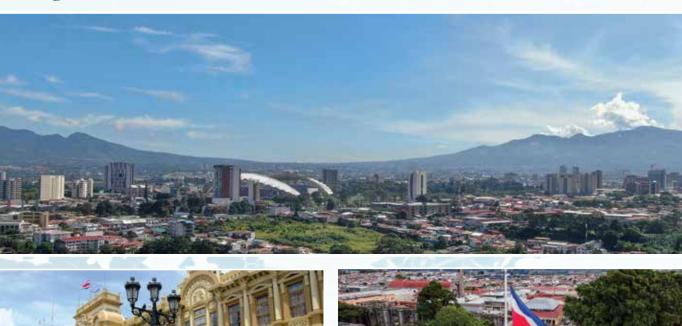
# International Symposium Student Track

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## Sunday, June 8

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner

## Monday, June 9

8:30 – 9:20 a.m. The Importance of Study Abroad and International Exchange Opportunities

Presenters: Yudi Lewis, Ph.D. Executive Director of Hispanic–Serving Institutions Initiatives, Weber State University, USA

Rudy M. Ortiz, Ph.D. Professor, University of California, Merced, USA

9:20 – 9:30 a.m. Guiding Remarks from HACU Leadership

**Presenter: Antonio R. Flores, Ph.D.** President and CEO, HACU

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The Importance of Mentoring Experience for Underrepresented Students While Abroad

**Presenter: Ana Solis** Adviser, EducationUSA Advising Center at Centro Cultural Costarricense–Norteamericano, Costa Rica

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Shaping your STEM Future: Tools, Goals and Growth

Presenter: Yoel Rodriguez, Ph.D. Professor Hostos Community College, USA 12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Departure from Marriott Costa Rica Hacienda Belén Hotel to the Universidad de Iberoamérica Faculties Building

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Welcome to UNIBE

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. UNIBErsal Gateway to Global Excellence

3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Immersive Experiences with UNIBE Student Ambassadors

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Costa Rica Welcomes You: Pura Vida Celebration

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Departure from UNIBE to the farewell venue

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Farewell dinner

7:30 – 8:15 p.m. Departure to Marriott Costa Rica Hacienda Belén Hotel

## Tuesday, June 10

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. AI in Higher Ed: Unlocking the Future of Learning and Career Readiness

Presenter: Guillermo Díaz, Jr. Founder and CEO, Conectado, Inc. USA

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Global Opportunities with Costa Rica: Innovation, Trade, and Career Pathways

Presenter: Mario Sáenz Alfaro Exports Development Principal Director, PROCOMER, Costa Rica

12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:30 – 2:20 p.m. Departure from Marriott Costa Rica Hacienda Belén Hotel to Universidad Hispanoamericana, UH Health Sciences Building. Enjoy guided bus tour of downtown San José.

2:15 – 2:20 p.m. Arrival at UH Health Sciences Building

2:30 – 3:20 p.m. UH Bilingual Student Ambassadors will accompany visiting students and will share in an intercultural exchange session

3:20 – 4:20 p.m. UH Academic Experience: Live simulation scenarios in internationally accredited simulation hospital. Unique experience in anatomy and basic sciences labs.

4:20 – 4:25 p.m. Meet at entrance and depart to UH Sports Campus

5:00 – 5:10 p.m. Arrival at the UH Sports Campus

5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Experience Costa Rican culture and gastronomy

Sustainability in Higher Education in Costa Rica: Giovani Jiménez Professor of the School of Tourism, Universidad Hispanoamericana Health Sciences Simulation Experience, UH, Costa Rica

Dinner with UH administrators

7:00 – 7:15 p.m. Departure to Marriott Costa Rica Hacienda Belén Hotel

# Wednesday, June 11

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Bridging Cultures Through Education: The Impact of International Research and Study Abroad

Presenter: Britt Rios–Ellis, Ph.D. President, California State University, Stanislaus, USA

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Expand Your Horizons: Study, Intern, and Grow with GlobalEdu Costa Rica

Presenter: Luis Felipe Dobles Junqueira Member of the Governing Board, GlobalEdu, Costa Rica

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Departure from Marriott Costa Rica Hacienda Belén Hotel to Universidad Santa Paula

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Welcome Remarks Rocío Valverde Gallegos, Ph.D. President, Universidad Santa Paula, USP, Costa Rica

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Presentation about USP Erika Cyrus, Ph.D. Director of Physical Therapy School, Universidad Santa Paula, USP, Costa Rica

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Guided tour of the university

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Culture and Diversity: To Learn from New Perspectives

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Cultural Presentation

7:00 – 7:15 p.m. Departure to Marriott Costa Rica Hacienda Belén Hotel

## Thursday, June 12

ALL DAY HACU International Symposium

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and La Academia Graduation Ceremony

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