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INTERNATIONAL INK

NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Student travel, instructor exchange, global curriculum, and international students --- the Center for Global Engagement is increasingly seeing its role at Northeast growing! Signs of change are evident: we have a new face in the department, two Facebook pages, an international hybrid class that partners in live time every Tuesday with another classroom in Denmark, and 27 new international students who will join the 30 current students!

International Ink is a new publication in the Global Office that will strive to keep you informed on a quarterly basis of all the goings-on on and off campus that involve our international activities. So welcome to the new academic year and enjoy our inaugural edition!

NORTHEAST WELCOMES

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS THIS AUGUST

Northeast Community College welcomes 27 new international students, who are currently sitting in many of our classrooms! In order to help them adjust to college life at Northeast, as well as life in general in Norfolk, Nebraska, the students participated in a four-day orientation that included guest presentations on classroom etiquette, counseling and disability services, Nebraska and U.S. laws, Title IX, tutoring and writing support services, just to name a few topics. Thank you to all of our guest presenters during the orientation and to everyone who helped these new international students get settled and begin their education here at Northeast.

These 27 students join 30 returning students to make 57 international students, originating from 23 countries. Of the total international students, 23 (or 41%) are involved in competitive athletics at Northeast. The three most represented countries at Northeast are Brazil, Colombia, and Burkina Faso.



Lyle Kathol, Vice President of Educational Services, welcomes the new International Students during the International Student Orientation.



Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, England

2018 STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES



Aarhus, Denmark

One of the greatest learning experiences anyone of any age can have is to travel internationally! Many of us can tell stories of life-changing moments while we were students or visitors abroad. So please help the Global Office promote two excellent study abroad opportunities for our Northeast students.

Our Northeast study abroad program is dedicated to providing international opportunities for college credit, making it affordable, and making it educational with excellent faculty leading the way.

ENGL/THEA 2140: Introduction to Shakespeare covers the life and works of William Shakespeare. Students will be part of the famed Shakespeare Institute, the Stratford-Upon-Avon branch of University of Birmingham. The program will include guest speakers, behind-the-scenes theatre tours, and access to original manuscripts in the Institute's library. In addition, students will visit the new tomb and museum of King Richard III in Leicester, and tour famous Shakespearean haunts in the capitol city of London. Faculty members Pam Saalfeld and Julie Ptacek-Wilkey will teach the class and lead the study abroad over two weeks in May of 2018.

BSAD 1990: Global Business – A Partnership with Denmark will delve into Danish and German business practices. Students will work side-by-side with their Danish counterparts from Northeast's partner college in Aarhus, Denmark – the Aarhus Business College. Excursions will also include a visit to Copenhagen and Hamburg, Germany. The class will be held from August to December, with the actual study abroad to Denmark falling in the middle of the fall 2018 term, tentatively during the month of October. Faculty leaders Cara Hoehne and Maryjan Fiala will co-teach the class here at Northeast and will accompany students while in Denmark.

Both study abroad opportunities are available for student sign-up. A \$150 deposit gets students a "seat" on either program, and payment plans are available. The earlier a student signs up, the better the monthly payments are. For more information or to begin the sign-up process, students should visit Pam in MC 142.

INSTRUCTORS – HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Did you know that all of our study abroad opportunities ---- from England in 2012 to Central Europe in 2017 – came about because faculty thought of them FIRST? It's true! Faculty leaders from the past worked with Pam (before the Center for Global Engagement even existed!) to put together a proposal that led to each and every one of our study abroad experiences – to England, Paris, Spain, Italy, Scotland, Ireland, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Canada.

Full-time faculty who might be interested in leading a study abroad experience are invited to visit with Pam. To actually submit a proposal, faculty are asked to provide some documentation, such as a tentative budget and tentative syllabus for the class and travel (Pam has a form for that). However, nothing is required to ask your questions, so ask away! Hopefully, we will soon be promoting a study abroad experience of yours!

DANISH STUDENTS TO JOIN CLASSES AT NORTHEAST IN SPRING OF 2018

Plans are underway to welcome 25 Danish students and their sponsor to Northeast Community College next semester for a period of six weeks, most likely occurring after the College's Winter Break and concludes the end of April. The students are from Silkeborg Business College in Silkeborg, Denmark, which is located about 50 miles west of Northeast's partner college in Aarhus.

The students would be fully immersed as Northeast students --- attending classes, staying in the dorms, eating in the cafeteria, and participating in the College activities. Several instructors have already been identified and have enthusiastically agreed to have Silkeborg students join their classes. Any faculty member who has not been contacted but would like to participate may contact either Pam or Sara. We may not be able to accommodate all requests, but we will certainly do what we can.

This is still very much a "work-in-progress." Watch for updates in future newsletters!

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM EXPANDS

Sara Kirby has joined the Center for Global Engagement team as an Administrative Assistant. She is a Northeast Community College alumni. She transferred to California State University, Northridge and graduated with a Bachelor's in English. Sara worked at California State University, Channel Islands in the Academic Affairs department as an Accounts Payable Assistant for two years. For the last ten years, she has been the Domestic Engineer for her family of four. She spent four years in California, two in Colorado, and most recently moved back to Nebraska after five years in Virginia, where she and her husband restored an 1830's farmhouse. Sara loves to travel and explore different cultures and has visited 12 countries. She lived in Berlin, Germany for six months. She enjoys hiking, sampling craft beer, and baking. Sara lives in Norfolk with her husband, two children, and three fish.



Sara Kirby with her husband Jeremy in front of their restored farmhouse in Moneta, Virginia.

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