

Leipzig International School

10th Anniversary

One of the elements of the German-American relationship that is unique is the depth and the breadth of the myriad personal ties that connect people in their communities and at their places of work and study. These are the ties that bind.

That relationship has been fostered through many years of association. In the year that we have been in Berlin, Marsha and I have had the opportunity to visit a number of new institutions in the Eastern states. Institutions like the Leipzig International School are creating new traditions, traditions for our new world. These new traditions will be the basis for the ties that bind in the future. But new traditions do not arise by chance. They require contemplation and reflection. Over the years, it has been shown that the most long-lasting people-to-people connections are those established at school and university. By studying foreign cultures and languages, one gains a better understanding of shared values and a respect for differences.

Marsha and I send our best wishes to the staff and the students of the Leipzig International School. We applaud and appreciate your initiative and commitment.

Ambassador and Mrs. Daniel R. Coats

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