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You already know where to find us. Set in the heart of campus, the BYU David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies pulses international life throughout the university. For thirty years it has influenced thousands of students and exposed them to global ideas, individuals, and opportunities. These students have literally made the world their campus, from London to Seoul to Helsinki to Johannesburg—and many other places in between. As alumni they have gone on to make a difference in public service. They foster economic growth through business. And they seek to improve the world through development and work in the nonprofit sector.

Though this global outreach began years earlier, in 1983 BYU president Jeffrey R. Holland announced the program that would consolidate existing international classes and study programs. His vision was to “build a university superstructure in which we better understand the history, culture, and institutions of these people and by which BYU will move into the forefront of the world as an informed facilitator of international understanding, communications, and peace.” In 1985 the newly remodeled Herald R. Clark Building was dedicated as the home of the center.

As part of a thirtieth-anniversary celebration that marks the year between these two founding events, we highlight on the following pages thirty alumni and friends—a small representation of the center’s broad and seemingly immeasurable global impact. Many of these accomplished individuals received degrees from the center; some participated in study abroad or internship programs; others received support for research or specific activities at a critical juncture; and still others demonstrate how a global perspective, fostered by the center, can influence family and profession.

No Events