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Ten new international students joined Clarion University this Spring Semester, including eight exchange students: three from ESDES, Business School of the Catholic University of Lyon in France; and five from Dongguk University in Korea.

They are taking courses in various departments including business administration, chemistry, MMAJ, and political science. Abhijit Shinde, Geraldine Jones, and Brian Wankiiri served as international student orientation leaders, providing assistance to the new students during the few days prior to the first day of classes. The Office of International Programs held a brief orientation program and hosted a welcome dinner for the students January 28. In addition, the new students received a special welcome at the first meeting of the Clarion International Association (CINTA) on February 5, where they were given an opportunity to meet and socialize with other international and U.S. students who are members of CINTA.

**Learning...
and then some.**

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CINTA Helps With Haiti Relief Efforts

The Clarion International Association (CINTA) raised \$600 through the sale of t-shirts, key chains, and lapel pins, to be contributed toward the university-wide collection for the PASSHE Haiti Relief Fund. CINTA is one of numerous organizations on campus who have been raising funds to support the effort to help Haiti earthquake victims.

A forum on the Haiti tragedy was held on Monday, February 8, at 6 p.m. in Hart Chapel. The forum was organized by a committee of students, faculty and staff, and was co-chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Donato and Dr. Sandra Trejos. The program featured various faculty and community speakers, each presenting information about the different aspects of the earthquake and the aftermath. Explanations were given about the physics of the earthquake, the public health issues, the psychological effects, the economic impact, Haitian culture, and the theological considerations, followed by a moment of silence.

William King, from Student Senate, moderated the forum which included opening remarks by President Joseph Grunenwald, and closing remarks by Dr. Jocelind Gant, assistant vice president of International Programs, and Provost Valentine James.



L-R: Dayan Edirisinghe, Tanzoom Ahmed, Abhijit Shinde, Shray Kandhari, Linda Heineman

T-shirts (\$10) and lapel pins (\$5) continue to be on sale at the Office of International Programs, 119 Becht Hall, 814-393-2340.

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Forum Held March 25

The first faculty-led study abroad forum was held in Carlson Library to provide nuts and bolts “how to” information to faculty interested in leading study abroad programs. Among the presenters were Drs. Jocelind Gant, Elisabeth Donato, Rachele Prioleau, Beth MacDaniel, Vince Spina, Ray Feroz, and special guest Steven Guthrie from Lock Haven University. Also presenting were Lynn Hepfl and Dianne Heeter.



Topics covered were how to get started, how to transform an existing course, dean’s perspective, registrar’s considerations, and risk management. Faculty were also reminded about the provost’s commitment to provide competitive awards to faculty who lead students on study abroad experience.

As a result of the forum, Clarion faculty will be better able to adapt current courses and develop new courses that include study abroad opportunities for students. In addition, participants developed a greater appreciation for small, but important, details in planning and execution of high-quality international academic experiences.

Five Receive 2009-2010 International Scholarships

Five Clarion University students were awarded international scholarships by the university's International Scholarship and Fund Committee.

College of Business Administration students Garrett Mincin, Alexia Pursley, and Sharon Correll each received \$1,500 to study international business in three European countries and Anthony Licata received \$500 to study international business in three European countries.

Erin Steiner, Department of Modern Languages, received \$1,000 to study language and culture in France.

Mincin, a senior finance major, is the son of Mark and Mary Mincin of Pittsburgh and is a graduate of North Hills High School. Pursley, a senior industrial relations major, is the daughter of Lara Pursley of Wyomissing. Correll, a senior finance major, is the daughter of Bob and Laura Correll of Beaver and is a graduate of Beaver High School. Licata, a senior accounting major, is the son of Gary Licata of North East and is a graduate of North East High School. Steiner, a communication major with a minor in French, is the daughter of Pamela Steiner of Seneca and is a graduate of Cranberry High School.

International Scholarship applications can be obtained in the Office of International Programs, 119 Becht Hall, or at www.clarion.edu/admin/academicaffairs. See "Undergraduate Scholars Programs" for instructions on how to apply. Interested students may submit application materials to International Scholar Award, Office of International Programs, 119 Becht.

For additional information about International Scholarship, contact Dr. Young-Gyoung Kim at ykim@clarion.edu or 814-393-2338.

International Scholarship and Fund Committee members are Laurie Occhipinti, Mellissa Kuntz, Sally Sentner, Rachelle Prioleau, and Kim, who serves as chair.



Anthony Licata, Sharon Correl, and Alexia Pursley at the Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel in Paris as they prepare for their last company visit with Firm en France. The International Scholar award recipients attended a seminar program spanning London, UK; Brussels, Belgium; and Paris, France.



Destination: Washington, D.C.

Near-perfect weather greeted 49 Clarion University students on their trip to Washington D.C. March 26-28, 2010.

Perfectly cloudless skies on Saturday and cool temperatures requiring only a light jacket provided the perfect environment for seeing the many sights offered by the nation's capitol. The trip, organized by the Clarion International Association, included students from countries including Bahrain, China, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirate, and Vietnam as well as several American students.

After an afternoon drive and dinner in Hagerstown, Md., on Friday, the students were free to roam the Georgetown area where they stayed for two nights. Saturday, they traveled independently in small groups toward the main part of the capitol to visit countless attractions including the White House; the Library of Congress; the Capitol Building; the various museums of the Smithsonian Institute, including the Air & Space Museum and Natural History Museum; the Washington Monument, the Lincoln, Jefferson, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam memorials; the National Gallery of Art; and the Holocaust Museum.

The annual Smithsonian Kite Festival was taking place on the lawn near the Washington Monument and the clear blue sky was filled with about 200 kites of every imaginable color, shape, and size, and the Cherry Tree Festival opened with the blooming cherry trees very near their peak. Sunday morning, a small group attended the Palm Sunday service at the National Cathedral. Then the entire group traveled to Arlington National Cemetery where, under much gloomier, cloudier weather and the beginnings of light drizzle, students visited the gravesites of many national heroes and dignitaries among the 320,000 buried there, including the three Kennedy brothers, several American presidents, numerous Supreme Court justices, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Iwo Jima Memorial.

The trip was funded by the Clarion International Association, special supplemental funding from Student Senate, and contributions from the participants.



Students posing in the park behind the White House with the Washington Monument visible in the background.



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