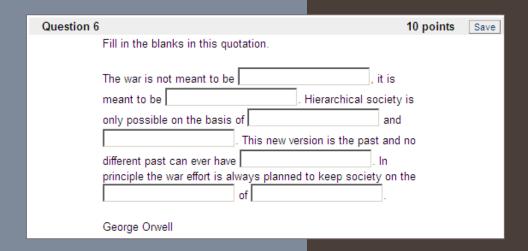
**Self-assessment** 

Metacognition

## Active Learning

By working on their eportfolios, students

- take ownership of their own learning
- make a meaningful use of <u>technology</u>

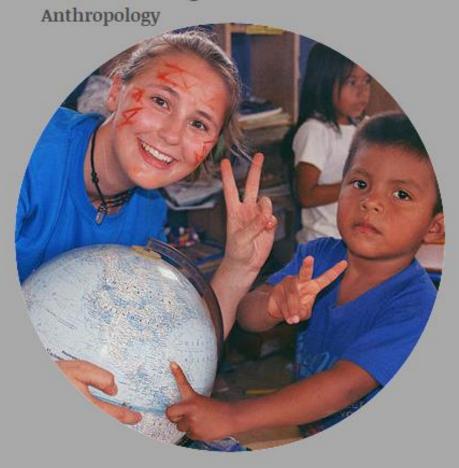


**Compliance with requirements** 



**Active Learning** 

## Gracelyn Klettner



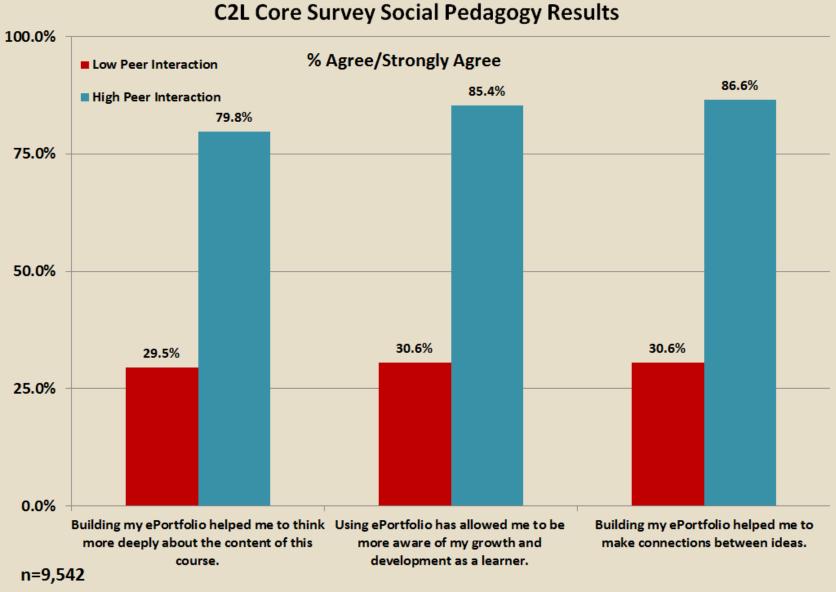
## Hello, a bit about me:



Welcome to my sitel I am currently attending the University of Florida completing a Bachelors in Anthropology and starting to think about Grad school. In five years i see myself in Ecuador with a job in the ecotourism business. I hope to be helping to conserve some of South America's most precious places, animals, and cultures that are currently threatened while at the same time sharing all of the things that make them so unique with others. My wish is that through coexistence and preservation these precious resources will not only be saved but thrive. I believe that education and experiences through ecotourism can change the way the world looks at not only the components of the natural Ecuador.

## **Authentic Learning**





## Integration

#### ePortfolios allow students:

- To <u>establish connections</u> between what they learn in
  - courses
  - co-curricular activities
  - life
  - career



Career Development



**Identity Development** 



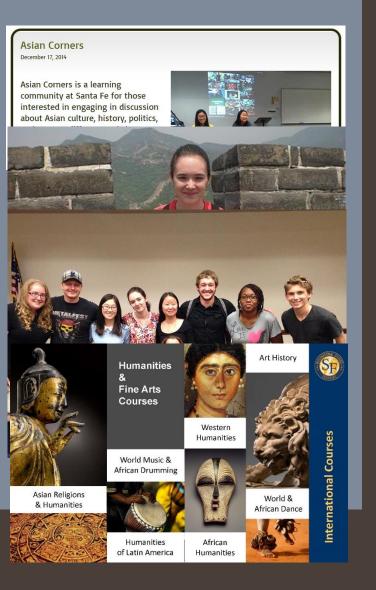
Research



Self-authorship



## Integration



#### Marriage in China

## Deep Learning

Asian Corner is a learning community at Santa Fe for those interested in engaging in discussion about Asian culture.

I liked this discussion because it reinforced an experience I had while in Beijing this summer. While visiting I saw that...

A fellow student with family from India that attended this discussion told us that.... It was really interesting to hear from someone in person with this view.

In Class we've contrasted marriage as economic contract arranged by outside parties carrying certain expectations of roles versus emotional choice prioritizing individual desires.

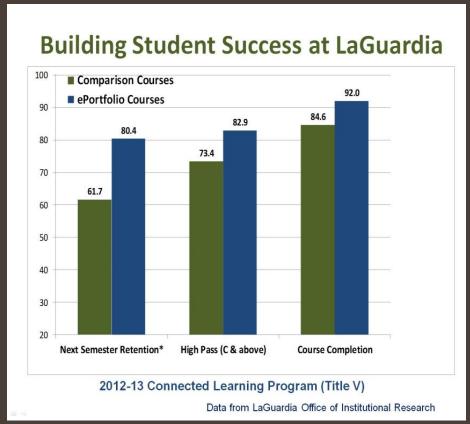
It's one thing to consider these practices abstractly and without context.

However, Speaking to a peer, hearing first hand their beliefs, and being able to ask them questions is a far more meaningful way to understand the perspective of someone different.

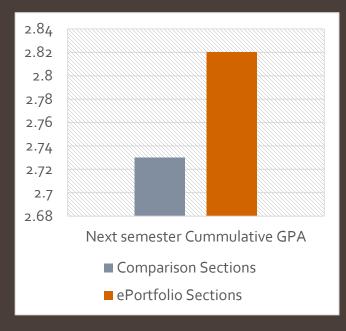
#### The use of eportfolios has significant impact on retention and success

#### San Francisco State University





## IUPUI ePorfolio-based Personal Development Plan in First-Year Seminar



Eynon, B., L. M. Gambino, and J. Török. 2014 "What Difference Can ePortfolio Make? A Field Report from the Connect to Learning Project." International Journal of ePortfolio 4 (1). <a href="https://www.theijep.com/pdf/IJEP127.pdf">https://www.theijep.com/pdf/IJEP127.pdf</a>

## ePortfolios and Identity Development

## **Self-Authorship**

- Who I am
- Where I am
- How I got here
- Where I am going

Through their eportfolios students reflect on their role in constructing reality, on their goals, on their learning journey, on their relationship with others, and ultimately on their place in the world.



## Catherine Barrios Santa Fe College - Gainesville, Florida Act. React. Impact. Victoria Swander 000000486 **Rodrigo Cortez** SF SANTA FE

## ePortfolios & Global Learning

Exposure Immersion Reflection

## Learning Abroad

Who experiences the highest gains in intercultural competence during study abroad?

1-A student who studies abroad...

- a. 2-6 weeks
- b. 18 weeks (1 semester)
- c. 1 year

- 2- A student who lives abroad
- a. With a local host family
- b. With host and international students
- c. With other US students

- 3- A student who takes courses
- a. with local students
- o. with local, US, and other international students
- c. with US students

Vande Berg, M., Connor-Linton, J. & Paige, R. M (2009) The Georgetown Consortium Project. Interventions for student learning abroad. *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*, 18, 1-75

- 61 programs
- 2003-2007
- 1,159 students abroad
- 138 non-study abroad participants

IMMERSION- not enough

INTERVENTION- predictor of learning

REFLECTION- needs to be prompted



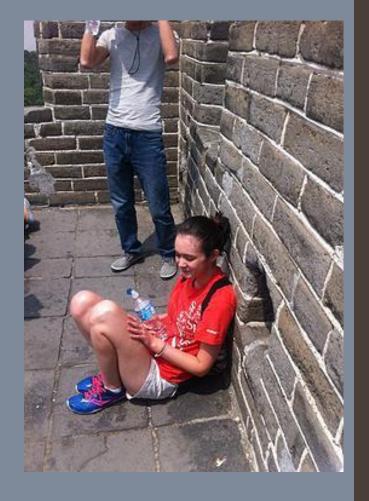


Engberg, M.E.,
Jourian, T.J. (2015).
Intercultural
Wonderment and
Study Abroad.
Frontiers: The
Interdisciplinary Journal
of Study Abroad, 25, 119.

 Which aspects of the study abroad experience are MOST influential in predicting student learning and developmental outcomes?

- Faculty/staff support and challenge
- Curricular based activities designed to reflect on one's experience
- Sharing and discussing one's experience with others

#### Reflection





I expected a relatively leisurely stroll across an old wall. I was utterly unprepared...

I staggered up to the tower and peeked out a window...
I was proud that I hadn't given up earlier, and risked missing out on that sight.

Throughout my time in China, I remembered this day as I encountered other situations with new obstacles.

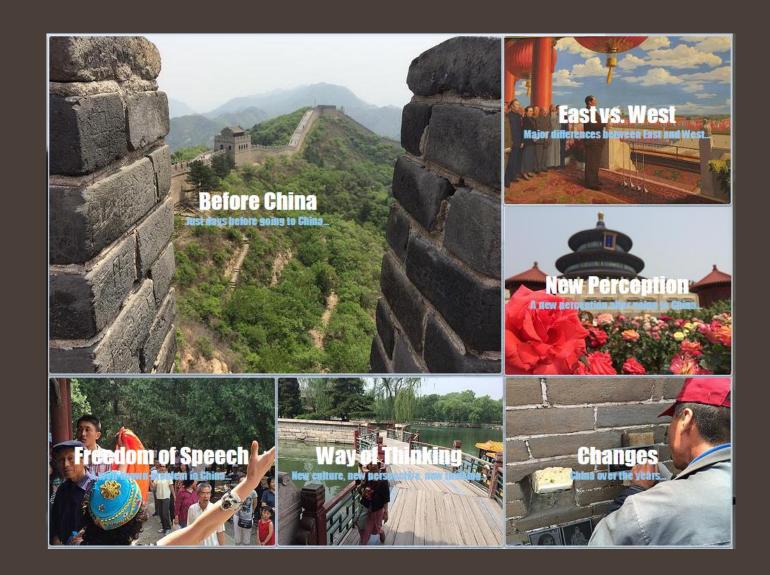
In order to adjust I had to learn how to modify my behavior. I had to approach situations from a different perspective.

I had to focus on accomplishing small goals in the face of - sometimes overwhelming tasks.

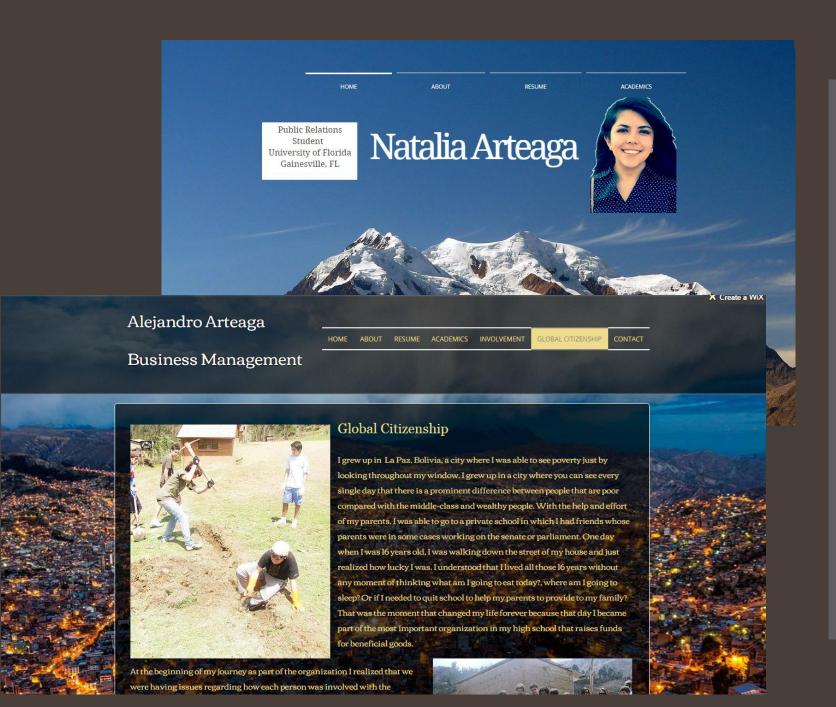
I had to be open to everything as a learning experience.

## Intentionality

- ePortfolios can contribute to increase intentionality in Study Abroad programs.
- Students embark on experiences with <u>awareness of learning goals</u> and <u>ownership</u> of the learning process.
- Students <u>reflect</u> and <u>debrief</u> after their experience in their eportfolios.



# Reflection Tool for International Students



# Inquiry Reflection Integration

What?
So what?
And now what?

## Rubrics & Reflection Prompts

#### INTERCULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCE VALUE RUBRIC

for more information, please contact value@aacu.org



#### Definition

Intercultural Knowledge and Competence is "a set of cognitive, affective, and behavioral skills and characteristics that support effective and appropriate interaction in a variety of cultural contexts." (Bennett, J. M. 2008. Transformative training: Designing programs for culture learning. In Contemporary leadership and intercultural competence: Understanding and utilizing cultural diversity to baild successful organizations, ed. M. A. Moodian, 95-110. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.)

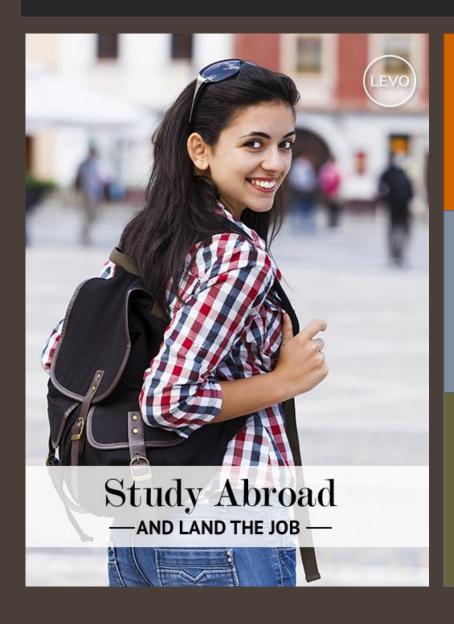
Evaluators are encouraged to assign a zero to any work sample or collection of work that does not meet benchmark (cell one) level performance

	Capstone 4	Milestones		Benchmark 1
Knowledge Cultural self- awareness	Articulates insights into own cultural rules and biases (e.g. seeking complexity; aware of how her/his experiences have shaped these rules, and howto recognize and respond to cultural biases, resulting in a shift in self-description.)	Recognizes new perspectives about own cultural rules and biases (e.g. not looking for sameness; comfortable with the complexities that new perspectives offer.)	Identifies own cultural rules and biases (e.g. with a strong preference for those rules shared with own cultural group and seeks the same in others.)	Shows minimal awareness of own cultural rules and biases (even those shared with own cultural group(s)) (e.g. uncomfortable with identifying possible cultural differences with others.)
Knowledge Knowledge of cultural worldwiew frameworks	Demonstrates sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates adequate understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates partial understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates surface understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.
Skills Empathy	Interprets intercultural experience from the perspectives of own and more than one worldview and demonstrates ability to act in a supportive manner that recognizes the feelings of another cultural group.	Recognizes intellectual and emotional dimensions of more than one worldview and sometimes uses more than one worldview in interactions.	Identifies components of other cultural perspectives but responds in all situations with own worldview.	Views the experience of others but does so through own cultural worldview.
Skills Verbal and nonverbal communication	Articulates a complex understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication (e.g., demonstrates understanding of the degree to which people use physical contact while communicating in different cultures or use direct/indirect and explicit/implicit meanings) and is able to skilfully negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.	Recognizes and participates in cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and begins to negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.	Identifies some cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and is aware that misunderstandings can occur based on those differences but is still unable to negotiate a shared understanding	Has a minimal level of understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication; is unable to negotiate a shared understanding
Attitudes Curiosity	Asks complex questions about other cultures, seeks out and articulates answers to these questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.	Asks deeper questions about other cultures and seeks out answers to these questions.	Asks simple or surface questions about other cultures.	States minimal interest in learning more about other cultures.
Attitudes Openness	Initiates and develops interactions with culturally different others. Suspends judgment in valuing her/his interactions with culturally different others.	Begins to initiate and develop interactions with culturally different others. Begins to suspend judgment in valuing her/his interactions with culturally different others.	Expresses openness to most, if not all, interactions with culturally different others. Has difficulty suspending any judgment in her/his interactions with culturally different others, and is aware of own judgment and expresses a willingness to change.	Receptive to interacting with culturally different others. Has difficulty suspending any judgment in her/his interactions with culturally different others, but is unaware of own judgment.



## Career Integration

### "To enhance your career opportunities in a globally interconnected world"



1. American employers <u>value</u> study abroad experiences

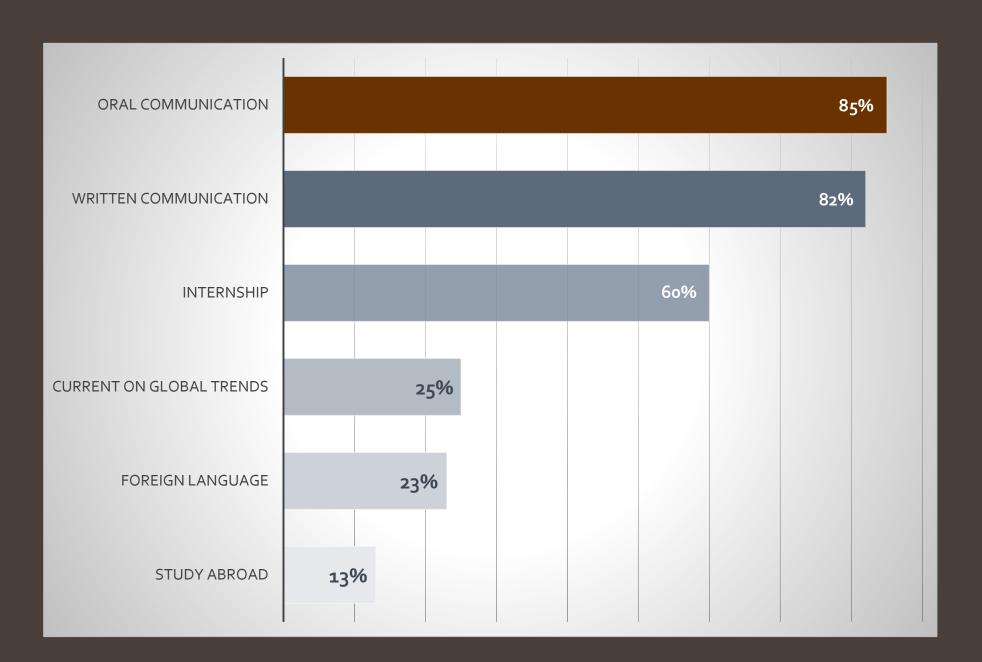
2. American employers <u>value</u> knowledge of foreign languages and/or global awareness

3. Students know how to <u>articulate</u> study abroad experiences in resumes and job interviews

# Employers' Views

What percentage of employers value these skills as highly important in a job candidate?

- 1. Ability to effectively communicate orally
- 2. Ability to effectively communicate in writing
- 3. Participation in an internship
- 4. Staying current on global developments and trends
- 5. Proficiency in a foreign language
- 6. Participation in study abroad program



Hart Research
Associates. 2015. Falling
Short? College Learning
and Career Success.
Washington, DC:
Association of American
Colleges and
Universities.

Trooboff, S., Vande Berg, M., Rayman, J. (2007).

### "Employer Attitudes toward Study Abroad,"

Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad, v15 p17-33

"In short, studying abroad is not, in and of itself, a way to get a job."

Recommendations:

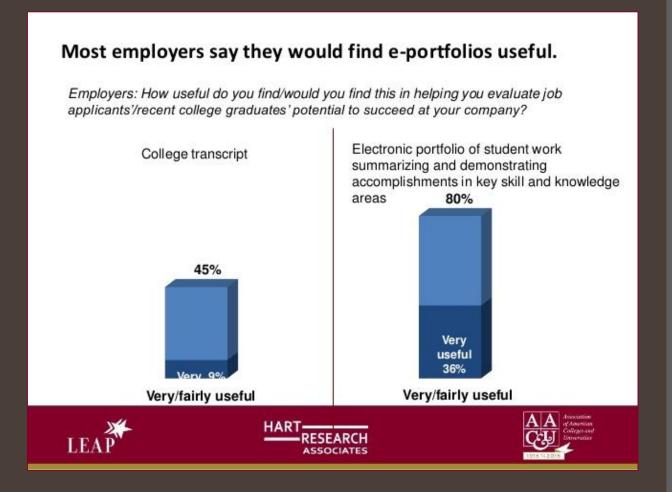
Develop study abroad programs that build desired skills (i.e. team work)

Give students training in how to present what they have learned ... in ways that employers will appreciate.

# Employers' views on ePortfolios

Are employers are willing to use eportfolios for hiring purposes?

**80 %** of employers say that, when evaluating a job candidate, it would be very or fairly helpful for them to have access to an <u>electronic portfolio</u>.



Hart Research Associates. 2015. Falling Short? College Learning and Career Success. Washington, DC: Association of American Colleges and Universities. Full report available at <a href="http://www.aacu.org/leap/public-opinion-research/2015-survey-falling-short">http://www.aacu.org/leap/public-opinion-research/2015-survey-falling-short</a>.

# Professional Digital Identity







ePortfolios allow students to develop a professional digital identity and link academics with career development.

### Student Testimonial

"As non-traditional student who has had work and military experience

This is e-portfolio is great for me because I have a family and am the executive director of a non-profit.

It is a skill I need to work on as a part of my personal teamwork skills as an employer in supervising volunteers who may have great ideas but I do not want to tell them no. I am learning how to polish a stone instead of continuing to hit it with a hammer.

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#### Resume

#### Education

#### SANTA FE COLLEGE

Gainesville, FL Associate of Arts in Political Science, SFC GPA: 3.8 Honors Program International Studies Certificate

#### JUPITER HIGH SCHOOL

Jupiter, FL High School Diploma Medical Science Academy Allied Health Certification

#### Languages

Native Command of English Native Command of Spanish Proficient in French Intermediate Level Mandarin

#### Skills

August 2012 - May 2014

August 2005 - May 2009

Public Speaking Leadership Event Planning Fundraising Civic Engagement CPR/First Aid Certified

#### Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA, Alumna
1st FLORIDA MODEL EUROPEAN UNION, Founder and Director-General
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MLK DAY OF SERVICE, Volunteer Recruiter
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, Legistlative Intern
SANTA FE COLLEGE, Honors Program, Student
PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY, Member
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATOR PLUNGE, Volunteer Recruiter

June 2014 - Present February 2014 - April 2014 January 2014 - May 2014 November 2013 - Present November 2013 - Present September 2013

# Employers are more interested in skills than in specific majors.

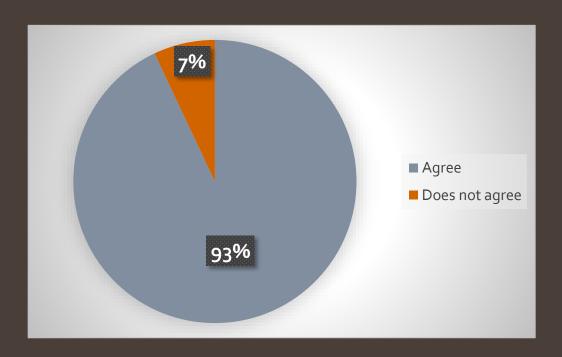
93 % of employers say that a demonstrated capacity:

- to think critically
- communicate clearly
- and solve complex problems

is <u>more important</u> than a candidate's undergraduate major.

ePortfolios allow students to showcase <u>highly valued job skills.</u>

### Employers' views on Skills



It Takes More than a Major: Employer Priorities for College Learning and Student Success. 2013. Washington, DC: Association of American Colleges and Universities and Hart Research Associates. Full report available at <a href="http://www.aacu.org/leap/presidentstrust/compact/2013SurveySummary">http://www.aacu.org/leap/presidentstrust/compact/2013SurveySummary</a>

### Showcasing Skills

As they discuss the skills gained through their involvement in international organizations or study abroad, students can generate narratives that will prepare them for future **job interviews**.

Situation

Task

Action

Results

"The 'How To' of Helping Students Incorporate Their International Experience Into the Job Search and Interview Process" Ann Hubbard.

M.A., Vice President – AIFS, Director, University Relations for Customized Programs and Academic Assessment and Darren Kaltved.

M.Ed. Assistant Director – Career Services, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota.

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#### **Hispanic Organization of Latino Activities**



While being a Santa Fe student, I served as treasurer in the Hispanic organization, H.O.L.A. I was in charge of the finance of the club, and thanks to my dedication and leadership skills, I was unanimously elected president of the club after three semesters being in that position.

During my first days as president, I found out that the organization was having problems in getting the "Five Star" status, the most prestigious award among collegiate organizations. My first step as president was to identify the club's weaknesses, which were lack of leadership and poor strategic planning.

Before the semester started, we came up with possible solutions to achieve all our objectives. First of all, I decided that all the officers needed to know well their roles within the organization and in each activity, so that delegating task would be easier and more effective throughout the semester. Then, I made a business calendar with all the events during the semester. Having a detailed agenda for all the upcoming activities including fundraisings and volunteer activities was essential to meet our goals. Additionally, the treasurer and I prepared the annual budget to cover all the organization's expenses. We also planned alternative ways to raise money. For instance, we reinvented how to raise money on campus. We allowed the student body to prepay their food orders instead of using the club's funds to buy the ingredients. With this system we were able to have funds prior to our events, maximize investments, and increase efficiency.

Once we set all our goals and established our financial needs, I assigned specific events for each of the officers. This way I managed to keep them more involved in our activities. Getting members of the club to work together to accomplish tasks was a major challenge for me. However, I developed constructive and cooperative working relations to increase their overall performance.

After identifying the best students to complete each particular task, I was able to delegate responsibilities during the events.

After two semesters as president, the club met all the objectives set at the beginning. Under my leadership, the organization received the "Five Star" status for its outstanding management including volunteer activities and service on and off campus. Only 4 out of 50 student organizations received this recognition. It is my hope that my administration left a responsible and effective legacy for future members.



How can ePortfolios contribute to

Comprehensive
Internationalization efforts?

#### ePortfolios in International Education



### **Social Desirability**





ePortfolios can <u>increase the social</u>
<u>desirability of International Education</u>
<u>programs</u>, due to:

- their <u>visible</u> and <u>shareable</u> nature
- their <u>pragmatic applications</u>
- and their integration of <u>technology</u>

# ePortfolios can help redefine study abroad as an <u>essential academic experience</u> and a valuable <u>career investment</u>.

# Perceptions of Study Abroad

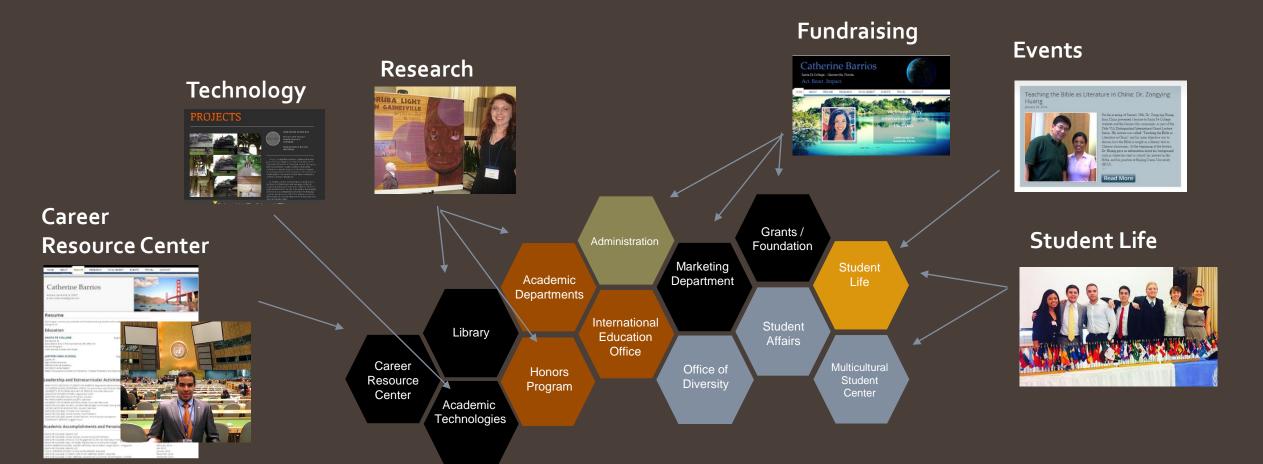
ePortfolios are a compelling tool to present this message to important decision makers, such as **parents** and **administrators**.







# Institutional Partnerships



ePortfolios can strengthen campus collaboration by making international programs relevant and visible to a variety of stakeholders.

## Alignment with Institutional Priorities

ePortfolios can help visualize the alignment of International Education programs with the Strategic Plan and Mission of the institution.

- Prepare globally competitive graduates.
- Prepare students to adapt to a changing world and effect positive change.



Model and instill professionalism and intercultural proficiency.



# Santa Fe College 2014-2019 Values and Strategic Plan





### Alignment with Institutional Priorities

• To provide research-based, <u>learner-centered</u> program of services that supports access and student <u>engagement</u> from matriculation to goal attainment.





Lifelong learning



Increased utilization of technology in teaching





## How to get started:

### ePortfolio Resources

http://www.gclc.net/resources/technology/eportfolios/

## Manual & Student ePortfolio Samples:

http://www.sfcollege.edu/international/index.php?section=eportfolio

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