FORT WORTH COUNTRY DAY LAUNCHES NEW CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Center for International Studies will support FWCD’s overseas summer expeditions and exchange program opportunities

FORT WORTH, Texas (April 10, 2018) – Fort Worth Country Day (FWCD), the oldest co-ed college-preparatory school in Fort Worth, is launching its newest program, the Center for International Studies, on April 11. The center, the creation of Director of Special Projects Bill Arnold, will serve as the home base for all of FWCD’s international initiatives, including its overseas summer expeditions, exchange opportunities, cultural programs and global competency professional development.

While travel abroad opportunities and cultural programming are not new to FWCD, the Center for International Studies will focus on creating authentic experiences for all K-12 students that foster global competency, fulfill the school’s mission and create a greater global awareness. During the summer, FWCD offers various travel excursions to Europe, Australia, South America and Asia. In addition, FWCD hosts international students during the academic year through partnerships with the Fort Worth Sister Cities Ambassador Middle School program and the Language & Friendship exchange program.

“The center seeks to develop our students’ capacity to thrive in an ever-changing global community. We plan to do this through assisting teachers in weaving global perspectives into their curriculum and providing students with meaningful travel and hosting exchange opportunities,” said Stephen Blan, director of the Center for International Studies and middle school history teacher. “It means a great deal to me to be a part of this program. Since becoming a teacher, I’ve sought to bring those opportunities to students by connecting them with people of other cultures both locally and globally.”

To commemorate the launch of the new Center for International Studies program, a celebratory event is taking place on April 11, at 6:30 p.m., in FWCD’s Lou and Nick Martin Campus Center (4200 Country Day Lane, Fort Worth 76109), featuring keynote speaker Andrew Solomon, author of the book “Far and Away: How Travel Can Change the World.” Solomon is an FWCD parent and a National Book Award winner.

“We are seeking to consolidate and expand on FWCD’s long-term commitment to creating ‘world ready’ global citizens,” said Eric Lombardi, head of school at Fort Worth Country Day. “We are committed to sending our students ‘beyond the berm’ that surrounds our campus. Sending our students to other communities, whether to Pine Ridge reservation, a school in Avila, Spain, one of many Fort Worth Sister Cities or other distant lands. FWCD graduates will be the best possible citizens of the world as they have meaningful opportunities to gain empathy and understanding of cultures and peoples near and far. We are thrilled at the prospects for real transformation that the center brings us as a school.”

ABOUT FORT WORTH COUNTRY DAY
Since 1963, Fort Worth Country Day has inspired the passion to learn, the courage to lead, and the commitment to serve through a program that fosters the intellectual, physical, emotional and ethical development of its students. Situated on 100 acres in southwest Fort Worth, Fort Worth Country Day’s 220 faculty/staff members lead and teach grades K-12. Offering a comprehensive college-preparatory curriculum, Fort Worth Country Day focuses on the 3A’s—academics, arts and athletics—to bring balance to students’ experiences, provide opportunities to explore multiple interests, and thrive in a compassionate community. To learn more about Fort Worth Country Day, visit www.fwcd.org or www.Facebook.com/FortWorthCountryDay.

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