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We're making progress. This year 20 CSU Stanislaus students will study abroad — the largest group of students we've ever sent overseas on semester or academic-year programs. In these pages you will read about their experiences. Add the 35 students we expect to participate in Winter Term 2003 in Cuernavaca, and we will have 55 more CSU Stanislaus students who have lived and studied outside the U.S. We will have 55 more students who return to us with a deeper understanding of their academic disciplines, the world and its people, and themselves.

Studying abroad is not easy. It requires courage and maturity. It takes both intellectual and physical stamina. We're fortunate to have a campus environment that supports and encourages students to think about study abroad. Take a look at the following list of things that students need to know, and how faculty and staff can help.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW:

- That they receive academic credit for their coursework
- That they can afford it
- That it does not have to delay time to graduation
- That short-term programs are available
- That there is no age limit

WHAT FACULTY AND STAFF CAN DO:

- Learn what options are available in your discipline
- Let students know that you think Study Abroad is valuable
- Post information in your department office and your own office
- Adopt a departmental stance on Study Abroad
- Allow a returned student to make a brief announcement to your classes
- Teach abroad and take students with you

Less than 1 percent of American university students study abroad. Our 55 students do not raise our campus above that sorry statistic, but it's a start. We're going to get there, and beyond.

Hildy Heath

Coordinator, Education Abroad
Office of Global Affairs

Sign Up Now for Winter Term in Cuernavaca

It's time to sign up for Winter Term 2003 in sunny Cuernavaca. If you'd like to get out of the valley fog and spend January 9 through February 1 learning Spanish and getting to know Mexico, then come to the Office of Global Affairs in SSB 145 and pick up an application. Application deadline is November 8. All students will take at least one Spanish course. Other course offerings include International Social Work, Cultural Diversity and the Classroom, Cultural Variation in Nursing, and Latin American Cultures.

Latin American Cultures (MDIS 3400) will fulfill the Upper Division GE Multicultural Requirement. Dr. Robert Anderson, Professor of Spanish, is the Program Director.

Last year's participants were enthusiastic about the experience. Liberal Studies Major Janet Kline says: "Winter Term in Cuernavaca turned out to be the most enjoyable and valuable experience of my college years. I gained a wealth of knowledge that I could not have gotten otherwise. These memories will last me a lifetime."



CSU Stanislaus students and Program Director Robert Anderson in Cuernavaca, Mexico, Winter 2002

**Own what you can always carry with you;
know languages, know countries, know people.
Let your memory be your bag.**

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

ERNIE VENTURA WINS PRESTIGIOUS NSEP SCHOLARSHIP

CSU Stanislaus History Major Ernie Ventura has been selected as a National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Scholarship for Study Abroad recipient. Ernie now joins a distinguished group of Boren Scholars. The objectives of NSEP are:



- To equip Americans with an understanding of less commonly taught languages and cultures and enable them to become integrally involved in global issues;
- To build a critical base of future leaders, both in the marketplace and in government service, who have cultivated international relationships and worked and studied alongside foreign experts;
- To develop a cadre of professionals with more-than-traditional knowledge of language and culture, who can use this ability to help the United States make sound decisions and deal effectively with global issues.

Ernie intended to use the \$20,000 scholarship to study in Israel under the auspices of the CSU International Program, to which he was accepted last May. However due to ongoing turmoil in Israel, the CSU has suspended the Israel program. Now Ernie is working with NSEP to select an alternate program site. Two possible choices are American University of Cairo, Egypt, or Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. Applications for the next round of NSEP funding are due February 14, 2003. Contact the Office of Global Affairs for more information and application materials.

Following is a partial list of scholarships available for Study Abroad.

For a complete list, check the Study Abroad website at www.csustan.edu/Global_Affairs/

- Wang Family Scholarship – provides \$4,000 grant for study in China or Taiwan
- Freeman-Asia Scholarship – provides \$5,000 for one semester and \$7,000 for academic year in East or Southeast Asia
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship – awards range from \$13,000 to \$25,000 for academic year
- Gilman Scholarship – provides up to \$5,000. Must be receiving federal need-based financial aid under Title IV.
- Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant – provides \$1,000, minimum GPA 3.5
- California State Fair – www.bigfun.org (look under “scholarships”). Available for students in International Studies, Arts (including visual arts, dance, music) or Physical Education.
- International Study and Travel Center: Study Abroad Scholarships

How To Get Started on the Road to Study Abroad

1. Go to the Study Abroad Website at www.csustan.edu/Global_Affairs and begin to educate yourself about the types of programs that are available.

2. Attend an Information Session. Information Sessions provide an introduction to study abroad and an overview of options for CSU Stanislaus students.

THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU ATTEND THE INFORMATION SESSION:

- Why are you interested in study abroad?
- Where do you want to study?
- How long do you want to study abroad — academic year, semester, summer?
- Do you want to study a particular subject while abroad?
- Do you want to fulfill requirements for your major or minor?
- Do you know any languages other than English, or are you interested in learning another language while abroad?
- Is cost a significant factor in your program selection?

FALL 2002 INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULE

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| October 15 | 11:15 AM | SSB 128 |
| October 25 | 12:20 PM | SSB 128 |
| November 7 | 12:30 PM | SSB 128 |
| November 13 | 2:30 PM | SSB 128 |
| November 18 | 3:30 PM | SSB 128 |
| December 3 | 8:00 AM | SSB 128 |

3. After you have attended an Information Session, make an appointment to talk with the Study Abroad Advisor, 667-3395 hheath@csustan.edu, in order to further define and clarify your goals and program needs, and to select a program on the basis of your qualifications and interests. Once you have selected a program, you can begin the application process.

“In a world becoming every year more interdependent, the educational value to students of spending at least some portion of their undergraduate years living and learning in another country is no longer really debatable. The global competence and alertness students gain through such an experience is crucial to American national interests, as well as to the interests of students themselves.”

William W. Hoffa, “Study Abroad: A Parent’s Guide,” NAFSA, 1998

Students Think Summer is A Great Time to Study Abroad

Summer is a great time to go on a short-term study abroad program. Programs are available in Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and Thailand. In Summer 2002, CSU Stanislaus students studied in England, Italy, Spain, and France.



Jamie (far right) and fellow students relax in Spain.

JAMIE PARENT

University of Alicante, Spain

"Spending the summer in Spain is one of the best things that I have done in my life. It gave me a chance to improve a second language, live in a different culture, and travel the world. I was able to travel to large cities like Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, and Granada, while seeing firsthand the beauty of another country. I was impressed with how different and beautiful Spain is. I lived with a host family in Alicante and I loved it. The family was a woman and her son. I admit I was a bit frightened at first, but I soon relaxed after the woman spoke slowly and clearly to me. Although I had a great time in Spain I did endure hardships, such as doing my homework on the beach and eating ice cream every day (Alicante is known for its ice cream). I recommend studying abroad to everyone. It is the chance of a lifetime and worth a million dollars."

Parlez-vous français?

Can you speak French? If so, you might be eligible for a three-week internship in Laval, France during June 2003. The "partner county" linkage between Stanislaus County and the *département* of Mayenne, France, includes three-week reciprocal internships in business and government for CSU Stanislaus students and students from the *Université du Maine*. Students live in the homes of French families and receive airfare provided by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. Students also receive a small stipend to cover additional expenses. Two interns will be selected to participate in June 2003. Contact the Office of Global Affairs for more information and application materials.

Last summer's interns were Janelle Estes and Angela McKeever. Angela interned in the Marketing Department of *Lactalis*, one of the world's largest milk processing corporations. Janelle interned at the *Conséil Général de la Mayenne*, which is equivalent to our Board of Supervisors.



Alison gets cozy with Shakespeare at Stratford on Avon.

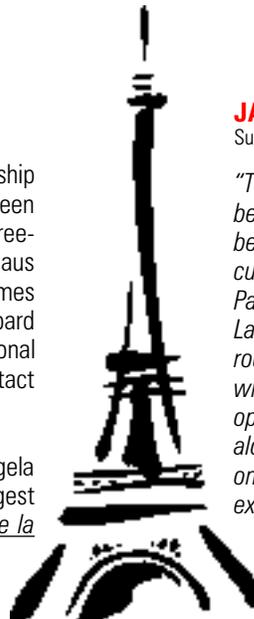
ALISON DAY

University of Reading, England

"I had a wonderful summer in Reading, England. The teachers were wonderful, the city was beautiful, and I was only thirty minutes away from London. I never realized how different England really is from the U.S. I thought that since I was going to an English speaking country that things weren't going to be that different. That was a completely wrong assumption. Things are totally different. You just have to be open minded and go with the flow. It was a wonderful and enriching experience learning about another culture. It was definitely one of the high points of my life. I would recommend this program to everyone because when you study overseas you constantly learn new things about yourself that you wouldn't learn at home."

Here are my tips for studying abroad:

1. Be open minded, because things are obviously going to be very different from home. Don't compare things in a negative way.
2. Don't be afraid to try something new.
3. Always be on time. Things in England run on time."



JANELLE ESTES

Summer Internship, Laval, France

"This internship program is one of the best ways I can think of for someone to be truly integrated into the French culture. I had previously studied in Paris, but the experience of living in Laval was completely different! It rounded out my picture of France as a whole, and gave me an awesome opportunity to live among and work alongside French people. It really was one of the best and most challenging experiences of my life."

CSU Stanislaus Students Check in from Around the World

DANIEL PALMERO

Preparatory Language Program at Université Laval before beginning academic year at McGill University, Québec, Canada



Palmero

"I can't really find the words to express the experience I've had so far. The people are friendly, the site and cities are authentic and enchanting, and Université Laval is in a class by itself. French is neither spoken nor heard in Québec City; it is breathed in and poured out through heart, feeling, and adoration. In terms of the program, I couldn't be more comfortable. Besides having to cook, clean, and manage for myself, I couldn't feel more at home. I enjoy lounging around the residence's grand salon and meeting people from China, Japan, India, Australia, and all over Canada. The teachers are highly enthusiastic and the course work is interesting and stimulating. They speak absolutely nothing but French to you, but some how you grow accustomed to it, and even later grow to embrace it.

Canada was a great choice for me. Heed this call, and take advantage if you have the intrigue, desire, and the utter raw interest to see something beyond yourself. Experience something beyond the norm, something extraordinary, something fun, difficult, and memorable. The world is out there."

JILL TUCKER

University of Bristol, England



Tucker

"I have arrived! I got here Sunday, September 29. The people here are very nice and very helpful, but they do not smile. That was hard to get used to at first. But they are not at all cold. They are really great and are willing to lend a hand if you will only ask. Everyone is very good about giving simple directions and helping you out. I had a hard first night, but after that I have been doing really well.

Bristol is a really cool city and everything is within walking distance. I have registered for my classes and I am finding my way around. I'm settling in well and am making friends. My flatmates are great. They are all from the British Isles (2 from England, 1 from Wales, 1 from Ireland) and they are all very nice and we are getting along great. I've had a few lonely moments, but that is to be expected at first. Other than that, I'm having a blast. I'm excited for classes to start next week."

MARIBEL ZAMORA

Monterrey Tec, Querétaro, Mexico



Zamora

"We've just arrived. Our way here wasn't difficult at all. People even helped us carry our luggage. Everyone here has been very polite to us. We found a place to live on the second day. It's not that easy to find a place to live, but we did it. Apartments range from 2,000 pesos all the way to 6,000 pesos, but you can find other students and get a place together. Everything is great. I'll give you another update after school starts."

LORI TEMPLEMAN

University of Bristol, England



Templeman

"All week here has been Freshers week where several events are held for students to get to know one another. I've settled in with a nice group and registering for classes has gone smoothly as well. I can't tell how things are here on the academic side because my first class is tomorrow. I'm excited to get started. I feel at home here already."

VANESSA PEREZ

Monterrey Tec, Querétaro, Mexico



Perez

"It was a little scary when I arrived because I didn't know what to expect. However Querétaro is a beautiful city and the people are very kind. The staff at the Tec de Monterrey are very helpful to the students. It is a great opportunity to experience such a different way of life. I'm looking forward to the start of school and the rest of the year here."

KATHLEEN MALONEY

Aarhus School of Business, Denmark

"Although it was hard to adjust the first couple weeks and I am experiencing huge amounts of culture shock, I feel like things are starting to work out. My roommates, all eleven of them, are wonderful and so friendly and helpful. The living environment is definitely one I have not



Maloney

experienced before. The dorm is set up like a house. Each room has a personal bathroom, decent size closet/storage space, bed, desk, chair, table, and balcony. It is an interesting setup and completely different from the dorms at Stanislaus. Also, several of the roommates are guys, which is very normal here. School was a little confusing the first week or two, because the Danish system is so laid back. You can just walk into any class you want and if you like the class, you get to stay with no questions asked. If you don't like it you just get up and try another one. Also, they don't have a "Schedule of Classes" so you have to do some research on the school website to see when your classes start and the format of the site was very confusing. Thankfully, counselors were there to help. The classes are good, but with more independent study than is expected at home.

I know this sounds very simple, but what I have noticed the most here in Denmark is that things are greatly different from what I am used to and as a result I have had to make a lot of adjustments. I didn't realize how much I took for granted at Stanislaus or in the U.S. until I came here. Most of the things are small things that don't seem that important but they make a big difference in how I do things each day. For instance, stores close in the afternoon and are not open on Sundays. They are also smaller and don't sell as many products, so I have to go to a lot of places to get the items that I need. Believe me, the Danes have never heard of WalMart. Also, it takes about 30 minutes by bus to get to school. These small things are what I am having a harder time adjusting to. I expected the language and culture to be different, but I didn't really think much about things I do each day that are such a part of my daily routine and that I take for granted.

Despite this, I really love Aarhus, which is such a beautiful and peaceful town and has such an easy paced environment with very friendly locals who are always helpful and curious people. I just feel so comfortable and safe living here, although there are moments when I really miss my family. I have met a lot of Danes and exchange students. There are about three hundred exchange students from all over the world this semester. I've had a great time seeing the sites and traveling with them, going to class together, and just spending time with them. I am so pleased with my decision to stay here a whole year."

ZACK KRONBERG

Monterrey Tec, Quérértaro, Mexico, Learn Spanish Program

"I've sent an embarrassing photo of me on Independence Day. As you can tell from the picture, I'm assimilating well into Mexico culture! I'm about seven weeks into classes, but I still have little confidence when speaking. Reading and writing has come much quicker than conversation. Aside from the school, I'm finding new challenges every day. I live with a family that rents rooms to students – eleven Mexicans and one Gringo, me! I'm beginning to understand the difficulty Mexicans face when moving to the U.S. Being the minority is not easy. Nevertheless, this has been the most productive and eye-opening experience of my life. I look forward to what the coming months have in store for me."



Kronberg

Get out of the country.

We'll show you how.



COME TO THE

Study Abroad Fair

Monday, October 28

10:30 am - 3:00 pm

In the Quad

International Education Makes a Difference

by Douglass H. Daft
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Coca-Cola Company

Mr. Daft recently spoke to the Institute of International Education (IIE) about the benefits of international education. This article is reprinted with permission from IIE and the USC Center for Global Education website "Study Abroad - Now More than Ever. <http://www.usc.edu/dept/education/globaled/now/>

International education ignites a passion for understanding other people and their perspectives. That's one important benefit to working or studying abroad - and it's essential to success in our increasingly diverse world. Students with international exposure come to understand the value of dialogue between people from different cultures and between people with different points of views. They also gain an understanding of the importance of relationships. Relationships are the foundation for meaning and success in life. They are also the foundation for strong businesses, especially businesses that care about creating mutual benefit.

For almost three decades of my career at the Coca-Cola Company, I lived and worked in Asia. From Singapore to Tokyo to Beijing, I learned about different local cultures by living and working in those cultures. It gave me a profound respect for how people are different, and also for how we are the same.

Those experiences shaped my career in a powerful way - by shaping an appreciation for the cultural and intellectual diversity in our world. I'm fortunate today to have the opportunity to lead a company that is one of the most internationally diverse organizations on earth. We operate in nearly 200 countries, do business in some 125 languages, and employ people from over 215 different nationalities. Respecting and understanding the fundamental value of diversity is vital to who we are and the way we do business. Understanding and valuing

Students with international exposure come to understand the value of dialogue between people from different cultures and between people with different points of views.

different cultures has shaped my ability to lead our business, and it's an absolute imperative for anyone who works at The Coca-Cola Company.

IIE: What do you see as the most important benefits of an international educational experience for college students getting ready to begin their careers?

Mr. Daft: Regardless of the path you choose, you must pursue your goals and aspirations with a sense of purpose and passion. International education ignites a passion for understanding other people and their perspectives. That's one benefit to working or studying abroad - and it's essential to success in our increasingly diverse world. Students with international exposure come to understand the value of dialogue between people from different cultures and between people with different points of view. They also gain an understanding of the importance of relationships.

Some students will be corporate chief executive officers, or government officials, or educators one day, while others will choose different leadership roles and lives. Regardless of the path they take, students will benefit from exposure to international education. I think they will be more likely to engage in the issues our world community faces. International education instills concern about how to improve economic and social development.

Honors Program Gives Send-Off to One of Their Own

On September 12, the Honors Program hosted a pizza party to offer best wishes to Honors Program student Jill Tucker. Jill was accepted to the CSU International Program for 2002-2003 and will study at the University of Bristol, England. Jill is not the only Honors Program student heading for the United Kingdom. Gayle Zive, who could not attend the party because she was home in Southern California preparing for departure, was also accepted to the CSU IP program and will study at the University of Swansea, Wales. Both Gayle and Jill are History Majors.



Jill Tucker (center) surrounded by Honors Program staff and students.

Applications Due February 1 for CSU Study Abroad Program

Join the 11 CSU Stanislaus students who were selected to study abroad this year by the CSU International Program (IP). IP is the official study abroad program of the CSU system and offers programs in 16 countries. You will not pay any overseas tuition or administrative costs; IP students pay only regular CSU fees. You will earn resident CSU credit for your coursework, and you will receive on-site assistance from CSU Resident Directors. You can use all campus financial aid (except work study) for this program. If you will be a Junior by Fall 2003 and if you have a GPA of 3.0, you may qualify for this competitive program.

Come to the Office of Global Affairs to find out. Applications are due February 1.

YOU CAN STUDY THROUGH IP IN THESE COUNTRIES:

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| Australia | Korea |
| Canada | Mexico |
| Denmark | New Zealand |
| France | Spain |
| Germany | Sweden |
| Italy | Taiwan |
| Japan | United Kingdom |

Second Annual Study Abroad Fair Set for October 28



Exchange students from The Netherlands get ready to talk with students at last year's fair.

Do you want to get out of the country? We'll show you how! Come to the second annual CSU Stanislaus Study Abroad Fair, October 28, 10:30 – 3:00, in the Quad. The Fair will highlight all study abroad opportunities available to students of CSU Stanislaus. Students will have the opportunity to talk with faculty, program representatives, advisors, and returned study abroad students. Financial aid and scholarship information will be available. Following is a sample of participating programs: CSU International Programs (17 countries); University Studies Abroad Consortium (18 countries); CSU Stanislaus Winter Term in Cuernavaca; Aarhus School Business, Denmark; Hogeschool Haarlem, The Netherlands; Norwich School of Art and Design, England.

Study in China with CSU Stanislaus Professor Mayling Chu



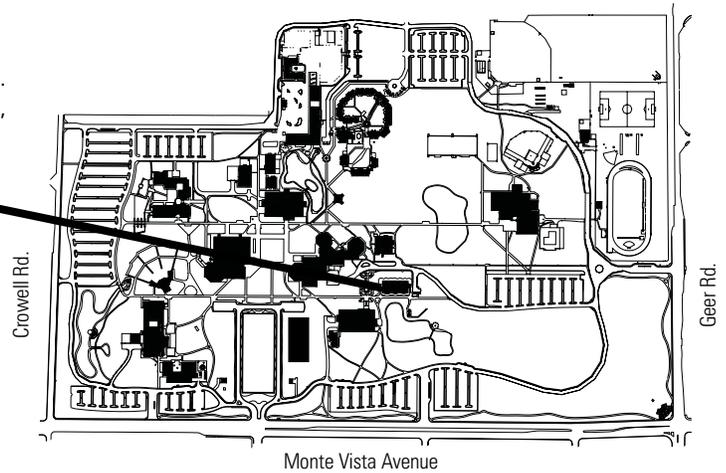
Mayling Chu at Pagoda Mountain in Sichuan, China.

Dr. Mayling Chu, Master of Social Work Department, will teach "Youth Culture in Modern China" at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China. Program dates are May 31 – June 28, 2003. Other course offerings will include The Chinese Economy, Contemporary Chinese Society, Ancient Chinese History, Tai Chi, and Chinese Calligraphy. All courses are taught in English. Students may also study Chinese language. The program includes optional tours to Beijing and Tibet. Program fees are \$1,680, which includes housing but does not include airfare. Students must have a GPA of 2.5 to be eligible. For more information and application materials, contact Hildy Heath at 667-3395, SSB 145.

We've Moved!

The Study Abroad office moved to a new location in August 2002. You can find us in the Office of Global Affairs, Student Services Building, Room 145. Come over and check out our new digs.

Student Services Building



Don't Forget

- **Study abroad is not as expensive as you might think.** Many program costs are comparable to the costs of living in Turlock and studying at CSU Stanislaus. All financial aid (except work-study) is applicable. Don't exclude yourself because you think you have to be rich!
- **You can take a spouse or children** on many study abroad programs.
- **Older students are welcome!** CSU Stanislaus students of all ages can study abroad. You don't have to be a traditional college-age student.

Check Out Our New Website

Study Abroad has a new website at:

www.csustan.edu/Global_Affairs/

You can find out about all CSU Stanislaus study abroad opportunities, and you can even find out how to get your passport and get going. Many thanks go to Rudy Bolz of the CSU Stanislaus/OIT/Web Design Department for the great work.



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