

Language in Motion Program Wins Andrew Heiskell Award

Juniata's fledgling outreach program Language in Motion recently won one of the prestigious Andrew Heiskell Awards for Innovation in International Education for 2001-2002. The awards were created "to promote and honor the most outstanding initiatives that are being conducted in international higher education." Language in Motion won as a best practice in Internationalizing the Campus.

Launched in Fall 2000, Language in Motion is a two-part, innovative, cooperative outreach program using study-abroad returnees, international students, and upper-level language students to demonstrate the value of second language learning and study abroad. Those who know French, German, Russian, and Spanish enrich the teaching of those languages and cultures in area public school language classes. For teachers who want to introduce their students to people and languages from around the world, Juniata international students from many countries give introductory presentations.

Juniata's Center for International Education and the Department of World Languages and Cultures developed the program, coordinated by Deb Roney. Language in Motion was funded last year by a grant from the Cooperative Grants program of NAFSA: Association of International Educators and continues this year with the support of the William P. and Frances C. Nyce Scholarship for Study in Latin America.