

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY DIPLOMATS

[NEW] NEW CENTURY CIRCLE
CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN
JANUARY 1, 2006

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There are now two categories of New Century Circle members: Founders and Ambassadors. Beginning January 1, 2006, those who become New Century Circle members will be called Diamond Anniversary Diplomats.

Since its inception nearly 60 years ago, NAFSA's mission to combine the power, imagination, and resources of higher education with the tremendous needs of international students and scholars has proven to be a powerful union. NAFSA's 60th anniversary celebration will occur in 2008. Thus, it is appropriate to call NAFSAs who join the New Century Circle from 2006 through 2008, Diamond Anniversary Diplomats.

Currently, there are 56 Founders and 53 Ambassadors. These NAFSAs have already made a commitment to include NAFSA in their wills. In testimonies at national conferences, regional conferences, and other venues, these NAFSAs have reported in no uncertain terms their devotion to NAFSA and the many reasons they have chosen to become New Century Circle members. These individuals are leaving their indelible marks, their legacies, in NAFSA's history for future generations of international educators.

THEY'RE NAFSA NEW CENTURY CIRCLE MEMBERS

The New Century Circle is a special group of uniquely dedicated NAFSA supporters. By participating in the New Century Circle through their wills and other means of special giving, these NAFSA donors are extending their support for international education and exchange beyond their own lifetimes.

Become a New Century Circle Ambassador. Pledge Now! The NCC Ambassador campaign will end December 31, 2005. A plaque listing all NCC Ambassadors will be hung in the NAFSA central office. To be listed on the Ambassador plaque, your pledge must be received by December 31, 2005. For more information e-mail gailh@nafsa.org or visit www.nafsa.org/NCC.

ROBERT LOCKE

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
NAFSA member since: 1975

Favorite place to visit: Blue Ridge Mountains

Most memorable student: Too many to just choose one

Favorite NAFSA conference site: New Orleans

Other than international education, what is your fantasy career?: Lounge piano player or a painter

What do you know now that you wish you had known when you were younger?: You don't have to eat liver

Why did you pledge to the New Century Circle?:
To give support to future generations in international education

JOHN GREISBERGER

Ohio State University
NAFSA member since: 1976

Favorite place to visit: Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Most memorable student: Malcolm Brown from Jamaica received both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree from Ohio State, overcame a lot of hardships, worked in our residence halls, and found time to coach youth soccer teams. His presence was felt

Favorite NAFSA conference site: New Orleans

Other than international education, what is your fantasy career?: Yankee shortstop

What do you know now that you wish you had known when you were younger?: Don't sweat the small stuff

Why did you pledge to the New Century Circle?: I am where I am today because of NAFSA's professional development opportunities. Future generations of international educators need and deserve the same opportunities





You can join these Founders and Ambassadors by becoming a member of the New Century Circle. Let us know about your plans to remember NAFSA in your will. No funds are required at this time. You don't have to disclose an amount. We just ask that you complete a pledge that you will bequeath a financial gift to NAFSA through your will. Your name will be added to the list of Ambassadors—or if you pledge after December 31, 2005, to the list of Diamond Anniversary Diplomats.

Your actions today through a planned gift or bequest will enable NAFSA to plan for tomorrow.

The photo below (left) are of the current president of NAFSA and the past president, both New Century Circle members. President-elect Mariam Assefa is also a New Century Circle member. Many New Century Circle members are past officers, board members, and regional leaders and volunteers. But many are also long-time NAFSAns. Why not go to the NAFSA Web site and take a look at all your friends and colleagues who are members of the New Century Circle? While you are at the Web site, download a pledge form, fill it out, and send it in today!

We hope you'll remember that a pledge to the New Century Circle is separate from NAFSA's Annual Giving Fund. Many of us give to the annual fund during the year. A pledge to the New Century Circle, however, is a deferred gift, and NAFSA will receive those funds in your will.

A pledge to the New Century Circle is perhaps the ultimate expression of faith in our association.

Bill Gay, retired professor, is a past president of NAFSA and co-chair of the New Century Circle Advisory Committee. Valerie Woolston, director, international education services, University of Maryland, is a past president of NAFSA and co-chair of the New Century Circle Advisory Committee.

The photo of Michelle Stelljes and the member profile of Valerie Woolston were reversed in the last issue of International Educator. We are sure that NAFSAns know the difference between Valerie Woolston and Michele Stelljes, but here they are again for all to see—two very active NAFSAns who are members of the New Century Circle. Shouldn't you be one, too?



MICHELLE STELLJES

Baylor College of Medicine (TX)
NAFSA Member since: 1990

Favorite place to visit: Santa Barbara, California

Most memorable student: Most of them are memorable but the Chinese scholars in the early 1990s left a lasting impression

Favorite NAFSA conference site: Vancouver

Other than international education, what is your fantasy career: Event planner and lobbyist

What do you know now that you wish you had known when you were younger: That most stuff is small stuff and not worth sweating. Applying the 20-year test: 'would this be worth doing or worrying about in 20 years?' My parents were right about more things than I thought

Why did you pledge to the New Century Circle: I believe in our mission and a pledge to NCC is an investment in the future



VAL WOOLSTON

University of Maryland
NAFSA Member since: 1973

Favorite place to visit: Too many to list them all. I must be indiscriminating — Positano, Italy; Copenhagen, Denmark; Rock Hall, Maryland, Camden, Maine, and on and on....

Most memorable student: Again, that's not fair....I've been in the business too long and there are many

Favorite NAFSA conference site: Baltimore, although Vancouver was fantastic

Other than international education, what is your fantasy career? Working at Chicos

What do you know now that you wish you had when you were younger? To take more vacations

Why did you pledge to the New Century Circle: NAFSA's given me such a good education and introduced me to such good colleagues who are now friends that I simply wanted to give back and make sure there are opportunities for new NAFSAns