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**VIF honors international teachers for student engagement, innovation**  
*Visiting educators broaden international content, show leadership in schools*

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — VIF International Education is proud to honor five teachers in the 2010 International Educator of the Year awards program.

Chosen from among more than 45 nominees, these five educators have shown innovation and initiative in the classroom. Through an emphasis on international content, these teachers have created daily opportunities for their students to explore other cultures and countries, master new languages and broaden their perspectives.

**The Winners**

The VIF Program will honor recipients with a school celebrations, during which they will receive their awards and free educational materials for their schools. Media are invited to attend these events.

**Ingrid Arriagada**, Spanish

Celebration: 2:30 p.m. on Tues., May 4  
Bolton Academy Elementary School, 2268 Adams Drive NW, Atlanta, Ga.

**Gilmara Maciel Bezerra**, ESL

Celebration: 2:15 p.m. on Wed., April 28  
University Meadows Elementary School, 1600 Pavilion Blvd., Charlotte, N.C.

**Michelle Macumber**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Celebration: 3:15 p.m. on Mon., May 3  
Gray's Creek Elementary School, 2964 School Road, Hope Mills, N.C.

**Ivan Morales**, Spanish

Celebration: 3:20 p.m on Mon., May 3  
Fairfield Magnet School for Math & Science, 1647 Hwy. 321 By-Pass North, Winnsboro, S.C.

**Luz Mery Suárez**, Spanish

Celebration: 7:30 a.m. on Thurs., May 6  
Carrboro Elementary School, 400 Shelton St., Carrboro, N.C.



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### About VIF International Education

VIF International Education helps K-12 schools create sustainable and effective international learning environments. VIF develops and manages comprehensive international education programs, including Splash! Language Immersion and the Passport Global Literacy school model that emphasizes experiential learning, cultural exposure and early language skills. Designated by the U.S. Department of State as an Exchange Visitor Program, VIF's 20-year history is rooted in building a world-class education and providing greater opportunities to expose students to the world's languages, its myriad cultures, and diverse perspectives through international teachers.

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