



# Universitas

Universitas -atis f. [the whole, total, the universe, the world, the university].

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## NEED HELP WITH TAXES? WORKSHOPS CAN!

Tax workshops are at the Writing Center in Eicher Hall on campus. The workshops are from 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. Students should bring all of their tax documents to the workshop.

The workshop will be held on the following dates:

- March 6, 2014
- March 7, 2014
- April 3, 2014
- April 4, 2014

## WELCOME TO IUP!

The Office of International Education (OIE) is here to provide you with support, guidance and assistance. We are here to help you during your stay in the U.S. as an IUP student or as you consider and prepare to go on study abroad.

The American Language Institute (www.iup.edu/ali), IUP’s long-standing intensive English program, now falls under the OIE and enrolls international students who need additional language. study prior joining an academic program at IUP or another U.S. institution. The ALI offers 4-6 levels of English language instruction and students are in class 18-20 hours per week. The 15 ALI instructors possess, at a minimum, a Masters degree and ESL/EFL experiences.

The OIE and ALI include the following staff:

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|--------------------|---|
| . Michele Petrucci | Assistant Vice President                |
| . Pauline Wells    | Assistant to A.V.P                      |
| . Gail Munzert     | OIE Receptionist                        |
| . Jessica Dories   | Assistant Director: Student Immigration |
| . Dan Petroff      | Immigration Clerk                       |
| . Christina Arroyo | J Advisor                               |
| . Jessica Halchak  | Assistant Director: Study Abroad        |
| . Andy Kent        | Study Abroad Advisor                    |
| . Emma Archer      | Assistant Director: ALI                 |
| . Cindy Smeltzer   | ALI Secretary                           |



The OIE and ALI are also supported by a variety of dedicated Graduate Assistants, student workers, and volunteers. The OIE is located in B25 Delaney Hall and the ALI is located in 214 Eicher Hall. During Spring, both offices are open: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12-1 p.m.)

When you visit the OIE or ALI, please stop at the front desk and explain your request. They will assist you, refer you to a workshop or information session, or make an appointment for you to see the appropriate person. Good luck with your semester and enjoy your life in and out of the classroom!

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## CASTELLES

David Wilcox, United States/ Management



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I wanted to study abroad in Barcelona to improve my Spanish and grow as a person. I knew that I would live with a host family and take Spanish classes but I never would have guessed that I would become part of a Castellera Colla, or a Human Tower team. Castelles is one of the most important cultural symbols of Catalunya and was declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in 2010. Human towers are formed by Castellera standing on the shoulders of one another making several levels. Each group is identified by its colored shirt, and traditional music is played before, during, and after the performance. I found out about my colla (team), the

Arreplegats de la Zona Universitària, during an open-house of clubs at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Most colles in Catalunya are made up of people from all age groups including small children; however my colla is exclusively university age students. We meet for two hours, twice a week for practice. Given that the tradition of Castells is so important in Catalunya, I have learned a lot about the Catalan culture and people through my friends in las Arreplegats. The majority of people living in Barcelona are bilingual. In my colla, most of them speak Catalan as their first language and Spanish as their second (or as they call it, "Castellano"). My Spanish speaking ability has significantly improved through constant, forced



Spanish-interactions with my fellow Castellera. They have also taught me about Catalunya's oppression from the late dictator Franco, the extremely current issue of Catalunya attempting to separate from Spain, and even how Catalunya has revived itself since Franco's fall from power in 1975.

If I was speaking to a prospective student about getting involved with Castellera, I would tell them that if they are just looking for a way to spend a few hours with local students every week, join an intercambio. Castellera is so much more involved. I grew to appreciate these people like a big family. I received help with Spanish homework and I helped other people with their English more times than I can remember. In the beginning of this semester, some serious personal issues occurred in

my life and my friends in Castellera were there for me. Like I said, this semester has been one of the most difficult in all of college for me, but I have grown exponentially as a person and now have a wider world view of things. I have seen first-hand how globalization has changed the jamón (ham) industry, making it one of the most exported products in all of Spain. I have eaten escargot and discovered I actually do like mushrooms cooked into my dinner. I have also discovered how 21 year old guys in Europe make jokes about the same things as 21 year old guys in the United States. I attribute all of these to my experiences in Castellera. 🇪🇸



## A BRAVE HEART

Elise Myers, United States/ Communication Media



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The distance from Limassol, Cyprus to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is over 5,753 miles, and when Maria Alexandrou, a native of Cyprus, took her first trip to America, she was overwhelmed with questions about her new world here in the U.S.

Making the trip alone, a level of bravery for the eighteen year old was necessary for survival, and balancing an open heart would always keep Maria on her toes, but also keep her eyes wide open, smiling ear to ear. Maria told me once she arrived in Indiana, PA she felt safe, and said, "I quickly realized that Indiana was a small town, but I liked it, and I was comfortable."

Maria has an adventurous and brave heart, always seeking new friendships and looking for new experiences. Since her arrival here in the U.S., she has made friendships with all kinds of nationalities, from Americans, Greeks, Saudi Arabians, Taiwanese, and also Guinea, and Jamaican students. Her palate is colorful and bright, and through all these friendships she has had the opportunity to learn about different cultures, and see the beauty in so many different countries, all while calling someone "a friend". Maria most enjoys getting to know people, and told me "In my town, there is not a large international population." When given the chance to experience differ-

ent cultures here, she relished in the opportunity.

Last spring, I got the chance to travel with Maria to New York City; a place that is on most International students list of must see destinations, not only in the U.S., but also the world. When we arrived in Time Square, I watched Maria's eyes light up. She was amazed by all the bright lights, and seemed unfazed by the constant movement, hustle and bustle of busy New Yorkers and tourists, and just lived in the moment. She soaked every minute up, taking pictures of everything and anything, and it reminded me that even if what I thought she was interested in was nothing special to me, I had to remember that for someone visiting such a big city in a foreign country, the smallest things are interesting, and I realized how much we take for granted.

Maria told me her favorite part of New York City was Central Park. "I could have stayed there all day and just explored. It was the most beautiful park, and I felt free." The park is over six miles around, taking up six percent of Manhattan, and I informed her, we may not get to see everything, but it just

makes the next trip even better because you can always explore a new part of the green.

Many people are inspired when they visit New York City, and I could see that Maria was doing a lot of thinking. We went to a beautiful art shop where she fell in love with a handmade timepiece, and marveled at the craftsmanship. We had Tiramisu and Cannoli in Little Italy, we went to Tiffany's on 5th Avenue, visited the Hard Rock café, Planet Hollywood, saw a comedy show, and had a mouthwatering slice of New York pizza, and of course picked up some inexpensive gifts in China Town.

Maria says she'll never forget this trip, and looks forward to new experiences and travels during her stay here in the U.S. She hopes to see California, and misses the sunshine. Limassol, Cyprus is a beautiful place with sandy beaches and happy people, and I can assure you, Maria brings a little sunshine with her wherever she goes. 🇪🇸



## IN NEED OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

William Bryan, United States/Public Affairs

The United States, Pennsylvania, Indiana Borough, and the IUP campus are all governed by a set of laws, regulations, and policies. Most of the laws are similar in nature, but there are some differences between them that are meant to regulate and protect each jurisdiction. It is important to note that while at IUP, students still fall under the laws of the Country, State, and Borough.

What this means is that any violation of these laws outside of IUP is held accountable under those respective jurisdictions. For example, an action in Pennsylvania might be legal, but under Borough or Campus policies, that action might violate their law. Understanding all of the differences can be difficult, but if you find yourself to be in a legal situation, there is help! Listed below is a reference guide to topics that will be of interest to you.

If you need legal assistance with immigration topics;

Lawrence Lebowitz- Immigration Attorney

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Mr. Lebowitz is an attorney and the Chair of the Immigration Group at Cohen & Grigsby. He specializes in obtaining both temporary and permanent visas for foreign national employees. He is able to help people pursue permanent residence and citizenship in the United States. Lawrence also serves as an adjunct professor of immigration law at the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Law and the Duquesne University School of Law. He has been listed in the The Best Lawyers in America for immigration for more than a decade.

Arthur Serratelli- Immigration Attorney

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Mr. Serratelli works with Vandeventer Black LLP and manages the Immigration Law Group. Mr. Serratelli can assist individuals with temporary and permanent residence in the United States, as well as other aspects of immigration. Art frequently presents in front international students on campuses international student advisors. Art is has significant achievements with respect toward immigration matters such as being listed in The Best Lawyers in America by his peers for his specialization in Immigration Law.

If you need other legal help;

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Mr. Muir serves as IUP's lawyer. He practices Criminal Law, Personal Injury, Traffic Violations, Civil Litigation, Controlled Substances

Law, and others. Mr. Muir graduated from Duquesne University with a J.D. in 1991. He is a member of the Indiana County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. He is also a graduate from IUP as well. He also taught at IUP in the Criminology department as an adjunct professor.

IUP Campus Police;

Phone: 1-724-357-2141

Address: University Towers

850 Maple Street

Indiana, PA 15705

Indiana Borough Police Dept;

Phone: 1-724-349-2121

Address: 80 North 8th Street,

Indiana, Pa 15701

Pennsylvania State Police;

Address: 4221 Route 286 Highway

West, Indiana, PA 15701

Phone: 1-724-357-1960

## THE MEANING OF TRAVEL

Xiaoai Zhou, China/ Hospitality Management

In a world of innovative technology, the borders that once bound us are crumbling. One would think our dream to travel the world is being realized more than ever. Or is it? In a culture where one is recognized for material possessions, we are convinced it is acceptable to not board an international flight -- ever.

Travel means having certain indispensable characteristics. It means understanding the effects that traveling has on one's life, relationships and career. Even with the things you've managed to accomplish in our lifetime.

Traveling around the globe, in particular to less fortunate areas, makes you appreciate your home, family and origins. The things you value are put in sharp relief. In fact, you might realize what kind of thanks you need to give. Not leaving your comfort zone will weaken your character. Your makeup will be weaker in comparison with that of a man who has traveled.

The experience and memories you acquire from traveling cannot be duplicated. The maturity you've attained is now deeply ingrained in your character. You can change the world, but in order to do so, you have to first see it.



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## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IUP'S RULES & REGULATIONS

Tedd Cogar, Assistant Director, Center for Student Life/Student Conduct & LGBTQIA Advocacy

Like every university, IUP has a set of rules and regulations which students are expected to know and follow. And, like every university, there are temptations to break the rules (particularly for those students who are on their own for the first time). So, how can you best prepare for success in university life? The Office of Student Conduct (OSC) recommends the following:

You have immediate electronic access.

The website (<http://www.iup.edu/studentconduct>) offers a wide variety of information concerning university student conduct processes, in particular you should read The Source: A Student Policy Guide. Residential students should also know the policies listed in their Housing License Agreement which you were required to sign to live on campus (<http://www.iup.edu/housing>). You are encouraged to carefully read the policies and ask questions as needed. Please note: there may be socially acceptable

behavior in other countries that are violations of US law or IUP Policy.

Actions have consequences.

As an emerging adult, you are expected to know & follow university policy. Violations of policy are treated seriously, so a choice to ignore policy is an invitation for university consequences, as well as possible legal consequences.

IUP addresses policy violations from on and off campus.

As a significant part of the local community, policy violations from enrolled students which occur off campus (outside the boundaries of campus property) are routinely addressed. Local law enforcement agencies communicate incidents to the University for adjudication. There is shared jurisdiction between University Police and other agencies on and off campus.

The Office of International Education (OIE) is notified of incidents.

The OSC will notify staff members in the OIE if individuals who are considered international students are allegedly involved in any incident. Often, the OIE will need to relay this information to individuals who are sponsoring your ability to study in the United States. Depending on the criminal charge(s), your immigration status may be revoked.

Students are held accountable through university action and local court systems.

If you engage in an action that violates both the law and university policy, you will be held accountable through both systems. You will be required to participate in both adjudication processes. Due to differing standards of evidence, you may receive different outcomes ("not guilty" in one system, "in violation" in another) in these systems. The primary goal of the university student conduct process is educational, which differs from the punishment orientation of the civil/criminal court system.

Email is the official way form of communication from IUP.

The OSC will send an email to your IUP account to share official university conduct information. If/when you are notified that you are an accused student or as a witness to a meeting or hearing, you will receive an email to you IUP account. It is important that you read email so that you can respond in a timely manner. Failure to read email is not an acceptable reason to appeal a conduct outcome. Email is also used to communicate academic and financial information, so make it a part of your daily routine to check your IUP email.

The Office of Student Conduct is eager to collaborate with you to promote you overall success as a member of the IUP community, and specifically your understanding and compliance with university policy. If at any time you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Conduct (724-357-1264).

## THE TEST TO DETERMINE STUDENTS' FUTURE GAOKAO

Tingyu Wu, Taiwan/ Business Education

In China, everything students have done is for the final test in the last year of high school. It is also the national college entrance exam, and is known as "GaoKao." This test is on the main courses a student has studied in the past three years. It usually takes a week for a student to complete the exams.

The Ministry of Education has vowed to fight any cheating on the national college entrance exam. Students take the exam in standard examination rooms that are equipped with electronic cameras and other video monitoring equipment according to the Ministry. The Ministry urged all the students that take part in the exam to be honest during the tests.

More than ten million students have taken the exam. The government and society take GaoKao very seriously. Police officers do not allow people to drive vehicles within five miles of the examination halls. The police will block the road around the examination hall.

Parents wait in front of the examination hall until their children finished the exams. GaoKao is the test that people believe is a turning point of a student's life. It is the fastest way you can get wealth and success in the future of their life. It is also the only chance to help the low class family to have a better life. ■



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## INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME AT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Thais Campos, Brazil/ Human Development and Environmental Studies



Image provided by author.

International Education Week, this year, from October 18-26, presented several international themed events that were all successful among

both international and American students. International Tea Time is an event uniting traditional tea ceremony demonstrations that includes a variety of teas, coffee, and snacks from various countries. Tea time was held at the HUB Susquehanna room on October 22nd, 2013. From 11 am to 1 pm, tables with representatives from countries such as Saudi Arabia, Korea, and Taiwan (to name a few) were set up with beautiful decorations to host many visitors and have them try the traditional foods.

Yu Ting, a current IUP exchange student from Taiwan, was one of the several people that attended the event. We asked, "What did you like the most?" She replied, "Taiwanese food. There was bubble tea and some traditional snacks and were all very good." She said, "The Arabic coffee was very special and tasted really good with cookies!"

International Tea Time was not only an educational event that taught its visitors about traditional tea/coffee ceremonies and snacks, but also it is an event that made

a lot of students feel at home, whether by having a cookie from their own country or from their friends.

In the end, the HUB Susquehanna room was filled with culture, diversity, and friendship that would soon be let out into other parts of the IUP campus. After all, we may have different teas/coffee traditions, but as George Carlin said, "Everyone smiles in the same language." ■

## STAYING IN THE INDIANA AREA?

Thais Campos, Brazil/ Human Development and Environmental Studies

If you are staying in Indiana over break, here is a list of activities that are available to entertain you!

Recreational/Outdoor activities:

- Yellow Creek State Park: playground, boats, hiking, learning center.
- Blue Spruce State Park: playground, picnic area, hiking, boating in summer.
- Miniature Golf: Har-tees Gold on Indian Springs Road.
- Hiking and Sled riding at IUP College Lodge: bring your own sled, open dawn to dusk! visit [http://www.coop.iup.edu/Co-op\\_Rec\\_Lodge&SkiHut.htm](http://www.coop.iup.edu/Co-op_Rec_Lodge&SkiHut.htm)
- Hoodlebug Trail
- Reeger's Farm ([reegersfarm.com](http://reegersfarm.com)) and Yarnick's Farm ([yarnicksfarm.com](http://yarnicksfarm.com))
- Blue Spruce Park Festival of Lights
- Lakemont Park Festival of Lights ([lakemontparkfun.com](http://lakemontparkfun.com))
- Mack Pool: outdoor pool available May-August
- Horace Mann Playground: (South 5th Street next to Horace Mann School)
- Eisenhower Playground: (next to Eisenhower School)

-Mack Park: (near hospital South 6th Street)

-Getty Heights being Oakland Ave Starbucks

-S&T Arena Playground behind ice rink on East Pike Road Visit <http://indianacountyparks.org> for more information on the parks mentioned above!

Shopping Malls in the Indiana area:

- Indiana Mall: 2334 Oakland Avenue
- The Galleria of Johnstown: 500 Galleria Drive, Johnstown, PA
- Monroeville Mall: 200 Monroeville Mall, Monroeville, PA
- Rose Park Mall: 1000 Rose Park Mall Drive, Pittsburgh, PA
- Grove City Outlets: 1911 Leeburg Grove City Rd, Grove City, PA

Entertainment:

- Mohawk Bowling Alley ([mohawklanes.com](http://mohawklanes.com))
- Carmike Cinemas at Indiana Mall
- Amadeus (Coffee Shop located at Philadelphia Street)
- Commonplace (University Square next to bus station and Domino's Pizza)

Childcare and kids' activities:

- Daycare: for more information visit [childcareinfoservice.org](http://childcareinfoservice.org)
- Classes for 3-5 year olds: visit [indianacountyheadstart.org](http://indianacountyheadstart.org) (must meet income requirement to qualify)
- YMCA, join the local gym, pool: visit [icymca.org](http://icymca.org) (students get a discounted cost; families can apply for financial help. Join classes, rec center, summer camps, playground, and childcare available while adults go to gym/class)
- Free library: visit [indianafreelibrary.org](http://indianafreelibrary.org) (daytime classes for children, special activities, computers available for use & children's floor in basement)
- Indiana Recreation Dept: soccer camps, swimming classes - adult classes - see sign up information on [indrecpark.com](http://indrecpark.com)
- Artist's Hand classes: art classes, visit [theartistshandgallery.com](http://theartistshandgallery.com)

Museums/Tourism:

- Indiana County Tourist Bureau visit [indianacountypa.org](http://indianacountypa.org) is a great site to see calendar of events year round in this area and links to many other things to do in Indiana, PA.
- Indiana Historical and Genealog-

ical Society: a museum dedicated to the history of Indiana, PA

-The Jimmy Stewart Museum: a museum dedicated to the famous Indiana native actor Jimmy Stewart

Outside of Indiana, PA:

- Living Treasures Animal Park: about 1 hour away in Butler, PA (smaller zoo for younger kids)
- Idlewild Park: 45 minute drive, great for all ages
- Del Grosso's Amusement Park: 1.5 hour drive, smaller amusement park for kids. Coupons available online and tickets available at Giant Eagle as well.
- Pittsburgh Pirate games in Pittsburgh
- Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium
- Pittsburgh Children's Museum
- Pittsburgh Carnegie Science Center
- Smicksburg, PA Festivals: visit [smicksburg.net](http://smicksburg.net)
- Fort Ligonier: 1 hour away in Ligonier, PA. An 18th century British fort that has been made into a museum to share its history with the world. Visit [fortligonier.org](http://fortligonier.org)
- Kennywood Amusement Park
- Prince Galitzin State Park
- Cooks Forest State Park ■



# WHAT'S GOING ON?

## AT THE OIE, IUP, AND BEYOND: SPRING 2014

### FEBRUARY

SATURDAY, 8

Ice Skating at the S&T Arena in Indiana.

WEDNESDAY, 12

International Lunch Hour- Folger Hall: 12:00pm to 1:15pm Criminson Event Center. FREE!

MONDAY, 17

F-1 Off-Campus Work Permission Workshop. 12:30pm or 3:30pm., OIE Conference Room.

SATURDAY, 22

Snow Tubing at Boyce Park.

MONDAY, 24

F-1 Off-Campus Work Permission Workshop. 12:30pm or 3:30pm., OIE Conference Room.

### MARCH

SATURDAY, 1

Tax Packets Available at OIE, or attend Tax Workshop.

THURSDAY.-FRIDAY, 6, 7

J-1 Academic Training Workshop: 2:00p.m. OIE Conference Room.

Tax Workshop, 3:00pm-4:00pm at the IUP Writing Center, Eicher Hall. Bring tax documents.

SATURDAY, 8

Grove City Shopping Trip, 9:00am., HUB Lower Lot.

MONDAY, 31

F-1 Off-Campus Work Permission Workshop: 12:30pm or 3:30pm., OIE Conference Room.

TBA

International Women's Day.

### APRIL

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, 3, 4

Tax Workshop, 3:00pm-4:00pm at the IUP Writing Center, Eicher Hall. Bring tax documents.

SATURDAY, 5

International Unity Day, 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m. HUB Upper Level.

MONDAY, 7

F-1 Off-Campus Work Permission Workshop: 12:30pm or 3:30pm., OIE Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, 16

International Lunch Hour- Folger Hall: 12:00pm to 1:15pm Criminson Event Center. FREE!

SATURDAY, 26

Niagre Falls, 7:00a.m., HUB lower Lot. (One Day trip to U.S. side of Falls)

TBA

International Soccer Tournament at IUP.

TBA

International Graduation/ Exchange Student Celebration.

### MAY

FRIDAY, 2

Travel Workshop, 2:00p.m. OIE Tips for reentry to U.S., visas for travel abroad, Canada and Mexico.



**FOR STUDENTS: STUDY ABROAD WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS. 5:00PM-6:00PM & 7:00PM-8:00PM IN B-39 DELANEY HALL**

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

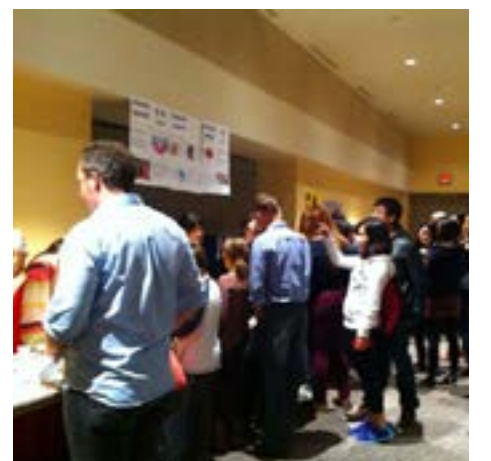
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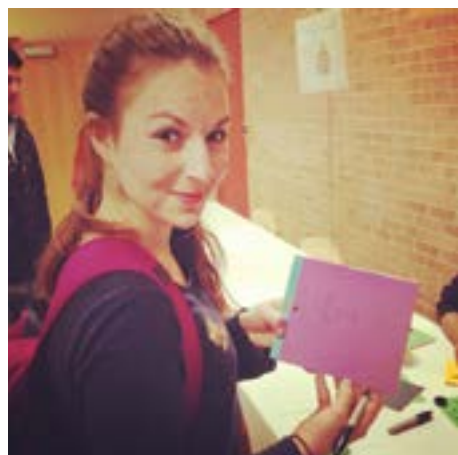
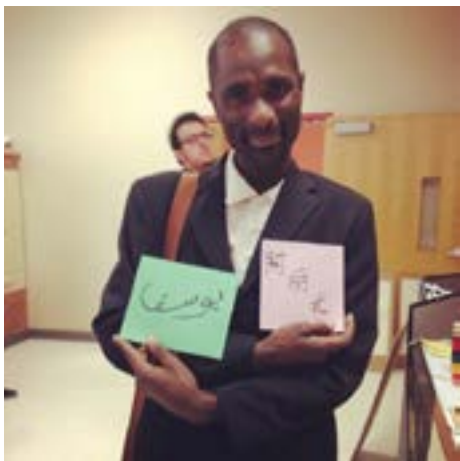


OIE FALL 2013 EVENT PHOTOS

Noche Latino- October 26, 2013



International Luncheon- October 21, 2013



Saudi Cultural Mission in Washington, D.C., September 16, 2013



Jessica Dories and Emma Archer visited the Saudi Cultural Mission to discuss SACM's policies for sponsored Saudi students. IUP has 203 Saudi students, most of whom are sponsored by SACM.

“TICK TICK”

Beshaier Alqahtani , Saudi Arabia/ Literature

The clock is walking as the time will be walking,  
and all these memories will be occurred in our notebooks..  
Waiting, imagination, thinking, worrying..etc  
all these words are the symbols of sufferings.  
If you just open the gate to start living these words,  
you gonna lose your comfort, energy and your small sensitive heart.  
So, just be strong, positive and let everything is going as God wants to be..  
Nothing deserves except your heart and smile.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WITH A PARTIAL TUITION WAIVER

Red Cross Health Services Assistant

Purpose: Assist the Health Services Department in delivering its mission by providing support in assigned departments. If interested please contact Connie Patterson at 724.465.5678.

Jimmy Stewart Museum

Ticket office or gift shop volunteer. Some clerical work is required. Contact Tim Harley, Executive Director at 727.349.6112 or email tharley@jimmy.org.

Four Footed Friends

Assistance needed with animal care, office work, computer work, and fundraising. If interested please contact Shannon Cole at 724.349.1144 or email fffvolunteers@hotmail.com.

Indiana County Humane Society

Volunteers can walk dogs, help clean, and play with animals. If interested please contact Mary at 724.463.1043.

Other opportunities will be sent via email to all PTW participants. We strongly encourage students to find opportunities relevant to their field of study. Contact your academic department or the Office of Service Learning at [www.iup.edu/servicelearning](http://www.iup.edu/servicelearning) for more volunteer opportunities.

## STUDIOABROAD AND STUDY ABROAD

Interested students should create a profile on StudioAbroad before they have an appointment with an Advisor. StudioAbroad is an online database and content management system that not only allows for better access to study abroad information, but also allows students to apply for study abroad directly from the IUP Study Abroad website. Students are able to create a secure account with their IUP login and manage their entire study abroad process electronically.

This includes:

- Inquiries
- Applications
- Academic references
- International Student Identity Card applications
- Pre-Departure information
- Passport information
- Visa application information
- Information for faculty

[iup.studioabroad.com](http://iup.studioabroad.com)

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JOIN THE IUP GLOBAL AMBASSADORS ON FACEBOOK! IT PROMOTES DIVERSITY THROUGH DIFFERENT KIND OF EVENTS. IT IS THE PERFECT GROUP TO JOIN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SOCIALIZING, MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND HAVING FUN!



JOIN THE IUP CONVERSATION CLUB ON FACEBOOK! THE CONVERSATION CLUB MATCHES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND AMERICAN STUDENTS IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE GLOBAL AWARENESS, FOSTER MULTICULTURAL INTERACTION, CELEBRATE DIVERSITY, AND CREATE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS.



JOIN THE IUP INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CLASSIFIEDS ON FACEBOOK! THIS GROUP IS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT IUP TO POST AND BROWSE CLASSIFIED ADS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THIS SITE TO POST AVAILABLE HOUSING, TO SELL YOUR CAR OR ANYTHING ELSE.

## MEET THE STUDY ABROAD TEAM

JESSICA HALCHAK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: STUDY ABROAD



Jessica is a native of Indiana. She received her B.S. in French Education from IUP and her M.A. in Foreign Languages from West Virginia University. Both of these degrees gave her the opportunity to study, work, teach, and live in France. Having had great experiences as a student, Jessica fully understands the academic value and life-changing experiences that studying abroad can offer. She is currently a doctoral candidate in Administration and Leadership Studies at IUP. Her favorite places to visit is are the Hawaiian Islands and the Highlands of Scotland.

ANDY KENT, STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR



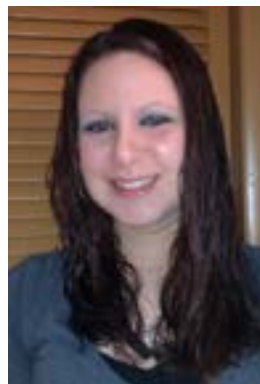
Andy's home state is Michigan. Here, he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education for Spanish and Physical Education. He was a Spanish teacher at Martinsville High School and later taught physical education in Tegucigalpa, Honduras for a year. During his time as a teacher, Andy has traveled to many countries in Central and South America as well as Spain. In addition, he studied in Queretaro, Mexico for a semester where he became a member of the track team. Andy has recently graduated from IUP with a degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education.

JACKIE FISHER, STUDY ABROAD ASSISTANT



Jackie is originally from southern New Jersey. She has an undergraduate degrees in German and International Studies from Susquehanna University. She currently is a graduate student in Student Affairs in Higher Education at IUP. Her studies in Spanish, Latin, and French gave her a love for language. In high school, her study tours to Los Angeles, Ireland, and Europe also initiated her interest in travel and other cultures. Jackie studied in Freiburg Breisgau, Germany which also further enhanced her love for international education and travel.

AMANDA HEINBAUGH, STUDY ABROAD SUPPORT



Amanda is originally from South Carolina, but spent her preschool and kindergarten years in Aviano, Italy while her father served in the Air Force; she eventually settled in the Pittsburgh area. In 2011, Amanda acquired her B.A. in Criminal Justice from Point Park University and is currently a graduate student at IUP in the Public Affairs program. She plans on continuing her education with a Masters in Criminology and eventually a PhD. She hopes to one day return to Europe and backpack through several countries.

## INTERNATIONAL WORK OPPORTUNITIES

International School Services	<a href="http://www.iss.edu">www.iss.edu</a>
Fulbright Programs	<a href="http://www.iie.org/en/Fulbright/">www.iie.org/en/Fulbright/</a>
NAFSA	<a href="http://www.nafsa.org">www.nafsa.org</a>
TESOL	<a href="http://www.tesol.org">www.tesol.org</a>
U.S. Department of State	<a href="http://www.state.gov">www.state.gov</a>
Overseas Jobs Express	<a href="http://www.overseasjobs.com">www.overseasjobs.com</a>
Cultural Vistas (formerly AIPT)	<a href="http://www.culturalvistas.org">www.culturalvistas.org</a>
Transitions Abroad	<a href="http://www.transitionsabroad.com">www.transitionsabroad.com</a>
Dave's ESL Café	<a href="http://www.eslcafe.com">www.eslcafe.com</a>
Japan Exchange & Teaching	<a href="http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp">www.us.emb-japan.go.jp</a>

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity International	<a href="http://www.habitat.org">www.habitat.org</a>	AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc.	<a href="http://www.afs.org">www.afs.org</a>
Peace Corps	<a href="http://www.peacecorps.org">www.peacecorps.org</a>	Volunteer International	<a href="http://www.volunteerinternational.org">www.volunteerinternational.org</a>
Project of Action without Borders	<a href="http://www.idealists.org">www.idealists.org</a>	Global Service Corps	<a href="http://www.globalservicecorps.org">www.globalservicecorps.org</a>
Volunteer in Africa	<a href="http://www.iicd-volunteer.org">www.iicd-volunteer.org</a>	Global Volunteers	<a href="http://www.globalvolunteers.org">www.globalvolunteers.org</a>