Happy International Education Week!

Did you know that this week is International Education Week [1]? The U.S. Departments of State and Education designate the third week of November as International Education Week to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. At Yale, every week is “international week” as we celebrate, among other things, the many contributions of our international students and scholars.

Released on the first day of International Education Week (11/18/2019) is the annual Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange [2]. The number of international students in the United States set an all-time high in the 2018/19 academic year, the fourth consecutive year with more than one million international students. The total number of international students, 1,095,299, is a 0.05 percent increase over last year, according to the 2019 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange. International students make up 5.5 percent of the total U.S. higher education population. According to data from the U.S. Department of Commerce, international students contributed $44.7 billion to the U.S. economy in 2018, an increase of 5.5 percent from the previous year.

At Yale, our numbers continue to grow. The international student enrollment in fall 2019 increased by 0.6% to an all-time high of 3014 students, representing 22% of the student body. The fall 2019 enrollment includes students from 120 countries. The top five places of origin – China, Canada, India, South Korea and the United Kingdom – have remained constant for nearly 10 years. A complete report will soon be posted on the OISS website.

Here’s to making every week feel like international education week!