

## **MSAG Summary of Accomplishments 2006-2007**

### **September 2006-August 2007**

#### **Presentations**

- “Heritage Seeking and Education Abroad”, presented at NAFSA: Association of International Education regional conference, November 2006 by S. Tsantir and B. Titus
- "Multicultural Students' Perception, Attitudes and Behaviors regarding Study Abroad", poster presentation at NAFSA: Association of International Educators, May 2007, by J. Kasravi, G. Woodruff, and R. Williams.
- Multicultural Students & Study Abroad, session presented at the Minnesota College Personnel Association annual conference, Minneapolis, October 2006, by G. Woodruff.

#### **Outreach**

- Rickey Hall, Ellen Sunshine, and Gayle Woodruff conducted the Multicultural Students & Study Abroad training in Duluth
- Santiago Fernandez Gimenez met with Vice President Rusty Barcelo (Access & Diversity) to garner support for formalizing MSAG's role with collegiate executives
- Created primary messages supported by data to deliver to college executives during broader LAC outreach to executives

#### **Research**

- Maggie Wallenta, completed masters research for Comparative and International Development Education (CIDE) with Ecuador SEAM students
- Stacey Tsantir completed CIDE research on Increasing Representation of Students of Color in Education Abroad which looked at MSAG as an example effort

#### **Other Activities**

- Revamped Multicultural Study Abroad brochure and distributed to all 4 campuses
- Revamped SEAM module for Education Abroad
- Susana Pelayo Woodward lead a group of UM-Duluth students to Mexico
- Participation by MSAG membership in LAC site visits to Argentina, Italy and Japan by Tex Ostvig, Rae French and Shuji Asai
- Formulated strategy & goals for interaction with collegiate executives
- Codified leadership structure to improve transparency and sustainability
  - Chair-emeritus, Chair, and Chair-elect
  - Designated Learning Abroad Center staff member to handle administrative tasks