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**ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

# NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

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National Student Exchange provides accessible, affordable collegiate study away opportunities within a premier network of colleges and universities throughout United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



As college students search for rich experiential opportunities to add to their education portfolio, collegiate study away is a solution. Many students seek travel and new academic opportunities throughout other parts of the country; NSE enhances this process.

NSE member campuses report domestic study away as a high impact practice supporting student satisfaction and persistence. NSE study away fits into university initiatives for global engagement by promoting the diversity of North America throughout the U.S. and Canada. Membership options and tuition reciprocity allows campuses to expand their institutional resources and develop flexible academic partnerships.

The NSE consortium is funded through institutional membership and student application fees. It is facilitated by an administrative office and supported by a governing board elected from within the membership. The values that guide us are found in our mission; **National Student Exchange inspires academic enrichment, personal exploration, and student development by facilitating collegiate study away among our member campuses.**

## STUDENT PLACEMENTS

2024-2025

1,238

## NSE ALUMNI

1968-2025

127,737

## WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE NSE



93%  
PERSONAL  
GROWTH



92%  
LIVE IN A  
DIFFERENT  
AREA



72%  
ACCESS  
NEW  
COURSES

39% INDICATE FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AS A MOTIVATION FOR EXCHANGE.

# HIGH IMPACT LEARNING OUTCOMES

**98%**  
OF NSE STUDENTS INDICATE  
EXCHANGE HELPED THEM GAIN  
MORE PERSONAL INSIGHT

**95%**  
OF NSE STUDENTS INDICATE  
EXCHANGE AIDED THEIR ABILITY  
TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND ADAPT  
TO NEW SITUATIONS

**91%**  
OF NSE STUDENTS INDICATE  
EXCHANGE HELPED THEM TO  
BECOME MORE RECEPTIVE TO  
DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS

**90%**  
OF NSE STUDENTS INDICATE  
EXCHANGE INCREASED  
THEIR ABILITY TO INTERACT  
WITH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT  
BACKGROUNDS

## NSE STUDENTS

NSE serves the needs of students seeking study away throughout our member campus consortium. Demographic information collected from student applicants in 2024-25 indicates that NSE is a desirable option for affordable study away that is within reach for every student.

- 61% of NSE applicants identify as a first-generation student
- 57% of NSE applicants identify as being Pell Grant eligible or high financial need
- 40% of NSE applicants identify as black, Indigenous, or persons of color

NSE surveys students at the time of application and at the conclusion of each semester to assess exchange learning outcomes and student satisfaction. Students indicate the top motives for pursuing exchange include personal growth, desire to live a new area, and the ability to access new and different courses.

The percentage of NSE students who indicate they were seeking and/or networking for future employment while on exchange has increased by 20% since 2019.

### TOP STATE ORIGINS 2024-25

Iowa  
Minnesota  
Massachusetts  
Wisconsin  
New Mexico



### TOP STATE DESTINATIONS 2024-25

Hawaii  
U.S. Virgin Islands  
Florida  
California  
Massachusetts

### TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology - Biology - Computer Science

NSE.ORG



122,000  
USERS



3,200,000  
VISITS

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### DR. RICHARD R. BOND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

**LINDSEY TROST**  
Spring 2025

Communication Studies

California State University, Northridge  
to University of the Virgin Islands,  
St. Thomas



### WENDEL WICKLAND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**ALEXANDER SMITH**  
Fall 2024

Environmental Science

University of Central Arkansas to  
University of Alaska Southeast



### BETTE WORLEY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**LANCE CHAUHAN**  
Academic Year 2024-2025

Pre-Medical Biology

University of Alaska Southeast to  
Western Colorado University and  
the University of Montana



The NSE Achievement Awards recognize students who demonstrate the best use of their exchange.



# MEMBERSHIP

## ALABAMA

Alabama State University  
Tuskegee University  
University of Alabama  
University of Montevallo

## ALASKA

University of Alaska Anchorage  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
University of Alaska Southeast

## ARIZONA

Northern Arizona University

## ARKANSAS

Arkansas Tech University  
University of Central Arkansas

## CALIFORNIA

California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo  
California State University, Chico  
California State University, East Bay  
California State University, Monterey Bay  
California State University, Northridge  
California State University, San Bernardino  
California State University, Stanislaus  
San Jose State University  
Sonoma State University

## COLORADO

Colorado Mesa University  
Colorado State University-Pueblo  
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
Western Colorado University

## CONNECTICUT

Central Connecticut State University  
Eastern Connecticut State University

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

American University

## FLORIDA

Florida A&M University  
Florida International University  
New College of Florida

## GEORGIA

University of Georgia

## HAWAII

University of Hawaii at Hilo  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

## IDAHO

Boise State University  
Lewis-Clark State College  
University of Idaho

## ILLINOIS

University of Illinois Springfield

## INDIANA

Indiana University-Indianapolis  
Purdue University-Fort Wayne

## IOWA

Iowa State University  
University of Northern Iowa

## KANSAS

Fort Hays State University  
Wichita State University

## KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky  
Western Kentucky University

## LOUISIANA

Dillard University  
Louisiana State University  
Louisiana State University of Alexandria  
Northwestern State University  
Southern University  
University of New Orleans

## MAINE

University of Maine at Farmington

## MARYLAND

Bowie State University  
Frostburg State University  
Salisbury University  
Towson University

## MASSACHUSETTS

Bridgewater State University  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
Salem State University  
University of Massachusetts at Amherst  
University of Massachusetts at Boston  
Westfield State University  
Worcester State University

## MICHIGAN

Michigan Technological University  
Oakland University  
University of Michigan-Flint

## MINNESOTA

Augsburg University  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Minnesota State University, Moorhead  
St. Cloud State University  
St. Olaf College  
University of Minnesota, Duluth  
University of Minnesota, Morris  
University of Minnesota, Rochester  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

## MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi State University

## MISSOURI

Missouri Southern State University

## MONTANA

Montana State University  
Rocky Mountain College  
University of Montana  
University of Montana Western  
Wild Rockies Field Institute

## NEBRASKA

University of Nebraska at Kearney  
University of Nebraska Omaha

## NEVADA

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Keene State College  
Southern New Hampshire University  
University of New Hampshire

## NEW JERSEY

Montclair State University  
Rutgers University - Newark  
Stockton University  
William Paterson University of  
New Jersey

## NEW MEXICO

New Mexico State University  
University of New Mexico

## NEW YORK

Buffalo State University  
Paul Smith's College  
Queens College, CUNY  
Stony Brook University  
SUNY Plattsburgh  
SUNY Potsdam

## NORTH CAROLINA

Fayetteville State University  
Mars Hill University  
North Carolina Central University

## NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota State University

## OHIO

Cleveland State University

## OKLAHOMA

East Central University  
Oklahoma State University

## OREGON

Southern Oregon University  
Western Oregon University

## PENNSYLVANIA

Thomas Jefferson University  
West Chester University  
Widener University

## RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island College  
University of Rhode Island

## SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina State University  
Winthrop University

## SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota State University  
University of South Dakota

## TENNESSEE

Austin Peay State University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
University of Memphis

## TEXAS

Prairie View A&M University  
Sam Houston State University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas A&M University - Kingsville  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

## UTAH

Southern Utah University  
Utah State University  
Weber State University

## VERMONT

Vermont State University

## VIRGINIA

Virginia State University  
Washington Alexandria  
Architecture Center

## WASHINGTON

Washington State University  
Western Washington University

## WEST VIRGINIA

Marshall University  
West Virginia University

## WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
University of Wisconsin-Superior  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

## WYOMING

University of Wyoming

## GUAM

University of Guam

## PUERTO RICO

Inter American University, Arecibo  
Inter American University, Barranquitas  
Inter American University, Metropolitan  
Inter American University, San German  
Polytechnic University  
Universidad del Sagrado Corazon  
University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon  
University of Puerto Rico, Cayey  
University of Puerto Rico, Humacao  
University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez  
University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras  
University of Puerto Rico, Utuado

## U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix  
University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas

## CANADA

### ALBERTA

University of Alberta  
University of Calgary

### MANITOBA

Brandon University

### NOVA SCOTIA

Cape Breton University

### ONTARIO

Brock University  
Lakehead University

### QUEBEC

Universite de Montreal  
Universite de Sherbrooke  
Universite du Quebec a Montreal

### SASKATCHEWAN

University of Regina



2024-2025



## YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2024-25 year included new exchange options to extend the reach of NSE to more students throughout the United States and Canada and plans for technology upgrades as NSE continues to focus on accessible and affordable study options for all students. The NSE campus membership works together to advance the study away community and student opportunities.

- Welcomed coordinators to our Annual Conference in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Facilitated four campus familiarization tours in conjunction with the Annual Conference.
- Onboarded five new campuses and affiliates in four states to the NSE membership.
- Hosted the virtual Priority Placement Event in March 2025.
- Supported 14 students with the NSE Application Fee Award for Priority Placements.
- Recognized 3 students with Exchange Achievement Awards.
- Initiated development of the new NSE.org website and content management system.
- Increased opportunities with NSE Guest exchange.

The NSE consortium continued campus membership growth in 2024-25 as colleges and universities looked for options to expand their campus study away portfolios. NSE invested in projects related to new program accessibility, membership onboarding, student recruitment, and support of campus coordinator transitions. In 2024, NSE announced the Guest Student direct exchange program which offers exchange opportunities to students attending colleges and universities outside the NSE consortium. More than 60 NSE member institutions now welcome students to a wide range of affordable academic opportunities at top campus destinations within NSE.

The current NSE.org website is the primary asset and network for the consortium. A new content management system in development will provide campuses with a more useable interface to streamline processes and coordinate workflows. NSE is developing data features to assist user management, search engine tools, and content. Most importantly, NSE.org will have better organization and scalability to benefit exchange options for students and campuses.

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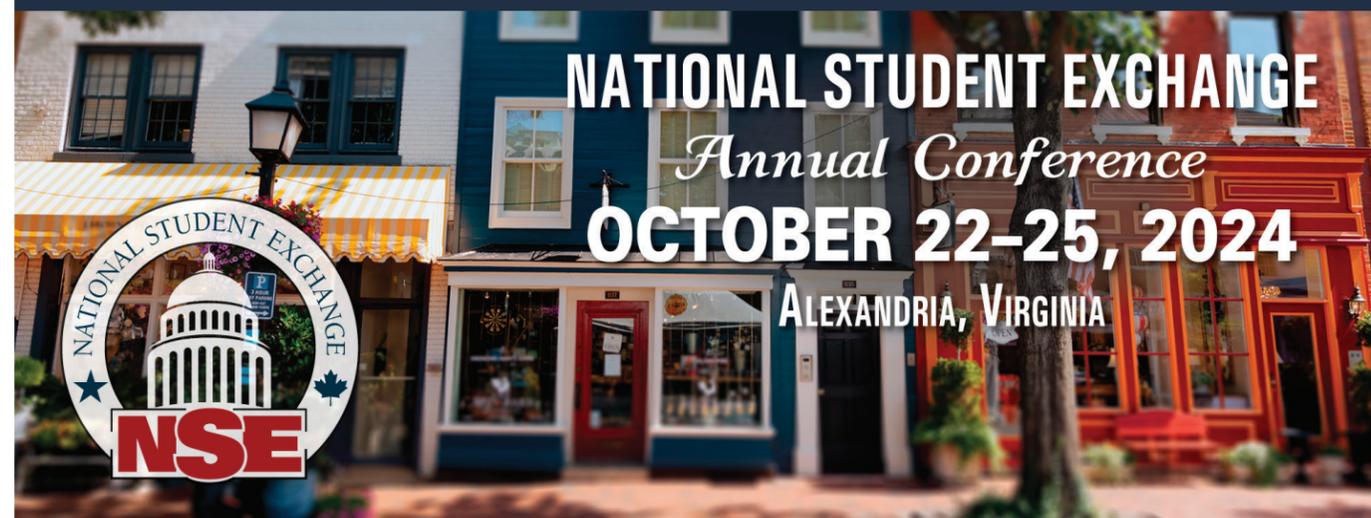
# 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2024 annual conference was held October 22-25 at the Hilton Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., the U.S. capital. The Alexandria and Washington D.C. area is recognized for its history and as the base for government and education policy. Professional development sessions, a business meeting, and community building sessions were attended by coordinators, administrators, and prospective campuses.

2024 NSE Conference Campus Familiarity tours were hosted at the following campuses.

- Bowie State University
- Towson University
- Washington Alexandria Architecture Center
- Salisbury University

The keynote speaker was Honorable Councilman John Taylor Chapman, a 4th generation Alexandrian serving his 4th term on the City Council of Alexandria and graduate of NSE campus St. Olaf College.





# FINANCIAL

## OVERVIEW 2024-2025

### INCOME

	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$475,021</b>
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### EXPENSES

	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$469,923</b>
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Net	\$5,702
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>\$1,010,746</b>

National Student Exchange is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to transparency and accountability. Our finances are independently audited and we annually file IRS Form 990 which is available publicly on GuideStar Exchange.

## COORDINATOR DEVELOPMENT

NSE is dedicated to the education and development of campus coordinators working with the campus program. The membership welcomed 43 new coordinators to NSE during 2024-25. As staffing and program changes occur, new coordinators attend the NSE Professional Institute (NPI) orientation programs and enroll in an online course to review NSE policies and procedures. Learning outcomes for new coordinators include NSE program expertise, campus management skills, leadership, communication, and increased professional practice.

NSE hosted 15 professional development webinars for coordinators and campus administrators with 789 persons in attendance throughout 2024-25.

## GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The National Student Exchange governing board, the NSE Council, is composed of the president, vice president, and five NSE Coordinators elected from each of the NSE geographic regions. Council members are elected for a three-year term. The Council meets virtually in the fall and in-person in the spring with informal business conducted during monthly conference calls.

## MEMBERSHIP REGIONS

NSE campus membership zones represent states, provinces, and areas as follows.

### ZONE 1

Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

### ZONE 2

Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

### ZONE 3

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin

### ZONE 4

Connecticut, D.C., Maine, New Hampshire, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

### ZONE 5

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia



## NSE COUNCIL

### ZONE 1

Rayna Tagalicod  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
2024-2027

### ZONE 2

Kelly Moran, Council Chair  
California State University, East Bay  
2023-2026

### ZONE 3

Stacey Lang  
Fort Hayes State University  
2024-2027

### ZONE 4

Amy Shimko  
Frostburg State University  
2025-2027

### ZONE 5

Stacy Jones  
University of Alabama  
2023-2026

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