



Welcome From Assistant Provost For International Programs



Dear Colleagues,

As we conclude our spring 2015 term and reflect on this past academic year, I remain encouraged by our campus community's internationalization engagement. Our level of international activity and programming continues to thrive and to expand, and I am certain that you join me in recognizing how UNC Charlotte is transforming into a true global campus that serves this dynamic and diverse community.

Of particular note this year, UNC Charlotte was listed in the most recent Open Doors Report on International Student Exchange as one of the nation's top 125 institutions hosting more than 1,000 international students. To that end, as our international student populations continue to increase, so must our commitment to their success on campus with support structures to welcome and assist them in becoming fully integrated into the fiber of our campus.

As reported last year, we also continue to see a record number of short term faculty led programs which above all illustrates our faculty's ongoing commitment to developing and executing programs that enable our students to engage in other cultures from India to Malawi, from Cuba to Ecuador and many places in between.

In November, one of our most enduring international partnerships recognized Chancellor Dubois with an honorary doctorate in recognition of the role that UNC Charlotte has played in the history and tradition of Kingston University which is a testament to the impact of our exchange relationships.

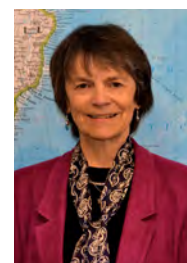
Our campus should be proud of its commitment to internationalization; yet we should endeavor to continue infusing a strong international dimension into the teaching, research, and service missions of our institution.

As we prepare for the next academic year, I invite you to explore ways in which we can encourage and support our community to value and connect with our world's diverse people, cultures, and traditions. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to partnering with you next fall.

Joël A. Gallegos

Beane Honored At International Education Reception

The 2015 International Education Reception was held in recognition of Ms. Marian Beane, founder of the Phi Beta Delta (PBD) Mu Chapter, a charter member of the PBD International Honor Society in the United States. Guests at the event included former PBD presidents and previous recipients of the International Education Faculty Award as well as honorary community members.



Joël Gallegos, Assistant Provost for International Programs, highlighted Beane's "unwavering dedication" to UNC Charlotte's Mu Chapter since its inception in 1987. For 27 years, Beane served as the Chapter Coordinator and initiated many hallmark programs, including but not limited to the International Education Faculty and Student Awards, the Crossing Borders student writing competition, and the Global Perspectives Series.

"UNC Charlotte's charter Mu Chapter is a dynamic and important dimension of our campus' integrated internationalization efforts," said Gallegos. "Each year, our Phi Beta Delta programming engages students, faculty, and staff members along with members of our community at large. This robust activity provides opportunities for meaningful learning experiences and dialogue on our campus, resulting in recognition on two occasions as national chapter of the year."

PBD is an international honor society whose purpose is recognizing the international education achievements of university faculty, staff, and students as well as key community partners. The chapter invites US American and international faculty, staff, and students to apply for membership and inducts new members each fall.

For more information, please contact the UNC Charlotte Mu chapter at PhiBetaDelta@uncc.edu or visit pbd.uncc.edu. Further information about the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society is available at www.phibetadelta.org.

The 40th Anniversary Of The UNC Charlotte International Festival



Plan to join us and encourage your students to explore more than 50 cultural displays at the 40th annual UNC Charlotte International Festival on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Through the arts, crafts, costumes, food, music, and dance showcased, the Festival is rich with opportunities to connect to relevant course themes.

The Festival is a campus tradition that has endless potential to engage your students around our self and cultural awareness learning outcome, as well as other developmental areas. Faculty are encouraged to consider incorporating curriculum opportunities

linked to the program such as reflective essays on passport prompt questions, video blogs or diaries of cultural discoveries, interview assignments with appropriate country representatives, and more!

Sign-in sheets are available on site and can be distributed to faculty wishing to grant credit for attending and/or volunteering for the event. Contact OIP for additional engagement and reflection assignment ideas. Details about the International Festival are available online at ifest.uncc.edu.



Graduate Student Fellowship Established



Dr. Dipti Patel-Misra, Associate Graduate Faculty and Executive in Residence in the Center for Graduate Life, recently established a fellowship to fund graduate students in a healthcare-related field at UNC Charlotte.

The DRReaM Graduate Fellowship is aimed specifically at supporting students who might be struggling to complete their master's or doctoral degrees in a healthcare related field, including health services research, public health, bioinformatics, health informatics, and health administration, and degree.

"Many students may face hardships on their journey to earn their master's or doctoral degree," says Patel-Misra. "I wanted to be able to support them all the way to the finish line, just as my family and so many others supported me."

Patel-Misra earned a master's degree in Chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology and a doctorate in Chemistry from the Johns Hopkins University. She went on to a career in healthcare analytics, finance, insurance, health economics, outcomes, and informatics. Highlights from her career include senior leadership roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, the SAS Institute, and Best Doctors where she specialized in strategically using analytical insights with business acumen to drive enterprise objectives. In 2014, she established a health care analytics consulting firm and a technical and analytic leadership coaching institute.

She credits her parents with making these achievements possible.

"Not a single day goes by without my appreciation for what my parents sacrificed for their two daughters' quest for learning," she says. "I wanted to do something that would help others to be all that they can be. I am happy and blessed to have had the opportunity to not only create this fellowship, but to share it with my dad before he passed away late last year."

Patel-Misra also honored her children and husband in the naming of the fund.

"Our family includes me, Dipti, our older son Raoul, our younger daughter Raven, and my husband Manoj—together our initials stand for what the fellowship is all about - the DRReaM Graduate Fellowship," she explains. "We want it to inspire everyone to dream big and persevere in reaching for their goals and beyond."

The Graduate School will administer the DRReaM Graduate Fellowship, and the first Fellowship is expected to be awarded in the 2016-2017 academic year.

"We will be certain to make the recipients aware of Dipti and her family's intent on giving back when they are awarded this DRReaM Graduate Fellowship," says Tom Reynolds, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School. "Having her entire family involved makes this even more special to all of us. Dipti is a real asset to the Graduate School and to UNC Charlotte in so many ways."

Annual Photo Exhibit To Highlight Student Experiences Abroad

The 6th annual Study Abroad Student Photo Exhibit runs Monday, April 27 through Sunday, May 10, 2015 on the second floor of the Student Union. The exhibit features photography from UNC Charlotte students taken while abroad and entered into one of four categories: Self Portrait, Defining Moment, Landscape, and Portrait. The campus community is invited to an opening reception Wednesday, April 29 from 5:00-7:00pm in Student Union room 200. For more information, contact The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) at edabroad@uncc.edu.

Photos from just a few of the 12 faculty-led education abroad programs administered by OEA in conjunction with a variety of Colleges throughout the University during the 2015 spring break are below. Details on these programs and additional opportunities are listed on the OEA website at edabroad.uncc.edu.



Student Awarded Fulbright Research Grant To Sweden



Austin Halbert, an undergraduate management major and Levine Scholar, was selected for a 2015-

2016 Fulbright US Student Award to study the corporate responsibility environment in Sweden as a model for public-private socioeconomic development.

Halbert will join over 100,000 Fulbright US Student Program alumni who have undertaken grants for individually designed study or research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs since the program began in 1948.

The 2016-2017 Fulbright US Student competition is now open and the application deadline is October 13, 2015. Encourage qualified students to learn more about these prestigious grants and how to apply for them by contacting Brad Sekulich, Director of the Office of Education Abroad, at Sekulich@uncc.edu.

More information on the Fulbright US Student Program is available at us.fulbrightonline.org/.

Faculty Workshop For Short-Term Inbound And Outbound Programs

Wednesday, April 29

12:30-1:30 PM

CHHS 207 (Office of International Programs' Conference Room)



Explore opportunities for short-term international teaching experiences around the globe and on UNC Charlotte's campus.

Staff from the Office of Education Abroad and Intercultural Outreach Programs will discuss the proposal process for either leading a study abroad opportunity or hosting an international student or professional group at UNC Charlotte. Opportunities for faculty interested in teaching for short-term in-bound programs will also be discussed.

RSVP by completing the two-question survey at uncc.surveymshare.com/s/AYASTNC. Responses will enable presenters to focus on the interests of the group.

Second Successful Year For Global Gateways Residential Program

OIP is proud to conclude a second successful academic year with the Global Gateways program, a residential-based programming model with an international emphasis.

The Global Gateways residents worked diligently in their committees to facilitate various culturally-relevant programs and continued and strengthened its partnership of the ongoing community service relationship with our BRIDGE, a local afterschool program for immigrant and refugee children. For example, residents now develop and implement lesson plans for the monthly “Final Friday” gatherings.

The Global Gateways Program is currently accepting applications for Fall 2015 residency for undergraduate and graduate female students. Please direct interested students of all academic standings to apply at <https://oip.uncc.edu/webforms/global-gateways-student-application>.

Graduate Assistant Position Open In The Office Of International Programs

After two years as the Graduate Assistant to the Global Gateways Community, the Office of International Programs (OIP) wishes Jenna Brown a fond farewell. Brown has offered guidance, leadership, and mentoring to the residents of the Global Gateways Program since its inaugural semester in Fall 2013.



Brown will graduate in December 2015 having earned her M.A. in School Counseling. She is looking forward to beginning her career as an Elementary School Counselor beginning in Spring 2016.

OIP is accepting applications for this Graduate Assistant position to begin in Fall 2015 and welcomes referrals for candidates. Please encourage graduate students seeking globally-relevant assistantship opportunities to connect with OIP at international@uncc.edu.



Academic Class Standing

- 5 Freshman
- 3 Sophomores
- 13 Juniors
- 6 Seniors

Country of Citizenship

- 1 citizen of the United Kingdom
- 1 citizen of Canada
- 1 citizen of Germany
- 1 citizen of Haiti
- 1 citizen of Peru
- 1 citizen of Slovakia
- 1 citizen of Venezuela
- 2 citizens of Vietnam
- 4 citizens of Japan
- 13 internationally-minded citizens of the USA

Global Perspective Series Continues With Dr. Kerstin Merz-Atalik

The Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta (PBD), the honor society for international scholars, welcomed visiting scholar Dr. Kerstin Merz-Atalik



of Ludwigsburg University of Education on Thursday, March 19th in the Halton Reading Room at Atkins Library.

Merz-Atalik’s discussion, Education Considering Disability and Disadvantage/Inclusion: The Effects of the 2006 UN-Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, focused on the challenges faced by the German government and the 16 German Federal States as they work to change the separatist school system into an inclusive educational system.

The PBD Global Perspective Series (GPS) showcases the internationally-related scholarship of UNC Charlotte faculty and visiting guests. Faculty are encouraged to volunteer or recommend others to present for GPS. Two to three presentations are offered each semester. Contact PBD at PhiBetaDelta@uncc.edu to share your nomination.

Campus Partnership Explores Non-Resident Employment Considerations

Staff in the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO), in partnership with colleagues from Human Resources and the Tax Office, offer a non-resident employee workshop twice a year to support departments on campus who hire and pay foreign national (FN) visitors, faculty, staff, and students at UNC Charlotte.

Issues around immigration, social security, treaty benefits, honoraria, and travel payments are all explored in the workshop. According to Maddy Baer, International Scholar Advisor in ISSO, one key takeaway for attendees is that any form of compensation to an FN must take the individual’s immigration status into consideration along with their employment eligibility and limitations of the most commonly seen employment visas. Participants are encouraged to consider ISSO as a primary resource when navigating relevant questions.

A total of 41 individuals, including two staff from Fayetteville State University, registered for the two workshops held in 2014-2015. For more information on the workshop or to inquire about upcoming dates, contact ISSO at intlssso@uncc.edu.

Intercultural Outreach Programs Bring Diversity To Campus

The 2014-15 academic year brought almost 150 international visitors to the UNC Charlotte campus through the Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP), a sub-unit of the English Language Training Institute. Participants of IOP's customized short-term training or educational programs gained knowledge relevant to their career focus or within their fields of study through campus-based curriculum, including discipline-specific lectures and discussions with UNC Charlotte faculty and students. Programs also included cross-cultural exchange opportunities through cultural events to area destinations and engagement with members of the University and Charlotte community.

IOP designs and hosts short-term programs at UNC Charlotte for international students, faculty, or professionals throughout the year. Faculty interested in developing curriculum for groups or connecting with ongoing programs should contact ioprograms@uncc.edu. See page 3 for information on a workshop taking place on Wednesday, April 29 that will explore the proposal process for hosting an international student group at UNC Charlotte.

General details about IOP are available online at iop.uncc.edu. See below for highlights of IOP Spring 2015 programs.



Business And Education Exploration With Students from Australia

- 15 business majors and 26 education majors from various universities in Australia
- Business students explored American business practices with the opportunity to interact with UNC Charlotte faculty and participate in site visits to various local companies.
- Education students engaged with local elementary, middle and high school teachers and students for a hands-on experience.



Leadership Institute With Professionals From Around The World

- 15 experienced international education professionals from 10 countries
- Funded through the US Department of State, this 11-day program facilitated dialogue on internationalization strategies at UNC Charlotte and through visits to several local campuses.
- A highlight of the program was a one day symposium with colleagues from Winthrop University, Central Piedmont Community College, and Queens University represented.



English For Scientific Purposes With Students From Japan

- 12 undergraduate students from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan
- Faculty from the English Language Training Institute delivered a three-week language curriculum to develop language skills in relation to science vocabulary through interaction with UNC Charlotte faculty and students.
- A site visit to a local Japanese-owned business provided discussion around science industry in the US and a visit to the North Carolina Asheville Zoo included a biology workshop.



Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Program With Students from Russia

- 10 undergraduate students from Voronezh State Medical Academy in Voronezh, Russia
- The 10-day Youth4Health program was facilitated in partnership between the OIP and the Department of Languages and Culture Studies. A group of UNC Charlotte students will visit Voronezh in May 2015.
- Goals of the student exchange included raising awareness of healthy lifestyle choices, exploring healthy lifestyle options available on campus and in the community, and encouraging students to evaluate their lifestyle and implement healthy changes.

Accolades Continue For Beane's 43 Years Of Service



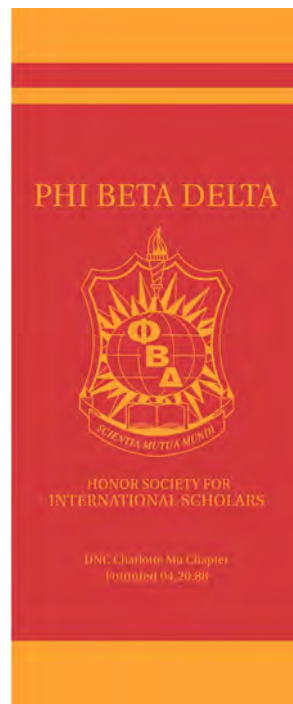
Marian Beane, former Director of the International Student and Scholar Office and Senior Coordinator for International Engagement in the Office of International Programs, continues to receive recognition for her legacy in international education.

In March 2015, Beane received the Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award for excellence in service and leadership in international education at the North Carolina Association for International Educators' (NCAIE) annual conference in March on the campus of UNC Chapel Hill.

The Martha Fitch Trigonis Award is presented annually to honor a professional in the field of international education who has made contributions at the state, regional, and/or national level. Fitch Trigonis, for whom the award is named, was a student at UNC Charlotte and both a friend and colleague of Beane's.

In April 2015, Beane received the Edward S. Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award from the Phi Beta Delta national organization. The Outstanding Staff Award is given for "outstanding leadership and support of the development of activities of a local chapter of Phi Beta Delta. As a testament to her sustained level of excellence in supporting the Mu Chapter over 27 years, Beane is the first person to receive this award twice.

Beane retired from UNC Charlotte in December 2014.



Reed Inspired Audience As Keynote Speaker At 10th Anniversary International Women's Day

Sharon Reed, founder of the Global Girls Project and a 2014 UN Global Community Champion for Women's Economic Empowerment, inspired the audience on Thursday, March 26, at the 10th annual UNC Charlotte celebration of International Women's Day. Reed shared authentic reflections on leadership and empowerment and encouraged the audience to find ways to "give life to your voice."

The annual event also recognized 37 women from the campus community nominated for their impact on the lives of women locally and globally. More than 350 faculty, staff, and students have been recognized since UNC Charlotte's first campus celebration in 2006.

International Women's Day is recognized by the United Nations on March 8 and is celebrated in countries around the world to honor achievements of women and to inspire leadership and development related to women's issues.

The event was co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Multicultural Resource Center with support from partners across campus.



OIP Represented At Recent International Educators Conference

Nearly 200 international educators in areas such as study abroad, international student advising and cross-cultural programming, and global engagement gathered for the annual conference of the North Carolina Association for International Educators (NCAIE) on the campus of UNC Chapel Hill in March 2015.

UNC Charlotte was represented by 11 individuals from the Office of International Programs, two of whom serve in leadership positions on the organization's board: Assistant Director of the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) Denise Medeiros serves as the Immigration Representative for International Student and Scholar Services, and Coordinator of Short Term Programs in the Office of Education Abroad Kimberly Kuhn serves as the Education Abroad Representative.

In addition to coordinating pre-conference workshops and conference sessions, Medeiros also chaired the 2nd annual *Advanced Topics in US Immigration Roundtable* for experienced international student and scholar advisors. Medeiros founded the workshop to share best practices in immigration advising among colleagues across the state.

Director of ISSO Tarek Elshayeb and International Student and Scholar Advisor in ISSO Blair Bocook also presented *Change of Status Trends, Issues, and Best Practices*, a session which examined the variety of issues faced by professionals working with a high volume of complex change of status situations. Examples include timing of change-of-status applications relative to employment and tuition benefits, time-to-degree issues, and trends driving change of status requests.

For more information on NCAIE, visit ncaie.org/.

International Club Provides Cultural Engagement Opportunities For Students

During UNC Charlotte's spring break, 51 students traveled with the International Club to Orlando, Florida in one of several trips offered to international and US domestic students throughout the year. After a 10 hour bus journey, the group visited Walt Disney World, the Kennedy Space Center, and Cocoa Beach.

"The International Club trips are a wonderful opportunity for globally-minded students to connect and share cultures while visiting a new place together. These experiences also contribute to retention rates for international students at the University," says Blair Bocook, International Student Advisor in the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO). Bocook serves as the organization's advisor and works closely with the International Club executive board to plan and implement four trips each year.

In addition to the spring break trip to Florida, the club also typically arranges travel opportunities for students to Washington D.C. over fall break and New York City over Thanksgiving break. Students do not need to be a member of the club to attend the trips but membership is encouraged.

For more information on the International Club and other cross-cultural engagement opportunities through ISSO, contact intlssso@uncc.edu.



2015 International Career Panel And Networking Event

The Office of International Programs (OIP) partnered with The Magellan Society (TMS) to host the 2015 International Career Panel and Networking Event at UNC Charlotte's Center City Building on April 1. Students and professionals gathered to hear early-career professionals discuss the international elements of their careers in law, business, government, and education.

The panelists shared their experiences and offered advice to those entering the job market with an interest in internationally-relevant careers. The discussion was followed by a networking event that allowed panelists and attendees to mingle and an opportunity for brief resume reviews provided by advisors from UNC Charlotte's University Career Center.

The event was moderated by Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Queens University of Charlotte Dr. Alexa Royden. The panel included:

- International Business: Steven Kanczewski, Auditor, Financial Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- International Law: Joseph Norman, Attorney at Law, Moore & Van Allen, PLLC
- International Education: Dr. Tamara Johnson, Research Assistant for Academic Planning and Analysis, UNC Charlotte
- International Nonprofit: Deborah Buckley, Field-based Recruiter, Peace Corps

This annual event is a product of OIP's continued partnership with TMS, the young professional branch of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC). For more information on WACC or TMS, visit www.worldaffairscharlotte.org.

ELTI Students Share Cultures With Local Elementary School



Students from the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) visited Reedy Creek Elementary School recently at the invitation of Camille Bourguignon, ESL instructor at the school.

"Reedy Creek faculty and staff believe in the importance of gaining a deeper understanding of global interdependence," Bourguignon explained. "We strive to build students' background knowledge of other countries and cultures, as well as help students gain global insight."

The 36 ELTI volunteers visited K-5 classrooms and many wore traditional clothing as they represented the cultures of Burma, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

Hadijah Almubarak, an ELTI student from Saudi Arabia, noted the importance of exposing children to different cultures at a young age. She said, "It gives us a chance to educate them about our culture. They know a lot about many other countries, but they didn't know anything about Saudi Arabia." Abdulatif Mohammed from Kuwait echoed these sentiments, noting, "It was good to be able to share about our culture and destroy some stereotypes that children might have about people from the Middle East."

The ELTI students were accompanied by two ELTI instructors, Stephanie Wallace and Carrie Berkman. ELTI plans to continue the partnership with Reedy Creek Elementary with a potential to explore collaboration with additional schools in the area.

For more information about ELTI, visit elti.uncc.edu.

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