



Trip Report

Trip reporting is crucial for Partners' International Office and Chapters to assess the impact of your travel on chapter activities, report back to our funders and request additional funds to continue this program. You may attach additional pages. Photographs, newspaper media reports, flyers, and materials you used are very helpful and should be included.

Trip reports must be submitted **no later than thirty (30) days after the completion of your trip.**

Chapter: DC Colorado-Minas Gerais

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Travel Dates:

Left Home: 10.20.2019 Returned Home: 11.09.2019
Itinerary: Rosário da Limeira/MG - Muriaé/MG - Rio de Janeiro/RJ - Atlanta/GA - Denver/CO - Greeley/CO - Denver/CO - Washington/DC - Atlanta/GA - Rio de Janeiro/RJ- Muriaé/MG - Rosário da Limeira/MG.

Traveler's signature

Date

Print Name

Agenda: Please attach the final version of your exchange agenda including any adjustments that were made throughout your trip.

1. How many communities did you visit during your exchange? 8
Please list all communities.

Denver/CO, Greeley/CO, Lafayette/CO, Estes Park/CO, Severance/CO, Fort Collins/CO, Windsor/CO, Washington/DC

2. How many organizations/institutions/agencies did you work with or visit during your exchange? 17

Please list all organizations.

Red Rocks Amphitheater, Dawson School, Rocky Mountain National Park, FunPlex Greeley recreation center, St Mary's Catholic School, "Treatsylvania" Halloween fun event, Cornerstone Community Church, International Baccalaureate Range View School, Poudre River Learning Center, Greeley museum, School of Innovation, Museum of Natural History, Embassy of Brazil, Georgetown University, School Without Francis Steves, Aquatic Resources Education Center, Cleveland Park Library, members of iEARN.

3. Did you conduct any trainings or workshops or hold any public performances during your exchange? Yes No

If yes, how many workshops or performances were held? 2 performances

How many people attended each workshop or performance? If you do not have exact numbers please provide a conservative estimate.

About 30 people.

4. Did you attend any trainings or workshops during your exchange? Yes No

If yes, please list all trainings.

Results/Impact:

5. On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 representing “no change” and 5 representing “significant increase” please rate how your exchange impacted the following:

	1 No change	2	3	4	5 Significant increase
	□-----□				
Understanding of host community culture					X
Professional knowledge in exchange program themes					X
Personal Networks					X
Professional Networks					X
Foreign Language Skills					X

Comments:

Most of the schools I visited were interested in partnering with Iracambi and this is very important for us, but it is even better for local schools here that may have the opportunity to connect and exchange discussions with students in the US.

At this point, I would like to say a few words to those who received me in the schools I visited.

Bill Meyers, my iEARN partner, speaking to his students has only increased my desire to continue as our connections next year.

I also leave here my thanks to the director of St Mary's Catholic School who, while not in class, showed us the spaces and told everything about the school's work with dedication.

Chuck Luce, spending the day at your school has greatly increased my desire to do things differently with our schools here. Thank you so much for your kindness and for making one of your Brazilian students available to guide me among the classes I visited. It was all very comfortable for me, I felt like I was at my school.

Roxie Butkus and Malia Delacruz, I already loved meeting you through the iEARN platform, but meeting you in person and experiencing everything at school was a fantastic experience, I believe that only reinforces our plans to work together with our classes.

6. What are the expected or anticipated long-term benefits of your visit to the host Chapter or organization? Please provide specific examples.

Connections between US schools and Brazilian schools have been strengthened. Several conversations with Roxie Butkus, Malia Delacruz and Chuck Luce of International

Baccalaureate schools were held and we are scheduling activities with their students next year We also expect to set up a partnership with Dawson School's Bill Meyers..

Follow-up

- 7. How do you plan to share this experience with your own Partners chapter and your community?

A video will appear for the community that can also be presented at a chapter meeting.

- 8. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being “not likely” and 5 being “extremely likely” please rate your likelihood the following statements:

	1 Not likely	2	3	4	5 Extremely likely
	□-----□				
Intend to share new professional knowledge with peers					X
Intend to share host community culture with peers					X
Intend to maintain contact with people and institutions met during exchange					X
Intend to use new knowledge in the future					X

Comments:

All the things I learned on my trip were already being shared with my home community during the time I was with my hosts through instagram, and I learned many things from my hosts that revolutionized my thinking

- 9. What follow-up activities will be implemented to continue building on the items carried out during your visit?

As soon as I start the school year in Brazil, I aim to visit community schools near Iracambi to begin planning meetings with the US students I met at the schools I visited.

Another plan is to talk about some of the educational techniques that I learned and share them with some of the local schools. .

What I learned in the environmental education centers I also intend to implement in Iracambi.

Planning and Logistics

10. On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “completely unsatisfied” and 5 being “completely satisfied” please rate the following elements of your exchange experience.

	1 Not likely	2	3	4	5 Extremely likely
	□-----□				
Application process					X
Flight Arrangements					X
Orientation					X
Communications with Partners staff					X
Host Family					X
Agenda Preparation					X
Agenda Implementation					X
Agenda Activities					X
Host volunteers					X

Comments:

It seems a “cliché” to mark all items with the highest score, but I really felt welcomed by everyone who welcomed me or met me during my stay. In all the activities selected on my calendar I learned a lot.

I take this opportunity to thank Carmem Sepassi for her unwavering dedication to taking care of all the details of my expedition transport (I loved sitting at the window on my return to Rio).

Reed Prichard I loved being greeted by you at the airport, it's nice to have a known person to greet us at a different place. I loved meeting the root beer and Red Rock with your company. Thanks for the borrowed cold shirt, she was very helpful.

Betty and Roger Brown you were my grandparents from Colorado!

I have no words to thank for the kindness, attention, and experiences they have given me, taking me from the church to an Indian restaurant. That's because I haven't even mentioned the delicious American chocolates that mysteriously appeared on my bed when I returned from an activity. They were definitely my “MMs” (marvelous masters). I really “APPRECIATE” being with you!

Roxie and Donny Butkus was almost a lost sister in the United States, welcomed me comfortably to her home where I could meet her family, cared about my school snacks, taught me about the love of the profession to her students, experiences I learned and will take to life.

Malia e Ryan Delacruz, my favorite nerd couple! Thank you for your attention and welcome at your home, Malia has a great snowman and cook at home! Malia's contagious happiness and receptivity made me warm my heart in the snow.

Mary Brennecke, thank you for joining me for a visit to St Mary's School and the Greeley Museum. Your protection in visiting the space of the woman who killed many snakes to make a dress was heroic. Knowing about the origin of water of northern Colorado was also really interesting.

Carol Brickley, His company on the visit to the Poudre River Learning Center was a lot of fun and together with Ryan Brennan who welcomed us we learned together about nature conservation in Colorado. I want more cart rides through the Greeley fields.

Finally, and one of the most important, Ruth Warner, my aunt from Colorado! Being with her for the second time this year, after being with her in Iracambi, was a wonderful experience, not to mention that she introduced me to Nevus, it was fascinating. Visiting and getting to know Estes Park's education program made me believe that Iracambi is on the right track. Thanks Ruth for the Quiche with ketchup, and the best coffee in Colorado and the best lasagna I've ever had in my life.

Leaving now for Washington DC I come across charming Cath. Thank you Cath for all your efforts to make this trip happen, I know that without you none of this would be real. Thank you for introducing me to Washington and its urban beauties, museums, the footage at my lecture in Georgetown, and the pizza at the POA meeting. The dinners and evening wines warmed by their fake bonfire were a lot of fun. Your dedication to iEAR has deeply inspired me.

Maricy Shmitz and Allan Loeb, being with you at the Brazilian embassy in Washington was very interesting, our conversations certainly paid off for the future of Iracambi. Maricy, her radiant energy and affection delighted me, thanks for the opportunity to meet Francis Steves School without Walls with the program that the Embassy develops with them. I was impressed with the vegetable garden work that goes on at school, I really wish something like that would work in our schools here.

Débora, your translation was fascinatingly professional, I loved meeting her wonderful live simultaneous translator work. You are phenomenal! Thank you for the pleasant company and always attentive to the English words loose in the air. One day I hope to speak as good English as your Portuguese.

Fausto, you're cute, always present and helpful and always saving me in the words that I lost myself to speak. Thank you very much from my heart.

Kisten Henry, your company and return after my return to Brazil were perfect. I look forward to meeting you someday to learn more together about the environmental education of the Washington DC rivers.

Well, I think I thanked you all, but if I forgot someone don't feel sad because I know you did your best to make my stay perfect and it really was. Those who worked on the knockers, I record here my immense gratitude, the work of all of you POA and iERN really changes people's lives around the world.

11. What difficulties did you encounter? What lessons did you learn that might be useful for future participants?

I honestly had no difficulties, one challenge I had was the language, which I wish I was more advanced so I could communicate better and learn more from the people I met. But even with my intermediate English level I made many friends and learned many things that apply in my profession and in my life.

12. Please describe how the host Partners chapter was involved with your exchange?

The partner chapter offered me full support for accommodation, food, and presentation of the institutions they were responsible for. All the people I met, without exception, were thoughtful, caring and did their best to make me comfortable and to show me the most of the local culture and institutions.

13. Please provide any other general comments/suggestions regarding your exchange.

Some places that are really important to my learning, such as the Poudre River Learning Center in Greeley, the Natural History Museum, and the Aquatic Resources Education Center in Washington. I would like to have had more time to understand the educational dynamics of these places, especially during student visits, so that I could observe their reaction by participating in the activities of these environmental education centers.

Are you a member of Partners of the Americas? Yes No

If you are not a member of Partners of the Americas, do you now plan to join the Chapter that sponsored your trip?

Have you registered on PartnersConnect? Yes No

If not, please do so https://members.partners.net/general/pick_username.asp

Volunteer time reporting is also crucial for securing programs like this one in the future. You should report the number of hours of volunteer time you spent on the visit, including preparation and follow-up activities on the Partners Counts Form. Log your time using the following link: http://iglhrrlmdt.formstack.com/forms/partnerscounts_updated Thanks a lot.

Please fill out and return this report with your:

- Expense report with respective receipts.
- All newspaper/media reports or photos of you engaged with host country nationals in professional activities.

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Send to: Partners of the Americas

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