ESLi Agreement

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WKU is celebrating a partnership that’s been critical to the success of thousands of International Students.

English as a Second Language International has just signed on for another five years at WKU as Amy Bingham reports in this week’s View from the Hill.

You’ve heard the saying, WKU is a leading American University with International reach. Administrators say ESLi is a big reason why.

Dr. Gary Ransdell \ WKU President

Minh Dao \ESLi Student Services Liaison

Dr. Ryan Hall \ VP, Institutional Advancement, ESLI

These students are among more than 150 who study English as a second language every year at WKU.

 “ESLi makes sure thought students that come to us from other lands are able to understand the language and become productive students on our campus.”

Vietnam native Minh Dao knows first hand how beneficial the class is.

 “At ESLI I not only got to learn English skills like reading, speaking, writing and listening but also got to learn research skills.”

Dao is a graduate of the Honors college and now works with other international students through ESLi.

 “When I get to see students succeed and achieve their goals and their dreams it makes my life more meaningful and my job more pleasant.”

This week a formal signing ceremony was held to mark another five year agreement and salute the partnership.

 “ESLi and WKU have sort of grown together. I think when we first started on the campus fifteen years ago we’ve seen the international numbers double for both us in the ESLi program and Western Kentucky University.”

Getting up to speed on the English language is a way to keep these students on the path to success.

 “These students have performed very well in their native lands and are coming in as very good students but may not be completely immersed in our language.”

The goal is to keep expanding the international reach for many years to come.

 “I’m hoping to see even more students around the globe and see our numbers increase and see the cooperation between WKU and ESLi go even further.”

Students from forty countries have been served by ESLi. Between 70 – 100 graduate from the program each year.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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