

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY | GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

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As the 2015-16 academic year winds down, the Office of Global Engagement is pleased to share this update on some of our major activities this year.

J Visa Update

The OGE received approval to amend Stockton's J designation in November to add additional categories of invited guests to its J program. In addition to students, Stockton is now approved to receive short term scholars, professors and researchers. This is a significant development that can further enrich the academic vibrancy at Stockton through the hosting of international scholars. It also enables Stockton to exchange faculty with its partner institutions. The US State Department administers the J visa program and imposes specific regulations to maintain the integrity of the program. The OGE has developed procedures and forms that will be soon available on the OGE website.

In March, Stockton hosted its first J scholar, Dr. Jacqueline Chetty of South Africa, at the invitation of Dr. Amy Ackerman of the School of Education. Funding from the School of Education, the University of Johannesburg and the 2020 Strategic Planning Initiative enabled Dr. Chetty's visit. During her stay, Dr. Chetty shared her expertise of innovative pedagogical approaches for computer education and coding through a series of lectures, workshops and community events.

The J visa is quickly becoming a popular vehicle for inviting students and scholars to visit Stockton. If you are interested in inviting an international colleague to visit Stockton, please contact India Karavackas at ext. 3537.



Photo: Susan Allen, Stockton

Left to right: Director Karavackas, Prof. Ackerman, Dr. Chetty, Dean Dr. Keenan and Asst. Dean Dr. Vaughan at Stockton

Brazil Science Mobility Program

Through its affiliation with the Institute of International Education (IIE), the OGE was selected for a second year in a row to oversee the hosting of seven (7) students from the prestigious Brazil Science Mobility Program (BSMP). BSMP students are selected by the CAPES Foundation to receive a government scholarship covering a full year of study abroad followed by an internship before returning to Brazil. Stockton's 7 BSMP students are all computer science majors. Daniel, Fernando, Iago, Jackie, Gabriel, Pedro and Paulo are completing a successful year at Stockton and are now preparing for their internships. During their year here, they have fully integrated into the Stockton community and ignited the curiosity of their Stockton friends to learn Portuguese and travel to Brazil.



Daniel and Jackie made us particularly proud by making it to the finals of a statewide competition sponsored by AT & T wherein they were challenged to create a software application that would benefit veterans and their families!

ELS



Study English - Explore - Succeed

At the end of its first year on campus, the ELS Center achieved high Center satisfaction marks from its students. View the video below! The students were surveyed not just on their ELS program but also on the campus facilities and programs. The OGE created the

Cultural Navigators club, designed to pair domestic Stockton students with international students for a cross-cultural learning experience. In addition to participating in the club, ELS students have been regular participants in other OGE activities, such as the International Student Panel Discussions and the World Languages Tables. In the spring of 2017, Stockton will receive a cohort of students from Kindai University of Japan who will join the Stockton classrooms for a semester of studying abroad. To date, the ELS program has brought 200 students from over 21 countries to study English on Stockton's campus.





Universidad del Rosario Partnership

The partnership with Universidad del Rosario continues to grow under the care and nurturing of Professor Victoria Schindler, DPOT, of the School of Health Sciences. This partnership began with an alliance between the OGE and Professor Schindler to vet the partnership and destination as a viable Stockton partner. Professor Schindler has since committed tireless energy and effort to expose not just her students to this opportunity to learn about health education and service delivery in another country, but also has included her colleagues and students in the Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Nursing programs. The group of 28 travelled to Bogota over the March spring break for a 10 day robust schedule of visiting classrooms, fieldwork sites, the FANA orphanage and historical sites.

One additional outcome of this partnership will be an agreement to partner with the Escuela Colombiana de Rehabilitacion, a private school solely for rehabilitation sciences. Under the agreement with UR, Stockton hosted four (4) students for a 9 week fieldwork experience during the fall of 2015 and expects to host more students this coming fall.

On behalf of the OGE, Dr. Javier Sanchez also went on the March spring break trip to explore additional opportunities for Stockton students who might want to study abroad at UR. Dr. Sanchez met with the UR language faculty and collectively they have developed a number of ideas to broaden the Stockton-UR partnership, including the possibility of a semester exchange of the language faculty.

Faculty-Led Programs

Stockton faculty interest in leading students abroad is also growing. Over the last two years, students ventured abroad under the tutelage and care of faculty to South Africa, China, Greece/Turkey, Italy, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Germany/Poland/Lithuania, Curacao and Belize. Leading students on international experiences is an around-the-clock commitment requiring dedication, and a great deal of mental and physical stamina! We really appreciate the commitment demonstrated by Dr. Melaku Lakew (SOBL), Dr. Michael Hozik (NAMS), Dr. Tom Papademetriou (ARHU), Dr. Donna Albano (BUSN), Dr. Victoria Schindler (HLTH), Dr. Tait Chirenje (NAMS), Dean Peter Straub (NAMS), Dr. Linda Janelli (HLTH), Dr. Michael Hayse (ARHU) and Mrs. Gail Rosenthal (GENS) for their efforts. In total, they are responsible for exposing another 109 students to the world far, far beyond South Jersey.



The OGE Welcomes JY Zhou



JY Zhou, EdD, has joined the Office of Global Engagement. Dr. Zhou will continue her work collaborating with faculty on internationalizing the curriculum, organizing the Globalization Lecture Series, and working more closely with our study abroad and international students to deepen their learning abroad experiences. She will also deliver our Academic Honesty Workshop which has received great reviews from our international students.

This coming June 21-22 marks the third year of her popular Faculty Summer Institute “Globalizing the Curriculum” wherein she will lead a cohort of 12 faculty through a process of re-designing an existing course or developing a new course that includes a globalized curriculum. For more information on the Institute, please contact JY at JY.Zhou@stockton.edu

Stockton *World* Language Table

Stockton students Pauline Enriquez, of the Philippines, Jorge Tellez, of Garfield, program coordinator Jiangyuan Zhou (center) and student Rawan Abdallah.

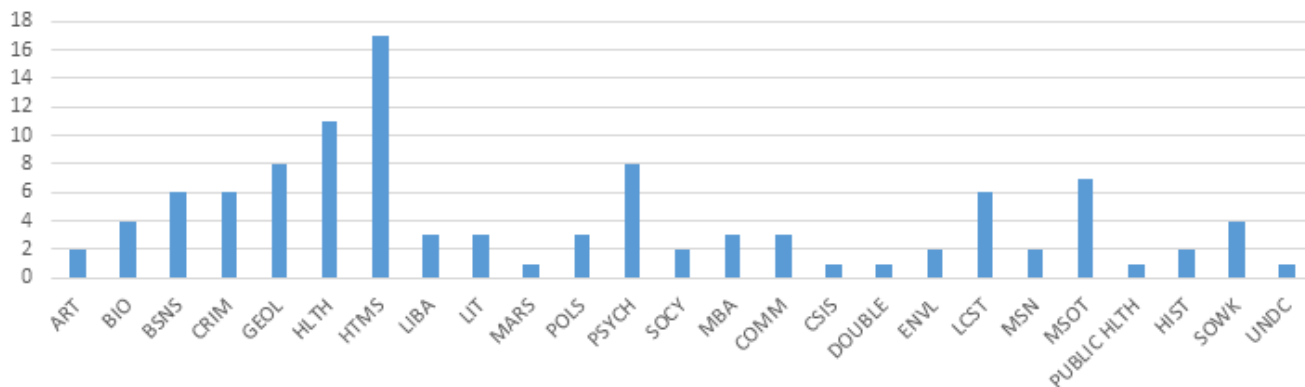
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Study Abroad by the Numbers

Since the opening of the OGE, study abroad numbers have increased but are holding steady. Across the country, however, institutions are experiencing a slight decline in students going abroad this summer and the coming fall. Some have cited the recent terrorist activity in Europe as a likely factor affecting study abroad.

	Fall	Spring	Summer	Total
2010-2011	13	19	7	40
2011-2012	21	33	11	65
2012-2013	22	26	17	65
2013-2014	17	21	18	56
2014-2015	31	17	15	63
2015-2016	23	23	5	51

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Study Abroad by Major



Cultural Immersion Program

The OGE organizes trips and activities for our international students in order to enrich their academic experience at Stockton and give them a taste of American history and culture. This spring we visited Ocean County for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Washington D.C. for the Cherry Blossom festival. A trip to the Hersheypark and a local Amish village will take place on May 7.

Students can also invite their **Cultural Navigator** partners on these trips, where they can continue to bond and learn from each other.



The 6th Annual Global Career Conference (Apr.30)



Our guest speaker, former State Dept Foreign Service Officer, Madeline Q. Seidenstricker during the Global Career Conference at Rider University.

Each year, the New Jersey Partnership for Study Abroad (NJPSA) hosts a career conference for our international students and study abroad returnees to learn about and prepare for post-graduate opportunities.

The OGE's Study Abroad Advisor, Natalja Manger, created a workshop and led a group of 8 Stockton students to Rider University for this year's conference. Students received valuable information and feedback from experienced directors and

advisors from different institutions. Some sessions included: **Unpacking the Suitcase Workshop: Identify and Improve Your Skills; Opportunities Abroad for the Post-Graduate, Resume Review and Mock Interview Workshop.**

International Education Week 2016

(Oct. 30 - Nov. 4)

Please mark your calendars to attend International Education Week 2016. The theme for 2016 is **Resource Management**. See [CSIS website](#) for more information. We welcome [proposals](#) addressing the theme, as well as others showcasing your individual international or global interests. Bring your students for ULTRA/extra credit and share with your community and friends! A full listing of events, time and locations will be posted soon. To submit a [proposal](#) or see events from previous years, please visit: www.stockton.edu/iew.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



International Partnerships



Dean Janet Wagner of Stockton's School of Business; Stockton President Harvey Kesselman; Dr. Sompol Pongthai, acting president of Burapha University in Thailand; and Dr. Rana Pongruengphant, dean of International College of Burapha University.

Photo: Christina Butterfield/Stockton

Now that we have the J visa designation, partnerships with other institutions will become more meaningful, permitting us to exchange students and faculty. For students, this means being able to provide them with more affordable study abroad options. For faculty, it could mean guest lecturing, teaching abroad, and research collaborations with cross institutional support. For a current list of partnerships, please visit the OGE website at www.stockton.edu/globalengagement.



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