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November 24, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Career and Technical Education Directors
Student Services Directors
High School Guidance Directors

FROM: Lucy D. Hadi

SUBJECT: 2009 Congress-Bundestag Vocational Exchange Scholarship

Florida is once again participating in the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Exchange Scholarship Program. This scholarship/exchange program is administered by Nacel Open Door and provides an opportunity for graduating high school seniors to spend one year in Germany exploring their career interests. Although previous study of German is advantageous, it is not a prerequisite for scholarship selection. Florida has participated in the program since 1992 and has been very well represented each year.

Each high school in the state of Florida may nominate up to three students. Those nominated should possess the maturity and commitment necessary to be successful in an international exchange program. Student applications will be reviewed by Nacel Open Door and the Division of Workforce Education to select the semifinalists from Florida. All semifinalists will then be invited to interview with the selection committee that will choose those students to be awarded scholarships.

Please bring this scholarship/exchange program to the attention of students you feel are most qualified and who demonstrate the maturity and responsibility required of an exchange student. The German vocational education system is quite innovative and has provided Florida students with a very unique and worthwhile learning experience.

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The application can be obtained from the Department of Education's web site at www.fldoe.org/workforce/programs/cp_bundestag.asp. Completed applications must be postmarked and mailed no later than January 31, 2009, to the following address:

NACEL OPEN DOOR
380 Jackson Street, Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55101

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship/exchange program, please contact Patrick Wright at (800) 342-9271 or via e-mail to patrick.wright@fldoe.org.

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