



Terra Lingua USA
Est. 1997

Who we are

Terra Lingua USA is an established and accredited non-profit organization specializing in cultural and educational opportunities for high school aged students worldwide. Our vision is to promote global awareness one student at a time. We offer affordable and quality cultural exchanges through an experienced and caring network.

TLUSA by the numbers

- 1997 year organization was founded
- 16 countries our students come from
- 50 U.S. States our students are placed in
 - 181 schools our students attend

Being a smaller boutique-style organization, we are able to offer the best service to students. Unlike larger organizations, we ALL know EVERY student by name. We do not assign them as numbers.

Why TLUSA?

Making the decision to send your child abroad can be overwhelming. You may want to choose the least expensive path. Don't be fooled by cheaper programs.

Your child has one chance at success and Terra Lingua USA offers the best advice to make that happen.

Why we are Better

- We are a Family-Run Organization: Failure is not an option for us. This is all we do!
- We know our Students: Other organizations assign students a number. Not us! We know every student by their name and who they are.
- Dedicated Staff: Because we are smaller, we can offer a quick response time and personalized service.
- Students are shown to all families: Other organizations limit students to specific areas. How can a quality match be made? We offer every student to every Coordinator to make the best school and family match.
- Host Families & Schools: Because we are small we have developed strong relationships with schools and families. They know us, we know them. Most of our placements are with schools and families that have hosted our students for many years!
- Reputation: We have an A+ rating. Our reputation has been impeccable for over 20 years.
- Partnerships: We select only the best International Agents, Schools, Host Families, and Coordinators.

We are designated and accredited for program compliance and student safety!



United States Department of State

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Washington, D.C. 20547

www.state.gov

The U.S. Department of State is pleased to inform you that the **Terra Lingua** is re-designated as a sponsor of an exchange visitor program in accordance with the administrative regulations issued under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act).



Council on Standards For International Educational Travel

1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 600, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

www.csiet.org



The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) has found **Terra Lingua USA** to have fulfilled all the requirements for CSIET Certification and grants your organization a Full J-1 Inbound Certification for the 2019-2020 Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs.

Our management team

The TLUSA Management Team is made of experienced, professional staff that truly care about your child.

Kellie Iacovella
Executive Director
F1 Program, Summer,
Short-Term, ESL Programs

Kellie comes from an exchange background dating back to her Junior year in high school when her family hosted their first exchange student. During her senior year, Kellie spent time in Germany after hosting a German student.

After college she went on to a career in purchasing and planning but ended up back in international exchange as a Representative. She then moved on to Regional Coordinator, President of the TLUSA Board of Directors, to the Executive Director of TLUSA. She has held this position for 11 years.

Christine Rizzo Thompson
J1 Academic Program Director

Christine also began her experience in international exchange by hosting several student in her home as a teenager. After college graduation and several years in marketing, she found herself back in the business. Christine was hired by TLUSA to perform initial screening of exchange applicants but has since moved on to become the Director of J1 Programs.

Christine has 12 years with Terra Lingua USA!

Our Community Coordinators

In order to provide quality, safe, and enriching programs, we only employ Coordinators that understand the mission of what we do. This is not an average position; it requires an understanding and desire to promote global understanding and most importantly, a love of teenagers!

Our coordinators are placed throughout the U.S. within their communities and are members of civic organizations, community groups, teen groups, churches, and sports leagues. They are offered a thorough online TLUSA training as well as the training sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Our Coordinators often hold jobs in the fields of:

- Teacher
- Social Worker
- Teen Support
- English Language Tutor



"Being a Terra Lingua USA Community Coordinator means bringing bright young students from around the globe together with caring and supportive American families to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for other cultures and to create lifelong friendships. Raising awareness and building bridges across cultures; it's what we do and I am proud to be an integral part of this AMAZING organization!"--- **Melissa, TLUSA Coordinator, Idaho**

Our schools

We run every program with professionalism and attention to detail.

We hand-select the best schools, with a variety of course offerings, at prices to meet any budget.

We compare:

- A/P Class Choices
- Honors Class Choices
- Extracurricular Activities
- Sports
- Where students go on to study
- Cost versus Value
- Class Sizes
- Niche, GreatSchools Ratings
- English Language Assistance
- Testing Requirements
- Campus Life and Safety
- Community and Surroundings



Host Families

The families we select to host your child are carefully vetted and screened to ensure they have only the best interests of your child in mind.

Families Offer:

- Warm and Loving Home
- Love of Culture
- Quiet Place to Study
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Comfortable Bed
- Most have Teenagers



Families Do Not

- Host more than 2 Students
- Host Students of Same Language
- Host for the Wrong Reasons
- Force Religion or Political Beliefs

Our team of Community Coordinators will ensure that your child will receive the attention and tools they need to succeed at homestay and at school.



Please find us at the following:

www.TLUSA.org

Facebook: Terra Lingua USA

Instagram: terralinguausa

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*We **promise** that we will take the best care of your child.*

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