UNCG Welcomes New International Students for Spring Semester 2007!

Welcome to a new year and the Spring 2007 semester! Certainly this is an exciting time to be a part of the UNCG community. UNCG’s growth is drawing attention to the amazing environment, programs, faculty, staff, and students. UNCG welcomed a new group of international students this Spring ’07 semester. These new students have brought their cultures from all around the globe to enrich their new ‘home’ at UNCG. Chancellor Sullivan welcomed the new students and returning study abroad students at her Welcome Reception on Tuesday, January 9, 2007.
New International Degree-Seeking Students

This semester, we welcomed 35 degree-seeking students from 15 countries. Our new degree-seeking international students and their home countries are: BENIN: Michele Adovelande (Pre-Business Administration); CANADA: Quynh Nguyen (Pre-Finance) & Zhaoxi Wang (Accounting); CHINA: Zhiyong Guo (Accounting), Huixin Luo (Health Education), & Mengliang Zhang (Accounting); GERMANY: Timm Dunemann (Business Administration), Tobias Forst (Business Administration), Christian Gehranadt (Business Administration), Anne Haunhorst (Business Administration), Claudia Koerber (Business Administration), Karin Oeinghaus (Business Administration), Sebastian Schmidt (Business Administration), Stefan Wilhelmi (Business Administration), & Daniela Willrich (Business Administration); INDIA: Koel, Majumder (Pre-Finance), Gaurav Parikh (Exercise & Sport Science), Narvekar Rupesh (Business Administration), Kamlesh Singh (Music), & Ravi Thambusamy (Computer Science); REPUBLIC of KOREA: Hae In Song (Information Systems & Operations Management); NETHERLANDS: Koen Kanters (Economics) & Arthur Sessink (History); POLAND: Piotr Kaznowski (Economics & International Relations) & Marek Michalak (International Business); REPUBLIC of KOREA: Hae In Song (Information Systems & Operations Management); SOUTH AFRICA: Ahmed Al Amoudi (Pre-Finance), Mohammad Al Masti (Pre-Finance), & Ahmed Nazer (Exercise & Sport Science); SENEGAL: Doudou Fall (Computer Science); SIERRA LEONE: Rosemarie Madinda (Information Systems & Operations Management); TAIWAN: Yueh-Hung Chen (Business Administration), Ping-Ping Chen (Undecided), & Lv You (Undecided); THAILAND: Rangsima Bunthatip (Business Administration) & Jindapa Pornsatit (Consumer, Apparel, & Retail Studies); TURKEY: Gul Derinkok (Business Administration); VIETNAM: Duy Tran (Accounting).

New 2007 International Exchange Students

Joining our UNCG community are the new 2007 exchange students: AUSTRALIA: Lauren Cowled (Education), Luke Howlin (Film Studies), Anthony Lambkin (Business Administration), Rebecca Magro (Exercise and Sports Science), Tristan Mathews (Education), Jonathon Saunders (Accounting), Chuan Yang Tan (Business Administration), & Grethe Wiegels (Marketing & Management); HUNGARY: Mariann Boros (Anthropology); KOREA: Youngsun Joo (Social Work); MEXICO: Arturo Arellano Oseguera (Business, International Commerce), Jose Cardona Gonzalez (Business Administration), Monica Ferrusca Monroy (International Business), Angela Rivera Segura (Business Administration), Jorge Rodriguez Ochoa (Communication Sciences & Music), Alma Sepulveda Hinojosa (Business Administration & Marketing), Luis Tapia Medellin (International Business), Francisco Tostado Ibanez (Business Administration), & Diana Villarreal Vazquez (Business Administration); NETHERLANDS: Koen Kanters (Economics) & Arthur Sessink (History); POLAND: Piotr Kaznowski (Economics & International Relations) & Marek Michalak (International Business); SWEDEN: Annica Granlund (Communications Studies), Sara Gunningberg (Communication Studies), Sofia Hellgren (Marketing), & Anna Stenhoff (Political Science).

New International Programs Center Student Employees

Joining the International Programs Center would like to warmly welcome our new student employees! Kadri Raudvere, from the University of Tartu, Estonia is a Business Administration exchange student. Piotr Kaznowski and Marek Michalak are from the University of Wroclaw, Poland, and are both International Business exchange students.

We also welcome IPC’s new and returning temporary assistants Jessica Rolland, Ajaya Francis, and Steve Lamb. Their presence is invaluable to the continued success at IPC. Their work behind the scenes will provide much needed support as international and study abroad students continue to increase in numbers.
UNCG welcomed a visiting Russian delegation from the Far Eastern State University, in Vladivostok between December 5-9, 2006. Their visit was part of a US academic tour allowing the students and professors the opportunity to discuss teaching and research in Biology with UNCG faculty members. Ismael Crotte, Director of the Centro De Estudios Para Extranjeros, University De Guadalajara, visited UNCG on Tuesday, January 23. While on campus he met with Don McCrickard, Bryan School of Business, and with Carmen Sotomayer, & Wendy Jones-Worden of the Romance Languages Department.

Bryan MBA Students Visit London and Brussels November 2006

A dozen MBA students spent the modular break in October on an academic trip to London and Brussels. The Bryan School regularly offers these mini-study abroad trips to its students to expose them to foreign business cultures and practices, but this was the first time an MBA trip visited these two European cities. Dr. Catherine Holderness who orchestrated the itinerary for the trip said the two cities were selected because of London’s importance as a center of global finance and Brussels’ role as the capital of the European Union. The students attended daily lectures and visited companies, government institutions and cultural sites. A few of the highlights during the one-week trip were tours of the British and European Parliaments, a visit to Goldman Sachs, and a tour of the Center for Creative Leadership. “I feel really lucky to have been able to participate in such a well-organized, thought-out trip. The organization of our daily schedules was intense and was purposefully well balanced with hands-on, educational, cultural, and exploratory opportunities. All of our hosts were extremely nice and many had planned great presentations, with VPs and managers sitting in on the presentations to answer any questions we had,” said Jessica Bays, a second-year student from the daytime program. Students received 1.5 credit hours for their week in Europe and another 1.5 credit hours for completing a research paper upon their return to UNCG. This semester study tours to Germany and Paris are being offered.

Visiting International Scholars

During the month of January UNCG welcomed one visiting international scholar: Michal Johannis, Research Scholar in the Department of Mathematical Sciences from the Czech Republic.

Recent UNCG Travelers

Lakshmi Iyer, Business Administration, traveled to India in pursuit of international perspectives during the month of December.

International Travel Fund

The following faculty members have been awarded an ITF grant in December and January: James Evans, English (United Kingdom); Gregory Grieve, Religious Studies (Thailand); Christopher Hodgkins, English (United Kingdom); Hope Hodgkins, English (United Kingdom); Nancy Nelson Hodges, Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies (Norway); & Jay Poole, Social Work (United Kingdom). 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 in Research and Teaching is April 13, 2007. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/internationalize/fundingopportunities.html
**INTERLINK**

INTERLINK's December commencement was well attended, with seventeen students completing the program and moving on to graduate and undergraduate study at UNCG. INTERLINK welcomed one of its largest groups ever for the January, 2007 session. Vietnam and Benin are relatively new sources of students in the program. We greatly appreciate the help from the Provost's office and academic departments in helping us work with this growth, as we see enrollment begin to approach our pre-9/11 levels. Excitement was high for a number of students who saw their first snowfall shortly after the new term began! Two new full-time faculty members, Stephanie Rummel and Thomas Slater, joined our ranks — both are from areas of the U.S. in which snow is NOT uncommon!

**IPC Holiday Party December ‘06**

Ending the 2006 calendar year, IPC hosted its annual Holiday party. A big thank you for all who attended and for those of you who could not make it we hope that you had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

Additionally, we sincerely thank Daio Hoffman for his tireless devotion and support to the IPC. His return to Brazil will leave us missing his comforting smile and artistic eye. Adeus, Daio!!

**Friday Fest Schedule**

- 2-Feb. Japan
- 9-Feb. China
- 16-Feb. UK
- 23-Feb. Spain
- 2-Mar. SPRING BREAK - No Friday Fest
- 9-Mar. SPRING BREAK - No Friday Fest
- 16-Mar. Sweden and Norway
- 23-Mar. Netherlands
- 30-Mar. S. Korea
- 6-Apr. Good Friday - No Friday Fest
- 13-Apr. Friday before I-Fest - No Friday Fest
- 20-Apr. Hungary
- 27-Apr. Mexico

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