People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs Invitation (Professional Recognition)



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Mr. Edward K. Scott Paterson College 1801 Woodmere Loop Montgomery AL 36117-5005

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am honored to have been selected as leader of the Technology in Education Delegation to China. I invite you to join me to participate in this important international exchange. In conjunction with People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs, this delegation has been developed to foster one-on-one dialogue with our overseas counterparts and to continue the tradition of professional diplomacy first set forth by President Eisenhower in 1956. This delegation, specializing in technology in education, will convene in China in December 2010. I believe you would contribute valued expertise to the team while gaining both personally and professionally from the experience.

Please visit our delegation's website, **peopletopeople.com/camillagagliolo**, for complete details about the program, including:

- The planned itinerary and mission for our delegation
- Options for additional cultural exploration
- Leader biography

Due to the intensive nature of this program, the delegation size is limited to ensure an exceptional experience. As such, I ask that you respond (RSVP) with your intentions at peopletopeople.com/camillagagliolo no later than June 15. In the event that you are unable to accept this invitation, an alternate delegate candidate may be invited. You may also recommend a colleague as your alternate for the program. I hope to hear from you whether you are able to join our delegation or not.

Learning in the 21st century includes the integrated use of digital-age technologies with modern pedagogy that empowers teachers, students, and administrators to learn and prepare for life in the global economy. At a time when globalization and technology are dramatically altering the world we live in, is education reform preparing students with the knowledge and skill set needed in a global society?

This delegation will attempt to learn from the global community how digital technologies can empower students to achieve and teachers to prepare students for life in today's world. Educators in the ISTE community seek to advance education globally through the integrated use of innovative technologies for learning, teaching, and leadership. This delegation will investigate ways to prepare diverse worldwide communities of educators who collaborate on creating a world in which all learners can achieve their creative and intellectual potential. Understanding the use of integrated technology to enhance learning and teaching in globally diverse communities and national systems will help educators design meaningful educational programs for every learner.

Our delegation will depart for China from the domestic gateway city on December 7, 2010. We will meet with our Chinese colleagues and experience the rich cultures of Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai. We will arrive back in the United States on December 18, 2010.

I encourage you to invite a travel companion to share this unique experience with you. A parallel program focused on the culture of China will be arranged for your accompanying guest while you attend the professional sessions. Activities for guests will include visits to historical and cultural sites for an opportunity to explore many aspects of Chinese life, culture, and customs. An optional excursion after the main program will take participating delegates and guests to Yunnan Province to enjoy a variety of cultural activities.

As People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs is a private-citizen effort, delegates are responsible for their own program costs. The estimated cost per delegate or guest is \$5,495.00 USD. This includes round-trip airfare from the departure city, group transportation, meetings and cultural activities, accommodations, most meals, and essentially all other costs associated with participation.

I have asked Yvonne Trudeau, director of professional programs at People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs, to contact you in the next few days with further details. You may enroll now for the delegation online at **peopletopeople.com/camillagagliolo**.

If you have questions regarding the delegation or would like to apply by phone, please contact your program representative at People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs at 877.787.2000. The email address is info@peopletopeople.com, and the fax number is 877.676.5844. Please reference your invitation code in any communications with the Citizen Ambassador Programs office.

I am pleased to be involved in this exciting opportunity and hope you will strongly consider participating in the delegation. In the meantime, please feel free to contact People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs or me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Camilla Gagliolo

Executive Committee Secretary, ISTE

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