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[Organization] signs first-ever Global Charter for Co-op and Work-Integrated Education

Charter signatories agree to create more and better international work-integrated educational experiences for students

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Aug. 5, 2019 — More than 50 university presidents, education association executives and high-ranking government officials, **including Exec of Organization**, convened at the birth place of cooperative education, the University of Cincinnati, to sign the first-of-its-kind Global Charter for Co-op and Work-Integrated Education.

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The inaugural signatory organizations — among which, 14 countries and five continents are represented — formalized a commitment to grow the number and quality of international co-op and work-integrated education opportunities for students around the world. By engaging and uniting with their employer partners to provide access for all post-secondary students to international work-based experiences, these organizations will more effectively prepare students for productive and rewarding employment anywhere in the world.

“The rapid pace of change in business and industry, the increasingly global nature of employment and equitable access for all are themes that need the collective attention of employers and educators,” says Nancy Johnston, president of the World Association for Cooperative and Work-Integrated Education, which led the effort to create the Global Charter. “Work-integrated education is a proven model that brings these stakeholders together during the course of a student’s academic studies so that these challenges can be addressed in real-time, authentic ways that contribute to both a student’s learning and their workplace readiness.”

Charter organizations agree to answer three calls to action:

1. Create a significant number of new opportunities for students of Charter supporters to obtain meaningful, international, work-integrated experiences, with a focus on scaling up;
2. Develop and deliver educational offerings specifically designed to enhance student intercultural fluency and resilience with focus on equity, diversity and inclusion;

3. Facilitate conversations between higher education and business to determine what constitutes “global work readiness”, and embedding these attributes in a global quality assurance framework.

The University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees approved the creation of the first-ever cooperative education program in 1906. Since then, co-op has spread around the globe and inspired additional models of work-integrated education that reflect the changing needs and opportunities of today and the future. With technology making the world smaller and cultural fluency more important than ever, the Global Charter addresses a rapidly growing need of the global economy.

To see the full text of the charter, visit: https://waceinc.org/assets/The_Global_CWIE_Report_2019.pdf

For the YouTube Signing Ceremony coverage see:

<https://youtu.be/m1ohsLwG21k> (6 min edited version)

<https://youtu.be/ic9BhaPtcdQ> (live capture full version)

ABOUT WACE

WACE is the primary international association dedicated to developing, expanding, branding and advocating for cooperative & work-integrated education programs within industry and educational institutions. Cooperative & Work-Integrated Education (CWIE) is a term created by WACE to acknowledge and embrace all forms of work-integrated learning utilized by industry and educational institutions to prepare the next generation of global professionals. For more about WACE see:

<https://waceinc.org/>

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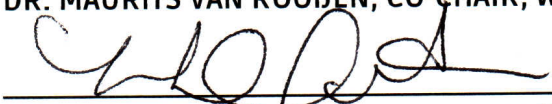
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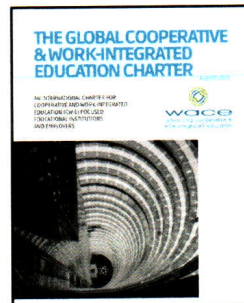
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In recognition of your role as an inaugural signatory of the Global Cooperative and Work-Integrated Education Charter supporting work-integrated education as a key educational strategy for the development of internationally work ready graduates. Presented this: 05.8.19 at the University of Cincinnati.

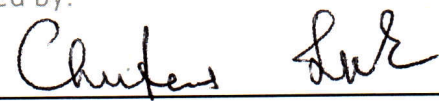
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