LaGuardia Community College

Public Two-Year Community College | ~20,000 Students LgCC Faculty-Led Program to South America

LaGuardia Community College (LgCC) was awarded a U.S. Department of State Capacity Building for Study Abroad Grant in 2010. Using the grant funding, LgCC developed a homegrown study abroad program to Chile for sociology and photography students. In its first year, the program sent 23 students on a short-term, faculty-led study abroad program. Faculty involved in organizing the Chile program developed a website with resources and information to assist other LgCC faculty develop and implement their own study abroad programs in the future.

Grant Goals



Outcomes & Successes





The faculty-led program sent two faculty members and a group of students to Chile. Students received academic credit for sociology & photography courses.



Students Studied Abroad through LgCC's Chile Program in 2012

Instead of sending LgCC students abroad through other institutions and providers, the capacity-building grant supported 23 students on a study abroad program independently facilitated by two LgCC faculty.

Launched Website for Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs



The website contains program information, links to student participant e-portfolios, additional funding sources, and resources for faculty who wish to create their own faculty-led programs.

Additional Information



In addition to the grant funding, LgCC also helped students secure scholarships to help fund their study abroad program.



Participants on the faculty-led program each maintained their own e-portfolios that included a personal statement, coursework, and photography from various locations visited throughout Chile

E-Portfolios



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