

Local family hosts international student this year

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Founded in 1982, International Student Exchange has connected more than 30,000 students and families through cultural exchange programs designed to bring international students into American communities while giving local families the chance to experience another culture firsthand.

As a U.S. Department of State-designated sponsor for J-1 secondary school exchange students, ISE works with volunteer host families across the country, including in Kentucky, to provide international high school students with a place to live, study and experience American life.

For Boyle County resident Vanessa Huber and her family, hosting exchange students became an opportunity not only to open their home, but also to broaden their children's worldview.

"We decided to host because we wanted to be able to share our culture with students from other countries," Huber said. "We also wanted to expose our children to other cultures."

Huber said the experience has already had a lasting impact on her family.

"So far, it has been a great experience," she said. "We have developed a relationship with their whole family, and have learned many things about



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International exchange students from Brazil, Italy, Germany, Vietnam and Japan gather for orientation after arriving for the January 2026-May 2027 exchange season. The students are participating through International Student Exchange, which places students with host families in communities across the country.

how countries do things differently from us."

ISE's exchange programs range from five months to a full academic year. Students attend local high schools while living with volunteer host families who provide a bedroom, meals and a supportive family environment.

According to ISE, host families can come from many different backgrounds. Families with children, empty nesters and single individuals have all successfully hosted exchange students. The organization emphasizes that the most important qualities are patience, openness and a willingness to treat the student as a member of the family

rather than a guest.

Huber said beginning the process was straightforward and well-supported through ISE's local representatives.

"To start hosting, you either get in contact with your area representative or submit an interest form on the ISE webpage," Huber said. "The area reps can answer any questions that you have."

The application process includes submitting information about the household, references, photographs of the home and a letter introducing the family to a potential student. Area representatives also conduct home visits and reference checks before approval.

Huber said one of her

family's goals is to help their exchange students gain a deeper understanding of life in the United States while also encouraging them to share their own culture.

"I hope that Laura and Jose will learn about American culture, gain experience about how American life differs from their culture, make new friends, join new activities that may not be available in their home country, and share their culture and experiences with others," she said.

The Hubers have found that hosting has changed even the small, everyday moments in their household.

"Hosting an exchange student has given us an

extra person in the house to share in family game nights, new foods to enjoy, and has shifted our perspective on how we do things in our house," Huber said. "It has been like seeing the world through a new lens."

She added that even routine outings can become opportunities for cultural exchange.

"Even going to the grocery store is like a whole new experience," she said. "It has given us the mindset of slowing down and enjoying our surroundings, as not everyone has experienced that before."

Huber acknowledged that her family initially had concerns about whether they would be the right fit because they do not have high school-aged children at home. However, conversations with other host families and their exchange students helped reassure them.

"We were concerned about us being a good fit, as our children are young," Huber said. "I was worried that they would be bored or overwhelmed, but after speaking with other families who have hosted, I learned that busy families can be great."

She said their exchange students were excited about experiencing life with younger siblings because they had never had that opportunity before.

Like many Kentucky families, the Hubers are eager to introduce their students to local traditions

and experiences throughout the year.

"We are excited to share holiday traditions, especially Halloween and Christmas," Huber said. "We are also excited about taking them to places like Jungle Jim's, museums, hiking trails and parks."

The family also plans to introduce the students to Kentucky sports culture through University of Louisville and University of Kentucky athletic events, along with Louisville City FC soccer matches.

Huber said families considering hosting should know that support remains available throughout the entire exchange process.

The organization offers several different program lengths depending on the needs of the student and host family. Five-month programs are available beginning either in August for the fall semester or in January for the spring semester. The 10-month program begins in August and typically follows the traditional American school year through the spring. ISE also offers a 12-month program beginning in January, allowing students to remain with their host families for a full calendar year experience.

ISE officials encourage interested families to apply early. Those interested in either hosting or working as an area representative can learn more at iseusa.org

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