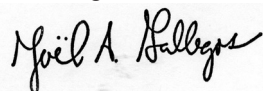


## Assistant Provost's Welcome

The OIP has had an extremely active academic year with strategic planning, international guest speakers, and countless cosponsored events around campus. As we reflect on our work over the past year, we are reminded that the guiding principle of what we do is engaging our students to become better global citizens. With more education abroad programs departing all over the world and nearly one thousand international students on our campus, it is easy to highlight that the "typical UNC Charlotte student experience" is more becoming international as our institution matures. Advising on education abroad programs is at an all time high which signals to us that not only the culture of education abroad on campus is transforming, but more importantly, more and more students are recognizing the significance of our cultural and economic interdependence with the world around them. While we, with your support, coordinate and facilitate a broad array of programming on campus, we look forward to an even more productive academic year 2010-2011!

We wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to your active participation in our OIP endeavors next semester.

Best regards,



## Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Receives Distinction

The Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, located at UNC Charlotte, was awarded several distinctions at the 24th annual Phi Beta Delta conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Mu Chapter was recognized as Outstanding Chapter for the Southeast and then received additional distinction by earning the Eileen Evans Overall Outstanding Chapter Award. Incoming Chapter President, Diana Rowan (Department of Social Work) and Chapter Coordinator, Marian Beane (International Programs) accepted the awards.

The Mu Chapter recognizes faculty, staff and students at UNC Charlotte who have demonstrated a commitment to international education, exchange and/or scholarship. Annually, it hosts a member induction ceremony, International Education Awards, and a Global Perspective brown bag lunch series each semester at which faculty are invited to present on current research with an international focus.

UNC Charlotte is a charter member of Phi Beta Delta and the Mu Chapter was established at the first annual conference of the Society in Los Angeles in 1987. Phi Beta Delta has as its purpose the recognition of experience in the areas of international education exchange and/or international scholarship. It also serves as a means for encouraging interdisciplinary interchange and serves as a catalyst for developing a network among faculty, students, and staff involved.



Marian Beane (Chapter Coordinator), Sybil Huskey (Past President), Diana Rowan (Incoming President)



## Martha Miller, Friend of OIP, Retires

The staff and colleagues of OIP would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Martha Miller upon her retirement in June 2010. Miller retires after 30 years at UNC Charlotte. She served as Chair of the Department of Languages and Culture Studies for 7 years before returning to full time teaching in 2006. Dr. Miller has tirelessly supported international education opportunities for UNC Charlotte and UNC system students. Her work on UNC-EP committees, as project director for a FIPSE grant, as well as other Title VI grants and her overall commitment to providing students with language learning opportunities have significantly contributed to the internationalization of UNC Charlotte as well as to our system wide collaborative efforts. Thank you, Martha. Keep in touch!

## Ambassador of Egypt Visits UNC Charlotte

His Excellency Sameh Shoukry and his wife visited UNC Charlotte on Monday, April 19, 2010 for an afternoon discussion of Egypt. Ambassador Shoukry warmly started his presentation with a brief overview of Egypt's relationship with the U.S. which he described as being at "particularly good time." His reflection on the Obama administration lauded "respect and mutual understanding" as well as "multilateralism as a form of resolving international conflict." After a brief overview of key policy areas in the Middle East, the Ambassador opened the session for "tough



questions." Hands went up immediately.

Students and faculty, from the audience of 120, inquired about Egypt's policies on refugees, Iran, the Israel/Palestine conflict,



Ambassador and Mrs. Shoukry pose for a photo with UNC Charlotte faculty

alternatives to economic sanctions and Egypt's economy. When his allotted hour had expired, Ambassador and Mrs. Shoukry graciously stayed later to take pictures, sign books and answer additional questions. Students working on research projects; representatives from UNC Charlotte's Model UN team, who had recently represented Egypt at the Harvard Model UN competition; students who had studied in Egypt; and others who were interested in the policies and direction of the country swarmed the front of the room to engage in informal discussions with the two respected visitors.

The Office of International Programs has hosted the Ambassador of France and the Ambassador of Indonesia in recent years. This was the first visit by the Ambassador of Egypt to UNC Charlotte.

## International Women's Day Celebrated at UNC Charlotte

On Thursday, March 25, 2010, UNC Charlotte held its fifth annual International Women's Day Celebration in the Student Union, co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Multicultural Resource Center.



Over 100 students, faculty, and staff attended the event honoring individuals who have made an impact on the lives of women locally and globally.

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provided special remarks and advocated for women's leadership in Charlotte and around the world.

In the weeks leading up to the event, faculty,

staff, and students were invited to nominate individuals in our campus community who embody the richness of internationalism and whose contributions make a difference in our lives every day to be celebrated. Over forty women with different backgrounds, cultures, and roles on campus were nominated and all were recognized individually in the ceremony. For a listing of this year's nominees and photos, go to <http://www.oip.uncc.edu/intwomenday.htm>.



## 16th Annual International Education Reception Honors Corey Lock and Lalit Mandal

The 16th Annual International Education Reception was held on April 13, 2010. At the event, Corey Lock (Department of Educational Leadership) and Lalit Mandal (Electrical Engineering) were recognized as the recipients of the 2010 International Education Awards for Faculty and Students respectively.

Lock was commended for his scholarship and leadership in providing students in the College of Education with a global perspective. Since 1987, Lock has spearheaded multiple initiatives and written numerous articles on international education in the school system. In the past fifteen years, he has taken over 600 teachers and teacher candidates to the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium to provide a comparative perspective of schools and educational systems worldwide. Lock commented on the root of his commitment: "I strongly believe that teachers represent the 'doorway' to the world for the children in their classes; their educational and life experiences are the foundations for what they teach to children."

Mandal was honored for his external focus on improving the graduate student experience at UNC Charlotte, and particularly as it pertains to international students. According to his recommendation letter, "Lalit has always been willing to help faculty, administrators and student leaders on campus if their efforts are focused on international students." Rather than limiting his attention to his graduate work in electrical engineering, Mandal is a Grad Fellow, works to raise awareness of issues pertaining to international students to the Graduate School, has created innovative programming focusing on how to effectively use technology to further one's career aspirations, serves as the vice president of the Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta and was a reader for the Crossing Borders writing competition in 2009 and 2010 after winning recognition in the competition in 2008. His commitment to actively participating in solutions and support mechanisms for the graduate student, and especially international student experience, recommended him to this distinction.

Lock and Mandal received plaques commemorating their recognition and a small stipend award. The faculty international education award is generously supported by the Belk College of Business and the Office of International Programs. The student international education award is supported by the Office of International Programs.

The International Education Reception was also an opportunity to say thank you to the many faculty, staff and students who contribute to the international experience at UNC Charlotte. It is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and UNC Charlotte's Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars.



## International Programs' Student Assistant Recognized

Ron Iacone has been a student assistant in the Office of International Programs (OIP) for the past two years. Without fail he has impressed every person with whom he comes in contact. His personal commitment to international education, his initiative and his dependability have earned him increasing levels of responsibility. In fact, in this role, Iacone has developed the student worker position as an integral part of International Programs' team. In April, Iacone was recognized as a top finalist in the selection for the annual Student Worker Award.



His personal advocacy for students including an international perspective in their coursework is one of the most distinguishing features of his contribution to OIP. A student worker who has studied for a year abroad in Spain and initiated and pursued an internship in Mexico complements the work of OIP and underscores the importance of these experiences in creating truly global citizens. Iacone takes opportunities to discuss his time abroad and the impact it has had on his curricular objectives; he looks for every opportunity to engage in a meaningful way with internationally-minded students; and, he uses this background to actively support and

contribute to the Office of International Programs at UNC Charlotte.

Congratulations on a most-deserved distinction.

## “Crossing Borders” Writing Contest Winners Announced

The 2010 student writing contest for “Crossing Borders” asked students to reflect on how their international experience affected their view of the world. Excerpts from winning papers are included below. Full readings can be found online at [www.uncc.edu/oip/pbd](http://www.uncc.edu/oip/pbd).

ELTI Winner: Toma Kusakawa, “Evolution from My Immaturity,” Level 8, from Japan

“As the number of my American friends as well as international friends increased, my life became more pleasant. My English language has improved greatly thanks to their help and I also learned more about diverse cultures, such as sharing an apartment with friends, which is unusual in my country. Most importantly, although I had never considered being a teacher in my life, while I was studying with international people at ELTI and observing the teachers teaching us English as a second language, I began thinking that I seriously wanted to be a teacher like them in my country, and teach children practical English. I finally acquired a reason to aim to study in graduate school. This experience allowed me to have a dream to chase for the first time in my life.”

Honorable mentions in the ELTI category include: Jingjing Zhao of China and Marion Scotti of France.

Undergraduate Winner: Erica Bleicher, U.S. student on her time in Costa Rica

“When we finally asked the main purpose of her visit, the woman sighed and replied in Spanish, ‘I have a swollen ankle and knee that has disabled me from walking, diabetes, declining vision in both eyes, plus I have been sick to stomach, and I have a terrible cough’... There was a moment of shock before anyone said anything. Then, my group member Matt blurted, ‘Well how are you doing’. In response, the woman looked up at us with a smile on her face, shrugged her shoulder and replied, ‘Pura Vida’....Costa Ricans use the phrase to express a philosophy of strong community, perseverance, resilience in overcoming difficulties with good spirits, enjoying life slowly, and celebrating good fortune of magnitudes small and large alike...Enjoying life with good spirits even in bad conditions is a trait that Costa Rica is known for, and without spending time in the country I would never have gotten a chance to learn such an exceptional view of life from such amazing people.”



Honorable mentions in the Undergraduate category include: Matt Gaskey of the U.S. and Hope Maitwe of Canada.

Graduate Winner: Heather Johnson, U.S. student on her time in Mexico

“Although I could not understand the language well, through observation I could sense that family was a central value to this culture. Entire families traveled together to run their daily errands. Numerous children played in the plaza gazebos while parents and grandparents looked on from the benches. The interaction and connectedness of these families could be felt....To me there is a peace in this busy city. The peace in knowing that this city and these people have withstood the test of time, advancement and pressure by outside worlds, such as the U.S., and have preserved not only the ancient buildings but their traditions and way of life. This preservation of culture is peaceful to me and has inspired me to continue traveling abroad.”

Honorable mentions in the Graduate student category include: Trevor D’Silva of India and Paul McDaniel of the U.S.

The “Crossing Borders” writing competition is a joint project of the Mu chapter of Phi Beta Delta and the International Club. It is made possible through the generous contributions of: the Chancellor’s Office; Provost’s Office; College of Arts and Architecture; College of Education; Department of Africana Studies; Department of Biology; Department of Electrical Engineering; Department of English; Global Business Programs, Belk College of Business; Department of Global, International and Area Studies; Rick Lejk; and, Robert Reimer.

Full essays and other contributors to the Crossing Borders Writing Contest are also available on our blog at <http://ninerinternational.blogspot.com>.

# Student Travel Photos Exhibited in Student Union Gallery

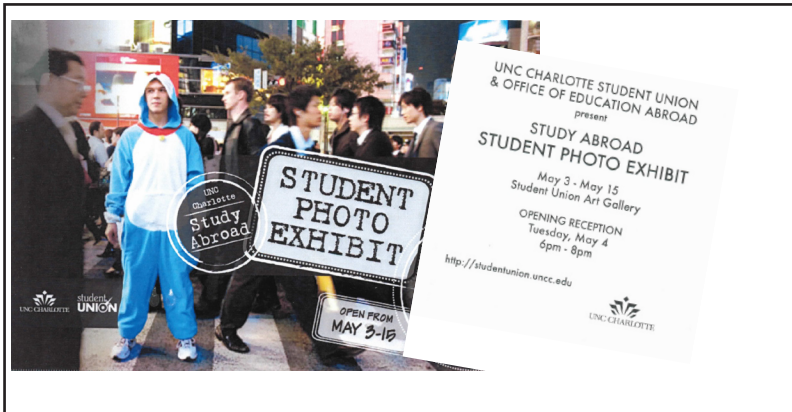
Over the years, the Study Abroad Student Photo Contest has been a place to compile poignant photos taken by UNC Charlotte students while living and traveling abroad. In 2009, more than 150 entries captured the thrill of new experiences, new friends and new ideas. This year, the Office of Education Abroad will be highlighting thirty of the most intriguing photographs for the broader community.

The Student Union Gallery will display Julia



Homan's awe of seeing Scotland's Glencoe Mountains for the first time, Farhad Javidi's joy at being in China's Forbidden City, and Beth Radcliff's defining moment in Dandora, Kenya. The exhibit will display these and other photos from May 1st-May 15th.

An Opening Reception was held on Tuesday, May 4th from 6:00 PM -8:00 PM.



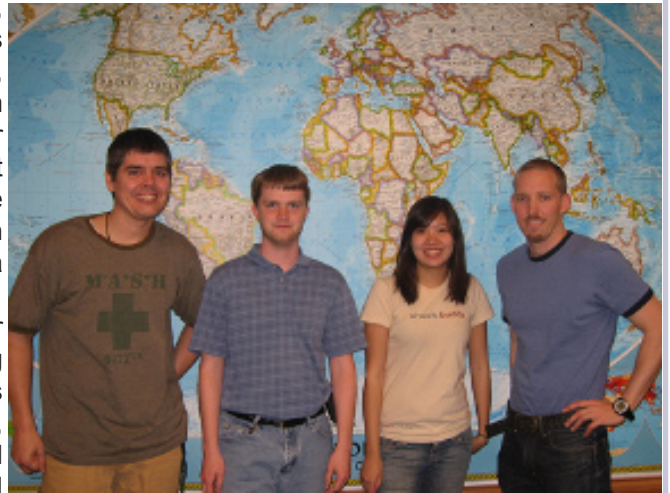
## NSF Grant Initiative Supports Student Research in China

For the first time, the Office of International Programs is providing a cultural preparation course and study abroad services for the College of Computing and Informatics' NSF Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) grant, "A Global Living Laboratory for Cyber Infrastructure Application Enablement." The project, proposed to NSF by Dean Yi Deng, fosters international partnerships by supporting undergraduate and graduate student research experiences abroad.

This summer Michael Whitney and Rodney Owens will go to Tsinghua University in Beijing and Rachael Chung will go to IBM China Research Laboratory, also in Beijing. They will become part of a prestigious international research network focusing on using cyber-infrastructure to solve challenging societal problems while training a generation of globally-oriented IT professionals who will become leaders in industry and academia.

Susan Lambert, Director, Intercultural Outreach Programs, developed a cultural training course to prepare these students for their experiences in China. It covers the cultural values, underpinnings, and societal differences as well as classroom culture and etiquette that students will encounter at their partner institutions. Michael Whitney, a graduate student in the Department of Software and Information Systems, said, "Because of the efforts of an incredible set of individuals, I have become much more confident in my abilities to culturally adapt and flourish in a setting so different from my own."

Five UNC Charlotte faculty members including Heather McCullough, Director of the Language Resource Center; Jing Wang, Assistant Professor of Chinese, Department of Languages and Culture Studies; Gary Ferraro, Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology; Paul C. Friday, Professor and Director of the Center for Justice Studies in China; and Cheryl Brown, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, have all contributed their expertise to provide the students with knowledge and insight into Chinese language and culture. Jessica Wilkinson, Administrative Assistant, is coordinating a special session that will bring the PIRE students together with Chinese graduate students and returned study abroad students for a roundtable discussion on issues related to cultural adjustment and culture shock. Melissa Watkins, Lead Advisor, Office of Education Abroad, is providing the study abroad administrative services.



## Faculty Travels to Japan

The 10th anniversary for the International Programs at Oita University (IPOU) was held on March 5, 2010 at Oita University in Japan. A tenth anniversary symposium celebrated the accomplishment for a full day discussing "International Education from a Cross-Cultural Perspective: The Past, Present and Potential contribution of IPOU." The event was organized by the Center for International Education and Research at Oita University in Japan.

Three visitors, including Fumie Kato, Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies, were invited to the symposium and gave presentations. Afterwards there was a discussion with three invited speakers and former IPOU students as panelists. The reception was held in a hotel at 6:00 PM for two hours. During the reception, Kato presented IPOU with a gift from UNC Charlotte to commemorate the anniversary. The small globe now rests in a visitor room of the IPOU center.

Oita University, one of UNC Charlotte's five bilateral



exchange partners in Japan, has been a popular destination for UNC Charlotte students. They accept up to five UNC Charlotte students each academic year and add depth to our offerings in Japan.

## “ELTI Talks” Introduces Students to Colloquial American English

About 40 students of the English Language Training Institute were “quick as rabbits” to spring into the season at the final language learning/social event of “ELTI Talks” for the current academic term held in early April.

ELTI Talks is a series of extracurricular events designed to help the language learners practice and improve on real-life communication skills and colloquial American English in a relaxed, party-like atmosphere. According to Denise Alvarez, ELTI instructor and language-lab coordinator, “Students who participated in the Easter-themed event embarked on an egg hunt, searching for plastic eggs containing popular American expressions related to rabbits, springtime and of course, eggs! Once found, students practiced using expressions such as ‘don’t put all your eggs in one basket,’ ‘quick as a rabbit,’ and ‘she’s no spring chicken,’ using mini-dialogues contained in the eggs.”

The activity allowed students to experience the popular American customs of Easter while also learning new expressions in an informal setting. In addition to developing their cultural knowledge and familiarity with common cultural references, the events allow students to engage in non-traditional learning processes such as collaborative learning, and to interact with other students not in their regular daily classes in the seven-level program.



Earlier this semester, in conjunction with the international Winter Olympic Games, students participated in their own “ELTI Olympics.” They competed in teams to see which group knew the greatest number of American name brands, popular American entertainers, politicians, and subjects they might study in American universities.

Each ELTI Talks session is also attended by several of the professional teaching staff at ELTI, as well as a number of native-speaking UNC Charlotte students who value the interaction with their international friends. Teachers and volunteers provide support and clarification to groups as needed.

Alvarez and her student assistant, Deeanna Goodman, offer similar activities year-round to ELTI students, with most events being tied to significant national and international events or American holidays. Events such as “speed dating,” which was a very popular theme earlier ELTI Talks, required major modifications to allow students from all cultures to participate, but was nonetheless enthusiastically received and pedagogically useful at the same time.

ELTI hosts about 150 students from over 25 different countries each semester, and works to prepare them for academic work in the United States, which includes the acquisition of cultural literacy and idiomatic or colloquial language.

American students or others who are interested in volunteering or participating in these programs should contact Denise Alvarez at [djalvare@uncc.edu](mailto:djalvare@uncc.edu).

## 2nd Annual International Speaker Series Concludes

The 2nd UNC Charlotte International Speaker Series, coordinated through the Office of International Programs, and in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, Department of Global, International and Area Studies, and Atkins Library concluded with a well-attended lecture given by Ms. Sophie Delaunay, Executive Director of Doctors without Borders (MSF) in the United States. On Thursday, April 1, nearly seventy students, faculty and staff met in the Dale Halton Reading Room of Atkins library to hear Delaunay provide an overview of MSF’s priorities and current areas of operation. Delaunay spoke on “From Afghanistan to Haiti: On the Frontlines of Humanitarian Crises” and provided numerous examples of MSF’s work around the world before responding to questions.

Other speakers in the 2009-2010 International Speaker Series included: Haleh Esfandiari (“My Prison, My Home: One Woman’s Story of Captivity in Iran”); Daniel Griswold (“Mad About Trade: Why Main Street America Should Embrace Globalization”); Gretchen Peters (“Seeds of Terror: How Heroin is Bankrolling the Taliban and al Qaeda); and, Barbara Slavin (“Bitter Friends, Bosom Enemies: Iran, the U.S. and the Twisted Path to Confrontation).

## Student Pursues Becoming Tri-cultural and Trilingual by Andres Rodriguez

From a period of seven years, I have engaged on a day-to-day adventure to explore and understand the culture of another country. My name is Andres Rodriguez, I am a Marketing and International Business major, and I would like to keep exploring a new culture on a day-to-day basis. I originally come from Colombia. This is a land that to you it might seem distant, strange, or even exotic. However that is the place where I come from and it defines part of my character, the way act, and the way I portray myself to other people. I grew up in this beautiful country and lived there for twelve years, until my parents decided to embark on a new adventure. On September 19th, 2002 at 10 am ET, I boarded the plane that split my life in half.

Seven years later, I find myself attending a university where I get to use my second language. I think to myself the infinite times that I have had to correct myself when speaking to somebody. I think to myself the infinite times when I have had to ask my friends how to say something in English because I just did not know how to say it. I think to myself the many accomplishments that I have met during high school and my first two years of college, and the upcoming challenges and obstacles that life has ahead of me. However, all these experiences, laughs, embarrassing moments, and accomplishments have a common theme: English. This is the cause of all my success and also the challenges that I have encountered. It is the source of my knowledge, and my understood perspective of the world. The ability to speak a new language gave me the ability to see a whole different world beyond anything that I could ever

imagine. The best thing about this experience is that it is possible to live it again. I want to study abroad because I would like my life to be split not in two but in three parts. I would like to have my life defined after I go to Germany.

Fortunately I attend an institution that encourages its students to attend a study abroad program. When I heard about it for the first time, I thought it was unreachable. However, when I began to find out more about it I realized that it was possible to travel somewhere else. If the opportunity is there, why not take it? I always thought being trilingual was a good way to get to know the world and therefore I began studying German when I went to high school, and continued it in college. I think the ability to speak German, or any other language, allows me to enhance my experience in a new and completely different culture because language is the translation of culture at its purest form. So many traditions, festivities, discoveries, developments have been based on the ability of oral communication, and to be able to go to a country that is culturally rich, that offers a very high quality education, and that provides me with an opportunity to enjoy something different is a thrilling adventure.

I hope to truly enhance my knowledge of the German language, as well to encounter experiences with new people and new knowledge that comes from a different culture. I would like to become a part of the German culture just like I am a part of my Colombian culture as well as my American culture. I would like to explore the world to become aware of the opportunities that lie in front of me, and be able to become a citizen of the world by embracing what I learn during my semester in Germany and apply it to any other experience that might come in the future.

## Language Support Services for New Hires and ITA's

The Office of International Programs, through its English Language Training Institute (ELTI), has provided language support services to faculty, teaching assistants and other instructional staff for the past 21 years. ELTI staff can help with the assessment of language proficiencies for non-native speakers of English who are being considered for faculty positions, as required by the state of North Carolina. In addition, the ELTI program offers training each semester for International Teaching Assistants, can offer workshops on improving oral

communication skills for departments as requested, and can provide one-on-one proficiency assessments and counseling to any international faculty member who may seek input on how to improve communicative skills.

Departments who have upcoming searches that will involve non-native speakers and who want to be sure to comply with state law regarding assessments should send an email to [elti@unc.edu](mailto:elti@unc.edu). Meriam Brown is the Coordinator for International Faculty Language Support Services through ELTI.

## Spring Study Abroad Fair on TV

The Office of Education Abroad hosted their Spring Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday, April 7th. To kick off the event, Fox News Rising broadcasted their live morning segment, Wilson's World, on campus to bring awareness to the University's study abroad initiatives. Host Jon Wilson interviewed Brad Sekulich, Director of the Office of Education Abroad, as well as several student study abroad alumni, asking about language, culture, courses, and personal experiences abroad.

In a strong showing of support, and as an indication of the growing culture of study abroad on-campus, more than 50 UNC Charlotte students came as early as 5:00 AM to support the event and demonstrate strong 49er pride. Students and staff sported the newly-designed and popular 'Niner International' t-shirts building on UNC Charlotte's 'Niner Nation theme.





## International Staff Intern Embraces UNC Charlotte

Fatima Tauqir initiated an international experience at her home institution, National University for Sciences & Technology (NUST), in Islamabad, Pakistan. Interested in learning more about the world and convinced of the importance of global perspective, she contacted Dr. Yasin Raja, Professor, Physics & Optical Science, who has ties to NUST, to arrange for a professional internship dedicated to examining higher education in the United States.

On her home campus in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Tauqir is responsible for the management of their student affairs office and activities; developing, coordinating and distributing marketing materials reflecting School and University interest and services; overseeing large events for students including annual Open House, Alumni Homecoming, International Culture Day and industry seminar workshops. As an alumnus of the School's program (Tauqir graduated in 2006 with a degree in Information Technology), she brings a specific understanding of the School's academic offerings and the individual student experience.



Warmly welcomed by the UNC Charlotte community, Tauqir immediately took advantage of all the opportunities available to her and within a month had visited a staggering number of campus departments and units including: Student Affairs, Human Resources, Development Office, Counseling Center, Career Center, Student Union, Athletic Facilities, Graduate School, Dining Services, Alumni Office, Continuing Education and Marketing office. Her initial meetings provided a platform from which she built relationships and strengthened her understanding of policies, system and rules.

Tauqir has also been keen to contribute to the UNC Charlotte campus and led a discussion during Graduate Education Week on March 25 and presented about NUST and Pakistan to the campus community on Friday, April 16. She was recognized at the UNC Charlotte 5th Annual International Women's Day. Apart from this she is also taking professional

development courses through UNC Charlotte Continuing Education.

And she does all this while managing the full-time responsibilities of her job in Pakistan.

When she has free time, her interests outside of her professional world include shopping and cooking – she has mastered dishes from around the world and enjoys seeing the behind-the-scenes-work of the culinary team at UNC Charlotte. Her initial perspective of JFK airport was that it was shockingly quiet. Her first experience with snow came earlier in the year – and then twice again. Her camera is always at-the-ready, and her openness to experiencing as much of Charlotte as she can while she's here cannot be underestimated.

At the end of her visit, Tauqir hopes to have made way for similar opportunities for others and for the association between NUST and UNC Charlotte to be strengthened. She is optimistic that such a model of collaboration can be beneficial for the institutions and is a willing advocate for the benefit such experiences has on the individual.

## IOP Hosts Over Seventy International Visitors

The office of Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) will welcome more than 70 international participants to UNC Charlotte this summer, including graduate and undergraduate students as well as mid-career professionals, to attend a variety of custom-designed academic and professional programs.

Lovely Professional Institute International MBA Students (6/13 – 7/7): This group of 20-25 graduate students from India will interact with local professionals and businesses during the International Business Institute. This is the second consecutive year IOP will facilitate the program in collaboration with faculty from the Belk College of Business.

Fulbright Grantees (8/1-8/21): Also for the second year, 35 Fulbright grantees from multiple countries who have been accepted to graduate schools across the U.S. will participate in this three-week graduate school preparation program.

Japanese-English Immersion Students (8/8- 8/28): In an innovative, dual-language immersion program co-designed with faculty from the Department of Languages and Culture Studies, a group of undergraduate students from Japan will join with UNC Charlotte Japanese-language students in early August.

Japanese Teachers (8/5- 8/15): A small group of Japanese teachers will visit for a short course on teaching methodology and an

Lovely Professional University program participants, Summer 2009



internship in Union County Public Schools.

IOP welcomes opportunities for academic or social interaction between program participants and the campus community. UNC Charlotte students, faculty, and community members are invited to meet with individuals or groups of participants in a variety of settings such as panel discussions, guest lectures, meetings, receptions, campus and lab tours, or cultural excursions during their program dates listed above.

For more information, please contact Director Susan Lambert, slambert@uncc.edu, 7-7765 or Program Coordinator Maureen White, mwhite93@uncc.edu, 7-7764, or Administrative Assistant Jessica Wilkinson, jcwilkin@uncc.edu, 7-7763.



Fulbright Grantee program participants, Summer 2009

## German Language and Culture Foundation Awards Scholarships to Eight Students

The German Language and Culture Foundation (GLCF) is supporting eight German majors from UNC Charlotte to study abroad in Germany. The students will each receive a scholarship in the amount of \$2000 which will help cover the cost of tuition for a one-month intensive language and culture course at the prestigious Goethe Institute in Germany.

Kurt Waldthausen, founder and chairman of the non-profit GLCF, and the board of directors and sponsors wholeheartedly support the cooperation with UNC Charlotte. They believe that the scholarships and the proposed study abroad experience are in line with the mission of the GLCF to “support projects that will help create long-term friendships and promote a better understanding between the people of German speaking countries and the Charlotte Region.”

“We want to make sure students have the opportunity to learn the German language and to learn about our cultures so they can excel in their future careers,” Waldthausen said. Over twenty percent of all foreign firms in the Charlotte region are based in German-speaking countries. Sylvia Smith, Lecturer of German, agrees: “There are more than 230 companies from German speaking countries (Austria/Germany/Switzerland) in the Charlotte region and many of our students will seek employment with them. There is nothing more valuable we can give them than a study abroad experience.”

Eight outstanding students will participate in the program this summer supported by the GLCF. **Jillian Mourning** is a German and International Studies Major with a minor in Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Studies. She plans to live with a host family in the Neu Koelln district of Berlin and is particularly interested in learning more about the Holocaust during her stay in Germany; **Desiree Davis** is a triple-major in German, Psychology and Criminal Justice. She will study at the Goethe Institute in Berlin and live with a family in Neu Koelln. Davis is particularly interested in perfecting her language skills which will be an asset in her future career in law; **Caleb Byers** came to UNC Charlotte as a transfer student from Guilford College and is currently working on a Certificate in Translation. He plans to study at the Goethe institute in Bonn, where he will live with a host family; **Dominique Jaeger** is a Business and German double-major who has focused on Business German offerings in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies. She will study at the Goethe Institute in Bonn and live with a local family there; **Michael Klipp** is a double-major in International Studies and German. His goal is to work in an international career and his strongest interest lies in Germany. Michael will study at the Goethe Institute in Freiburg, where he will live with a local host family; **Brittany Long** is an outstanding student and German major. Long is working towards a Certificate in Translation as well as a Certificate in Business German. She will study at the Goethe Institute in Berlin where a local family will host her; **Jennifer James** is a German major. She will study at the Goethe Institute in Freiburg, where a local family will host her. James is particularly interested in cross cultural experiences and appreciates the opportunity to live in a German city that is so close to France and Switzerland; **Madeline Clark** is an Art, Art History and German triple-major. In particular, Clark is interested in the architecture, as well as secular and religious art of Baden Wuerttemberg. Therefore, she will study at the Goethe Institute in Freiburg and live with a host family.

In addition, GLCF has provided semester and year-long partial scholarships for UNC Charlotte students for study abroad in Germany in the amount of \$7500. Total scholarships provided by the GLCF in the last 4 years exceed \$100,000 and have benefitted over 50 students in the region. For more information on the Foundation, please visit their web site at [www.germanfoundation.com](http://www.germanfoundation.com).

## International House Brings German High School Students to Charlotte

The International House, a grassroots non-profit organization with a mission to promote international understanding and to serve immigrants in need in Charlotte, hosted a delegation of ten students and two adult students from Stuttgart, Germany on April 3-9. Program participants visited UNC Charlotte for a campus tour and overview of student and academic life at the University by Melissa Watkins, Lead Advisor in the Office of Education Abroad, and then participated in two German language classes with Dr. Sylvia Smith in the German Language Program. Their 12-day visit to the United States includes stops in Washington, D.C., Charlotte and New York.

## OIP Upcoming Events

**Monday, May 3 - Saturday, May 15**

Study Abroad Student Photo Exhibit  
Student Union Gallery

**Tuesday, May 4**

Study Abroad Student Photo Exhibit Opening Reception  
Student Union Gallery, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Thursday, June 17**

International Coffee Hour  
Prospector Cafeteria, 4:00-6:00 PM

**Thursday, July 15**

International Coffee Hour  
Prospector Cafeteria, 4:00-6:00 PM

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