In celebration of International Education Week (Nov. 14-18), the International Programs Center (IPC) has scheduled a number of activities guaranteed to rock your worldview. To kick off the week, the International Students Association (ISA) and IPC will manage information booths in the EUC Commons (Main Entrance) from 10:00am until 3:00pm on Monday. “Students share the world” will inform passersby of the various programs available to them both on campus and on other continents.

The returning study abroad students will display their best pictures from life abroad during the Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest. Stop by to see the photos and vote for your favorites. Photos will also be displayed in the Atrium from Monday evening through Friday morning. Winners will be announced at Friday Fest, on November 18th.

On the other side of the lens, an International Student Photo Exhibit will include pictures submitted by current UNCG International Students. This second set serves to document the lives of international students in Greensboro by providing a glimpse into the events and activities of the UNCG international community. The Bryan School will also be sponsoring several programs throughout the week, (See scheduled events at website listed below).

We will conclude the week with a finale of IEW activities in the Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall on Friday, November 18. Beginning at 2:00pm students from Sweden will share their culture, language, and foods during Friday Fest. At 3:30pm there will be a recognition of the I-House international flags, along with refreshments. Then I-House will present international talent that will keep you entertained with a number of songs, dances, and other routines. Afterwards stay for free lessons in the arts of Salsa and Tai-Chi. For a detailed schedule of events, please go to www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/iewflyer.pdf or further information contact

Recent Visitors

On September 28, Andrew Willis (Music) welcomed Rongdi Liu from the Xi’an Conservatory in China and his wife, Ping Chen. The visitors met with David Nelson (Music) to discuss potential linkages between the two schools. During their visit, they also visited students’ private music lessons and toured the UNCG campus. On October 24, Penelope Pynes and Tom Martinek welcomed Maria Novruk, of Øresund University in Denmark/Sweden, as part of the week long visit to North Carolina hosted by UNC-EP.
From Cyprus, to the States, to New Zealand and back again
Submitted By Paola Savvidou, Returning Exchange Student

Little did I know, back when I was growing up on the small island of Cyprus, that before the age of twenty, I would be a world traveler. After turning seventeen, having no other alternative but to move outside of Cyprus to study music, I decided to follow the steps of my older sisters and venture to the States. Regardless of my young age, I was prepared to learn as much as possible from the experience and grow both as a musician and as a person. The cultural differences were at times difficult to understand, but always intriguing. I lived in the I-House for two and a half years. The I-House, for me, is a cross-road of cultures where, among other things, the students who live there learn from each other about themselves. At times it can be lonely and challenging, and at other times fun and exciting. Nonetheless, seeing life from other world-views inspired me to spend a semester abroad as a UNCG exchange student.

When I became a junior at UNCG, the opportunity arose for me to study in Wellington, New Zealand, for one semester. Eager to travel and to learn about different cultures, peoples and life in a completely different place, I applied and ended up going to this beautiful country. I thought that after having such a wonderful time there and enjoying being in contact with the “kiwi” culture I would never be able to adjust back to Cyprus nor Greensboro. But through all these experiences, probably the most valuable outcome for me is the different way I now perceive the cultural differences, and the better understanding I have of my own culture. It is sometimes impossible to bridge the gaps that exist between different cultures, but accepting them is a step towards understanding that we are all human beings and our separateness is just an illusion.

Scholarship Winners

IPC would like to congratulate both Casey Niemeyer and Heidi Fischer for winning scholarships to participate in the NAFSA Regional VII Conference to be held in Birmingham, Alabama in November. Casey, an IPC graduate student, was awarded this scholarship aid based on her innovative work on transfer credit and reentry issues for our returning exchange students. Heidi Fisher, Assistant Director for Advising in the Bryan School also received a scholarship as a new NAFSA member.

Visiting International Scholar

We are pleased to welcome new visiting scholars, Dr. Natalya Masyuk from Russia, to the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jassim A-Nasr from Qatar, to the department of Sociology. Both scholars are sponsored by the Fulbright Program.

Recent Travelers

During the month of October, the following UNCG faculty members traveled all over the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines: Ana Hontanilla, Romance Languages (Italy); and Diane Gill, Exercise & Sports (Canada).
Bon voyage! ARGENTINA: Universidad Catolica De Cordoba, Erica Wojcik, FRE / INS; AUSTRALIA: University of Canberra, Kimberly Wike, IA R; AUSTRIA: University of Klagenfurt, Christin Bird, IN S; Elizabeth Burnham, M U S; BRAZIL: Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Parana, Carl Karlsten, IBS; CHINA: The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Emme Hawkins, IN S; Sean Cain, BUS; Daniel Corey, SOC; Louis Stanfield, E CO; ESTONIA: University of Tartu, Kristen Moorefield, CSD; FINLAND: University of Oulu, Tracey Warfield, ENG; FRANCE: University of Angers, Katherine Carr, PSC / FRE; Kimberlye Worth, FRE; University of Lyon 3, Jacqueline McCracken, A CC; Mallorie Simmons, N U R; Angela Davis, BUS; Sarah Tucker, M K T; Amy Parrish, A CC; Philip Cartwright, E CO / IBS; Fiona Martin, A CC; GERMANY: University of Mannheim, Dylan Beal, IBS; Daniel Stine, BCN; Ashley Jacobson, IBS; Sarah Richardson, A TY; Rachel Mandragona, B I O; JAPAN: Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Andrei Nicholson, CSC; Andrew Raymond, A RT; Carter Cassedy, L I N; Seinan Gakuin University, Daniel Meers, BUS; MEXICO: Tec de Monterrey - Ciudad de Mexico Campus, Laura Garduno-Garcia, IBS; Tec de Monterrey - Cuernavaca Campus, Brian Clark, PSY / PHI; Techeeyaw Anderson, IBS; Tec de Monterrey - Mazatlan Campus, Matthew Gutierrez, A CC; Lauren Minter, IBS; Tec de Monterrey - Monterrey Campus, Baxter Motley, FIN; Richard McDaniel, IBS; Gregory Levy, IBS; Tec de Monterrey - Queretaro Campus, Erica Waldon, SPA; Kelly Sullivan, SPA; Daaiyah Saafir, BUS; Tec de Monterrey - Toluca Campus, Berkley Mangum, H D F; NEW ZEALAND: Massey University, Vanessa Terry, BUS; Paul Stern, M U S; POLAND: Wroclaw University, Jessica Diaz, SOC; Kathryn Roth, U N D; Martin Collette, SOC; Alejandra O'Connor, SOC; John Pope, E S S; SPAIN: University of Castilla-La Mancha Toledo, Robert Wilson, SPA; SWE-DEN: Vaxjo University, Carrie Cook, CST; Natasha Toustrowka, CST / E N G; UNITED KINGDOM: University of Hull, Shauna Towle, RPM; Chelsea Bunch, IBS; Heather Anglin, IBS / A CC; Jenna Towle, PSY; Rachael Ashworth, E S S; Eric Woods, REL; University of Hull - Scarborough Campus, Anna Welker, TH R; Manchester Metropolitan University, MargaretAnne Moose, HIS;
INTERLINK students offer international perspectives to local school

Submitted by Lynn Bergschneider, Assistant Director, INTERLINK Language Center/UNCG

On September 30, Interlink class CS3 went to Canterbury Middle School. The INTERLINK students and fifth grade Canterbury students were paired or put in groups of three to have conversations. All of the students asked questions and talked about their family lives, school, sports and hobbies. The INTERLINK students shared snacks and facts about their cultures with the Canterbury students who weren’t very familiar with the Asian countries represented. The Canterbury students also showed their INTERLINK guests around their school and showed them their lockers. Both sets of students had a great time and learned a lot about each other and different customs.

International Students Association’s Washington, DC Trip

Nearly sixty International Students enjoyed an ISA sponsored trip to Washington D.C. over the fall break. The cold and damp weather was unable to put a damper on their excited moods. The students were able to visit various museums, historical sites, and even attend a pre-season NBA game. ISA’s next major trip is to New York City over the Thanksgiving Holiday. 114 students have signed up to embark on this adventure to the Big Apple.

One to Watch

IPC would like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to Daniel Diaz, (a former UNCG exchange student to Oulu, Finland, and Växjö, Sweden) for his generous help with the study abroad application process and his current contribution to our office.

Friday Fest

Upcoming Friday Fests

October 28 China
November 4 Turkey
November 11 Austria
November 18 Sweden

Thanks again to the Intercollegiate Athletics Department for the Spartan/international “world-class” t-shirts. They were a hit!

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