

# Press Release

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## SCA Students Celebrate Cultural Diversity

(Lee's Summit) – Whether it's Norway, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, South Korea, China, Russia, or Uganda – students at Summit Christian Academy (SCA) will get to experience a little of each culture during International Education Week (IEW).

With the theme, “Inspiring Students Locally to Succeed Globally” SCA International Program Director, Kathy Tharp, says that they are engaging the students by having a Question of the Day during morning announcements and Global Jeopardy during lunch.

“From the moment students arrive at school we will be celebrating cultural diversity,” says Tharp. “From our morning announcements, to class lectures, to the cultural attire worn by the international students, the week will be full of activities celebrating their cultures.”

The International Exchange Program at SCA allows international students to gain college-preparatory experience and a chance to earn up to 43 college credit hours. While the international students earn credit hours, the SCA students gain a global perspective from peers who can teach them first-hand about other cultures. There are currently 17 international students enrolled at SCA.

“The SCA student body is enjoying a great year with all of the international students from so many different countries,” says Tharp. “International Education Week gives SCA an opportunity to focus on the global exchange we experience in our school community. A well-rounded education must include a global connection where our students link through friendship, understanding and an open exchange of ideas to create cultural awareness. IEW offers an annual opportunity for students to discover the benefits of international education to prepare them to live and work in a global environment.”

Summit Christian Academy (SCA) is an independent, nondenominational Christian school serving over 660 preschool through high school students. Established in 1989, the school has distinguished itself as a leader in private Christian education in the Midwest region.

**Picture #1** – Senior Patrick Love and his international buddy Mike Tendon

**Picture #2** – Senior Chinese student Candy Cheng assists sophomore Tess Anderson in Chinese class.

**Picture #3** – International students and buddies partner at SCA. Pictured from the top row down are:

Lauren Solito, Sarah Steinmann, Caitlin McEwen, Lucy Belcher, Jiaojiao Wu

2<sup>nd</sup> row from the top – Henning Grannes, John Lambert, Susi Song, Dan Tendon, Mike Tendon

3<sup>rd</sup> row from the top – Yuki Hou, Allison Stegmaier, Candy Cheng, Mariu Botazzi, Hannah Hyer

Front row – Diana Kim, Maya Lipps, Shannah Withrow, Joan Nanfuka Hartzler, Aria Kim

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