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Chancellor's Welcome Reception for New International Students and Returning UNCG Students from Study Abroad



Dr. Lyn Lawrence

Happy New Year and welcome everyone to UNCG's Spring semester, 2008!

Chancellor Sullivan traditionally welcomes new International students to UNCG with her annual Welcome Reception and on January 15, David H. Perrin, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, was proud to welcome a new group of International students along with returning exchange students, on Chancellor Sullivan's behalf.

New International students met with faculty and staff who will be helping to shape their experience here at UNCG while returning study abroad students regaled all with stories and adventures from their time abroad. The Welcome reception is a time for both new and returning students to interact, enjoy each other's company, and form bonds, but also for faculty and staff to greet and get to know the new and returning students, and to help them settle into their experience at UNCG.



Dr. David Perrin welcomes Cherice Mangiagalli from South Africa



New and returning students enjoying the Reception



Katie Ostrowka with new and returning students



Tuisha Fernandez, Dr. Ceola Ross Baber, Jerry Benjamin and Andrea Whitley



New and returning degree-seeking students from Germany with Dr. Ruth King

New International Degree-Seeking Students

The International Programs Center would like to welcome 31 new degree-seeking students from 14 countries. Our new degree-seeking international students and their home countries are: **BAHAMAS**: Donnae Ward (Nutrition); **CHINA**: Jiawei Chen (Accounting), China Yuzhu Cong (Physics); **GERMANY**: Peter Barghusen, Juergen Fleischmann, Tobias Lages, Jan Helge Meyer, Boettner Reik, Maik Schindler, Nicole Vomend, (Business Administration); **INDIA**: Mahak Jain (Biology), Pinaz Kale (Computer Science), Pooja Mishra (Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies); **JAPAN**: Soshi Samejima (Exercise & Sport Science); **LEBANON**: Ayman Hamze (Business Administration); **POLAND**: Teresa Gonzalez Banasik (International Business); **RUSSIA**: Yaroslav Litus (International Business); **SAUDI ARABIA**: Meshaal Albagami (Computer Science), Fuad Albureshaid (Kingdom of Bahrain), Wejdan Alkaldi (Computer science), Abdullah Binmoamar (Library and Information Stds.), Mohammed Mushi (Library and Information Stds.); **SOUTH KOREA**: Young Jin Hah (Exercise & Sport Science), Saerom Han (General Studies), Yongung Kwon (Exercise & Sport Science), Chia-Ying Lee (Music), Seungchan Lee (Exercise & Sport Science); **TAIWAN**: Chia-Ying Lee (Accounting); **TURKEY**: Acar Hadiye (Special Education); **UNITED KINGDOM**: Richard Dickon Housman (General Studies); **VIETNAM**: Truc Doan (General Studies).

New International Exchange Students

AUSTRALIA: Catholic University, Nicholas Blackah, Paul Fricke, Jordan Loader, Andrew Villani, Lauren Weiss (ESS); Deakin University, Kristen Scott (Chemistry); Macquarie University, David MacDonald (Economics); **AUSTRIA**: University of Klagenfurt, Susanna Franz (Business Administration); **FRANCE**: La Reunion, Valerie Bougault (Biology); **ITALY**: Cattolica Sacred Heart, Francesca Cataldo (Economics); **MEXICO**: Tec de Monterrey, Fernando Perdomo Abella, Daphne Calderon Aguirre, Ana Tiscareno Contreras, Bernardo Fraga Hernandez, Yolanda Retamoza Navarro, Carla Ortiz (Business Administration), Enrique Villanueva Lugo (Broadcasting and Cinema), Javier Rodriguez Moncayo, Ana Barrios Valtierra (Communication), Emmanuel Aguado Rivas (Economics), Elizabeth Lira Saucedo (Interior Architecture), DUBY Armendariz Ogushi (ISOM), Susana Mariann Valdes Sanchez (Marketing and Business Administration); Tec de Monterrey- San Luis Potosi Campus, Angelica Escamilla Macedo (Business Administration); Tec de Monterrey- Queretaro Campus, Eva Uribe Mendoza (Marketing and Business Administration). **POLAND**: University of Wroclaw, Julia Maszczak (Political Science and Psychology), Krzysztof Nolbrzak (International Business); **SOUTH AFRICA**: University of Cape Town, Cherice Mangiagalli (Dance); **SPAIN**: The University of Extremadura, Manuel Gomez Arrones Egido (Business Administration); **UK**: Trinity College, Au Nguyen (Tourism Management); and **URUGUAY**: University del Catolica, Maria Hampe Arrarte (Communication).

New International Programs Center Student Employees

The International Programs Center would like to welcome our new student employees! **Drury Fulcher** studied abroad in Russia at Kazan State University and at the University of Tartu in Estonia. **Cherice Mangiagalli** is our graduate exchange student from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. **Christine Nyambura** is our undergraduate work-study student originally from Kenya. Also joining us are **Bellah Kiteki**, our new intern from Kenya; **Marion Vallas**, an exchange student from the University of Lyon, France; and **Julia Maszczak** from the University of Wroclaw in Poland.



Drury Fulcher



Cherice Mangiagalli



Christine Nyambura



Bellah Kiteki



Julia Maszczak



Marion Vallas

Welcome to Katie Ostrowka! Our New Program Coordinator

The IPC would like to welcome Katie Ostrowka as our new Program Coordinator. A recent graduate, Katie attended UNCG for her undergraduate studies, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a second major in English. While at UNCG, Katie studied abroad for a semester at Växjö University in Sweden in 2006.

Through her experiences abroad, she gained a great respect for other cultures and realized how important a multi-cultural understanding is in our diverse world. To build on her experiences, Katie began one-on-one tutoring in English for non-native speakers. Her two students have taught her much about teaching, having patience, and ways to communicate cross-culturally. For the future, Katie looks forward to working with IPC and beginning her graduate studies at UNCG.



Katie Ostrowka

Recent Visitors

UNCG started the New Year by welcoming visitors **President Hiam Sakr** and **Nabeel F. Haidar**, PhD, Provost, CAO & VP for Institutional Advancement from the American University of Science and Technology, Beirut, Lebanon, on January 15.



*Provost Nabeel F. Haidar,
Provost David Perrin and
President Hiam Sakr*

Visiting International Scholars

During January, UNCG welcomed several visiting international scholars: **Dr. Jing Wu**, a research scholar from Soochow University in China, is working with Dr. Edward Wisniewski in the Department of Psychology; **Dr. Javid Shabbir**, a short-term scholar from Quaid-i-Azam University in Pakistan, is working with Dr. Alexander Chigogidze in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics; **Mr. Akkarach Bumrungpert**, a research scholar from Mahidol University in Thailand, is working with Dr. Michael McIntosh in the Department of Nutrition; and **Dr. Mine Aladag**, a short-term scholar from Ege University Izmir in Turkey, is working with Dr. L. DiAnne Borders in the Department of Counseling and Educational Development.

Recent UNCG Travelers

The following UNCG faculty members have traveled overseas in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines during the following months: *November*: **Maya Chhetra**, Mathematics & Statistics (Czech Republic); **Sebastian Pauli** and **Filip Saidak** Mathematics & Statistics (Mexico).

December: **Mary Ellis Gibson**, English (United Kingdom); **Kshetri Nir**, Business Administration (Denmark)

January: **Anthony Cuda**, English (Italy) and **Jennifer Keith**, English (United Kingdom).

International Travel Fund

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded an ITF grant in *December*: **Jennifer Keith**, English (United Kingdom); and **Jerry Pubantz**, Political Science (Scotland).

January: **Susan Buck**, Political Science (United Kingdom); **Diane Gill**, Exercise & Sports Science (Netherlands); **Anatoly Miroshnichenko**, Physics & Astronomy (Germany); and **David Nelson**, Music (Australia).

The ITF brochure and budget form can be found at the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/fgoingabroad/travelfunds.html

Kohler Award Fund

The next deadline for applications for Research and Teaching will be April 11, 2008. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/internationalize/fundingopportunities.html

Letters From Abroad by Alexis Richards, University of Ghana



Africa. The word itself conjures up any number of emotions, opinions, and images. What we read in the Times or hear on CNN. Photos we glance at briefly in text books and short facts we cram into our heads. Famine, disease, war. We are, after all, educated and informed American citizens. Or are we?

The reality that I, a young theatre student, experienced at the University of Ghana is drastically different from what I expected. Shopping in a market you might see a man outfitted in traditional kente or a woman selling plantains off of her head. Just as easily you might pass a young boy, dressed head to toe in knock-off Dolce and Cabana gear, blaring Acon out of his car.



There are some stereotypes that ring true. There exists a strong sense of community. Whether man, woman or child, everyone dances. I do get called white person, but more often as a greeting and not as an insult. Daily, I hear the pounding of millet, cassava and plantain. So much exists that I would have never expected. Clean water, if not affordable to some, is readily available. Travel is simple and cheap. In the city I live in, there are about 20 bars and clubs, grocery stores with American food, kabob stands around every corner, a huge Lebanese and Italian population, and an internet café, restaurant, and C-store in my dorm. I could write for days on surprises.

As far as studying abroad is concerned, I realized how incredibly lucky I am to have attended American schools. The education we receive at UNCG is so different compared to at schools here: the internet is rarely used, there are few textbooks, classes are once a week and many have more than 300 students.

It is fascinating, however, to hear lectures, practice theatre, and talk with Ghanaians on current issues or timeless topics of discussion. Students here are incredibly informed. I have learned the most through simply making friends with Ghanaian and Nigerian students. They provide me with a perspective so different from my own. In an article this short, I could never express what I feel about Africa now or how I have experienced it. All I can say is see for yourself.



INTERLINK Update!

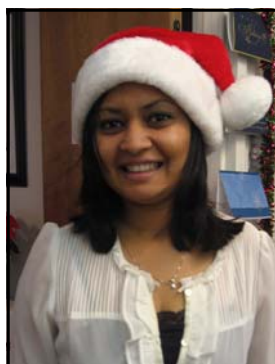
On December 19, 2007, eleven INTERLINK students graduated. Graduation was held in the EUC and included a power point presentation by students, Christmas carols, and refreshments. Julia Wang received the outstanding student award and many students also received perfect attendance awards.

INTERLINK started a new term on January 16 with over 30 new students from various countries joining the program. We have many exciting projects, trips, and activities planned for this term and are looking forward to getting started.

We are also happy to welcome Jen Perron, Nancy Rivera, and Kim Richey to our staff. As always, we are looking for conversation partners for our students. If anyone is interested in more information, please contact Stephanie at srummel444@yahoo.com.



IPC Celebrates With Holiday Party '07



Kavita Gosai

Holiday spirit was flowing as the International Programs Center hosted its annual holiday party. Thanks to everyone who attended and made it such a success. We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and we wish you the very best for 2008! Happy New Year!



Dr. Charles Lyons, Christina Thompson and Dr. David Olson



Outgoing Study Abroad Students



Delicious Food

Friday Fest

Jan-18. USA (North Carolina)
Jan-25. Germany
Feb-1. Australia
Feb-8. Brazil
Feb-15. Italy
Feb-22. Iran
Feb-29. Bhutan & Taiwan

Mar-28. Ireland
Apr-4. Poland
Apr-11. TBA
Apr-18. Egypt
Apr-25. Uruguay
May-2. Mexico

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