

Biography – Sylvie Duerkop

For more than the past 2 decades, international business management and cross-cultural education experiences have been center pieces of my life.

Born on the beautiful island of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean, I was already engaged as a high school student in several foreign exchange programs including living with local families in Barbados, Trinidad (W.I.) and London (England).

During my university studies I also spent an exchange year in the USA at Missouri State University. Additionally, while working as an intern for half a year in Mexico City, I deepened my Spanish language skills.

After graduating with a master degree in International Business Administration, I joined Hewlett Packard in Germany as a Marketing Manager for 6 years where I learned the 5th language I speak fluently, German.

Together with my husband, I live since more than 10 years in Miami Shores. Our 3 year old son attends a Miami Shores pre-K school. We are very excited about our son's experiences growing up in our incredible and lovely community.

In my professional career, I help organizing international exchange programs (for young students and adults) to learn new languages by either bringing them from foreign countries to schools in Miami-Dade and Broward County or by sending US-citizens to places abroad like the Caribbean Islands, Latin America or Europe.

My key objectives to join the Miami Shores education board are fostering international language skills and cultural exchanges as well as build an enhanced path to drive the desire and motivation of Miami Shores families and their children to attend our local public schools.