Our division at the MSU Office of International Programs (OIP) focused the past two years on conquering new challenges in the face of ever-changing circumstances. Uncertainty, international travel restrictions, and the emphasis on keeping participants safe caused much of our programming to evolve. A HUGE Thank You goes out to our faculty and staff for their creative, flexible and positive approaches to engaging participants!

MEPI Student Leader Alumni Engagement Program

October 14th, 2020 - February 28th, 2021

Since 2005, MSU OIP has been hosting groups of college-age students from the MENA region through the U.S. Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Student Leaders Program. 2020 presented the perfect opportunity to network and re-connect with MEPI alumni from former years. We engaged a total of 361 alumni who participated in our activities: see the chart on the right to view the countries represented!

MEPI Student Leaders Summer Program (SLP)

June 28th - August 8th, 2021

MEPI SLP re-convened in July of 2021, but in an online format. 15 students from across the MENA Region (Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, and Algeria) participated in our program, developed civic engagement plans, and expanded their leadership skills. Funding for the Student Leaders Program is provided by the U.S. Department of State.

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Spring 2021 Fulbright TEA
April 4th - May 18th, 2021
MSU OIP has hosted the Fulbright Teaching Excellence & Achievement Program (F-TEA) from 2000-2005, and then from 2010 until the present. The program was postponed in 2020, and then re-convened in 2021. 19 teachers from 14 different countries took ESL classes, explored new teaching methodologies, expanded their leadership skills, and refined their technology capabilities.

Fall 2021 Fulbright TEA
September 14th - October 27th, 2021
For the Fall program, MSU OIP was able to resume an in-person Field Experience at Bozeman High School and Gallatin High School. 22 F-TEA participants enjoyed shadowing and teaching alongside local educators, presenting about their home countries, and broadening their pedagogical toolkits.

Long-Term Education Administrators Program (LEAP)
January 6th - October 27th, 2021
The Long-Term Education Administrators Program (LEAP) is a year-long professional development program sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Sports, Science, and Culture (MEXT). Each participant in the program is a young Japanese administrator. MSU OIP has been hosting this program since 1998. Since the 2020 program was canceled, three LEAP participants arrived in Bozeman at the beginning of 2021, and stayed with us until the end of October. Their dedication to and support of our programs proved to be the most valuable assistance we could have hoped for! Thank you, Sawa, Ayaka, and Maki!

June 1st - July 30th, 2021
In June, MSU hosted a more traditional LEAP program for 9 participants. They took ESL classes, participated in specialized colloquium sessions, and then departed for various universities across the US to complete their practicum experiences.

Kumamoto University Online Program
September 7th - September 24th, 2021
This two-week English training program provides undergraduate university students from one of MSU’s sister schools, Kumamoto University, with an opportunity to improve their English skills. MSU OIP has hosted the program since 2015. In 2021, MSU hosted 13 undergraduate students online who participated in an intensive 3-week English course and engaged with U.S. based university students. This is the first of its kind to be hosted entirely online.
Looking Forward to 2022...

Stay tuned! Our team plans to host the following programs in 2022:

- Okinawa Global Leadership Online Program: January 7th - February 19th, 2022
- Long-Term Education Administrators Program (LEAP): June 1st - July 31st, 2022
- Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Student Leaders Program: Summer 2022
- Fulbright Teaching Excellence & Achievement Program (F-TEA): Fall 2022

Happy New Year!