## CICCIONAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & EXCHANGE







# Professional & Cultural Exchange Opportunities in the U.S.

Cultivating Global Citizens!



#### **Ambassador Pamela Spratlen**

"The importance of exchange and open mindedness that comes when you have the opportunity to go someplace very different when you are young. Some of my favorite staff in the Kyrgyz Republic were the ones who had participated in [BridgeUSA].

Everywhere I went when I met somebody who had been on [BridgeUSA], I always had a special place in my heart for that person. The people are very self-sufficient, they have good colloquial English and it's a great way to connect to the world."



#### BridgeUSA - Empowerment through Experience

- Public diplomacy tool
  - 315,000 participants annually to the U.S.
- Short-term professional and cultural exchange programs (J-1 visa)
- Stakeholders
  - State Department, Participants, Hosts, International Representatives, Visa Sponsors, U.S. Communities
- CIEE is the largest BridgeUSA sponsor
  - 30,000 participants annually







#### **Welcome Panelists**



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Clinical Psychologist

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## PANEL DISCUSSION

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### Thank You!