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Boston Language Center is Nationally Awarded for its Exceptional Community Service

Approach International Student Center Wins the 2021 ACCET Thomas R. Tilia Community Service Award after creating an array of free resources for students worldwide.

Approach International Student Center (ISC) was named the Thomas R. Tilia Community Service Award winner at the 2021 Annual ACCET Conference. *This award recognizes a school that demonstrates an ongoing, positive impact on the community by benefiting the people, the infrastructure, and/or the natural environment (accet.org).*

This year, the Boston-based language center engaged in a variety of efforts to benefit their community, such as fundraising for various NGOs like "American Foundation for the Blind," "Operation Underground Railroad," and "Flying High for Haiti." Some of their most considerable contributions include their partnership with the Brazilian NGO, Baluarte. They provide school materials and meals for impoverished children in Angola and Nordeste, Brazil, and fund a school opening in the Northeast of Brazil. Approach ISC also donated over 10k to Marici, an organization that focuses on eradicating sex trafficking, and the school was able to save the lives of 20 girls.

Apart from a variety of fundraising and donation projects, Approach ISC implemented an initiative at the start of the year offering "Free English Conversation Classes," in which they provided free resources to those who couldn't afford to study at the school. Over 700 students from around the world have joined this free initiative and learned English from accredited teachers. Additionally, the school has been providing free resources via social media that engage and uplift their global community.



Mid-October, Approach ISC landed in the top 3 finalists for this award and was invited to present at the ACCET Conference in Las Vegas. On November 5th, the ACCET Chief of Staff announced the winner:

“ [Approach ISC] They go beyond their mission by defining their community as the global community... and they really demonstrate how they impact lives beyond the educational services... so it’s our honor to present the 2021 Thomas Tillia Community Service Award to Approach International Student Center.” - Corey Rosso, ACCET Chief of Staff

This has become the first time since the award’s inauguration that ACCET recognizes a Boston-based language center. It imprints in the history of Approach and serves as a reminder that the way in which the school engages with their community - a community filled with passionate individuals from students, to teachers, to hard-workers and dreamers - provides many more rewards than this recognition; it brings forth a human connection amongst the community stronger than ever before, propelling Approach ISC into a new, innovative era in the education industry.

About Approach International Student Center (ISC)

Approach ISC strives to create life-changing opportunities for students from all over the world. With over 20 years of experience and two campuses located in Boston and Marlborough, Approach welcomes more than 900 students a month to guide them in achieving excellence in their academic and professional goals in the United States. Our mission is “To provide high quality, flexible, and affordable English, Test Preparation, and Business programs to students from all over the world.” To access their website, please visit approachusa.org

To access their free resources visit their [Instagram: @approach_usa](https://www.instagram.com/approach_usa) or https://bit.ly/FECC_2021 for the Free English Conversation Classes.

To access their landing page with information about the Thomas Tillia Community Service Award, please visit https://bit.ly/Approach_ThomasRTilliaAward