Office of International Affairs

Globalization Seminars

The Office of International Affairs offered the first four sessions of the seminar series “Globalization Strategies and International Services at NC State.” The main purpose of this seminar series is to inform campus communities about NC State’s globalization strategies and various international programs and services available to students, staff, faculty and the communities we serve.

The goal is to promote existing and develop more international programs to integrate global perspectives into all functions of teaching, research, extension, engagement and ensure that our campus communities are well informed, trained, and globally competent.

For the complete calendar and download the presentations click here.

Office of International Services

Welcome International Students

On August 13th the OIS held the Information Fair where the new international students had the opportunity of meeting with personnel and staff from different NCSU departments such as Legal, Transportation, Immunization, Technology, ESL and Banking services and also meet with some of the students’ groups already established at the University.

On August 14th they continued its tradition of welcoming new international students at an orientation approximately 670 students attended the event filled up the Stewart Theater. The morning started with a series of important presentations given by offices such as Legal Services, the Office of Equal Opportunity and the Office of Student Conduct. Each speaker covered information specifically valuable to new international students. A creative and entertaining video coincided with the morning’s presentations to highlight the topics in a fun way. Following a lunch at Fountain Dining Hall, students returned to Talley Student Center to participate in an afternoon of mini sessions aimed at encouraging academic and extracurricular success at NC State.
Office of International Services

Meeting Coach O’Brien

On September 16th a group of lucky and enthusiastic international students from different parts of the world (Asia, Europe and Latin America) had the opportunity to take a tour at the Murphy Center house of the Wolfpack team, meet some of the players, trainers and the amazing experience of meeting Coach O’Brien, he talked about how he got involved with football and how him and his daughters have been living abroad and then answered some questions from the students, who now know more about football.

We want to thank all of the people involved in this event and hope that this is not the last time the international students get to know more about their new home.

Photos available here

Video available here

Study Abroad Office

Exchange Students

The NC State Study Abroad Office welcomed 97 international exchange students to campus on August 13. These students came from 41 different NC State partner institutions in Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and North & South America. They will be enrolled directly in university courses in a wide range of disciplines. Upon arrival, students participated in an on-site orientation, covering topics such as housing, academics, culture shock and other services and resources available at the University and in the local area.

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Study Abroad Fair

On September 17, the NCSU Study Abroad Office held their annual Study Abroad Fair in the Talley Ballroom. The fair was a tremendous success, with over 1,200 students getting the opportunity to learn about summer, spring break and semester NCSU study abroad programs. Summer study abroad applications are available online now and the deadline is February 12, 2010.
Confucius Institute

Welcome week event

The night began with a Lion Dance performed by local high school students in the Raleigh Triangle Area. Beating drums and two multi-colored dancing lions opened the International Welcome Event at North Carolina State University (NC State), Talking Tiger to Hip Hop. This welcome event sponsored by the Confucius Institute and co-hosted by the Chinese Students and Scholars Friendship Association (CSSFA) was a free event held on August 22, 2009 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm to showcase the diversity of Chinese culture from ancient shadow puppetry, the musical instrument Guzheng, traditional singing and dancing to modern hip-hop and street dancing.

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Chamber of Commerce

In October and November 2009, 300 plus members of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) will be traveling to China to experience the “adventure of a lifetime”. The Chamber is the Triangle’s largest business membership organization, made up of more than 2,500 member firms representing two-thirds of the private sector employment in Wake County. The Chamber has been representing the interests of the local business community for more than a century.

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Confucius in Sanford

Confucius was a great philosopher that lived during the 6th Century B.C. but his principles of wisdom and education were very much alive at the grand opening of the Confucius Classroom at Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) on September 18th.

On September 18, through the partnership of NC State and CCCC, a Confucius Classroom was opened in Sanford, extending NC State's influence to Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed in April 2009 to establish the classroom and just a few months later saw the plan come to fruition.

The purpose of this Confucius Classroom will enable CCCC to offer continuing education and curriculum classes in Chinese language and culture. The partnership will expose local middle schools, high schools, college students and the community to diversity and the opportunity to become more globally involved. The Confucius Classroom will be supplied with 1,000 teaching and reference books from the Chinese Department of Education (Han Ban) and will have access to programs by the CI at NC State such as art exhibitions and other cultural shows.

Read the complete article [here](#)
International Society of Tropical Foresters (ISTF)

ISTF is part of an international non-profit society and one of only three active student chapters in the United States. The goal of ISTF is to advance the science, education, and practice of professional forestry. We are committed to the application of our knowledge to benefit society as a whole through environmental protection and responsible economic development.

Our other stated objectives are to encourage and support the activities of the International Programs of CNR and the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at NC State; and to encourage and support ISTF members in their personal and professional development while undertaking their degree programs at NC State.

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ISTF Professional Networking in Washington, D.C.

Seven members of the NCSU student chapter of International Society of Tropical Foresters (ISTF) traveled to Washington, D.C. to speak with four organizations about their international work. The members brought unique perspectives to the meetings, as they themselves hailed from all around the world.

The first meeting of the morning was with the Department of State Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science. We were able to speak with Mark Johnsen, International Relations Officer, and Ellen Shaw, a Forest Policy Advisor in the Office of Ecology and Natural Resource Conservation.

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NR350 Examines Sustainability in Turkey

Traveling 4,061 kilometers by bus, the NR350 course, entitled Sustainable Use of Natural Resources in Turkey, included almost that number of contrasts and surprises. Four weeks of intensive study from 22 June until 18 July 2009 immersed 17 students and four faculty members in realities of the Turkish landscape and culture.

The class crossed incredibly varied terrain from Istanbul and the Bosporus Strait to alpine mountain valleys to vast steppes.

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College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Front Lines

HIAWOANWU, Ghana – In this village near Ejura, groundnut growers have seen their yields double and triple in recent years, thanks in part to a partnership between the USAID Peanut CRSP (Cooperative Research and Support Program) and Ghana’s Crops Research Institute (CRI), a research facility of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSRI). But the growers had one complaint – increased yields meant more groundnuts to shell by hand, and they simply couldn’t keep up.

Thanks to partnership between the N.C. State University Peanut CRSP researchers and the Full Belly Project, a North Carolina NGO, these growers and others in Ghana have access to simple, hand-cranked groundnut shellers made of concrete and a few moveable parts. In July, just two weeks after President Barack Obama’s historic visit to Ghana, Peanut CRSP collaborators Drs. Rick Brandenburg and David Jordan from N.C. State visited several villages to demonstrate the advantages these groundnut shellers hold for growers.

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During the visit to Ghana

College of Textiles

International News

Dr. Kate Carroll, an Assistant Professor in the TATM Department, is the recipient of the Junior Faculty Research IFFTI Award for her paper “Fashion, Work and Disability” which she will present at the 11th Annual Conference for the International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes (IFFTI) in London on April 2 and 3 at the London College of fashion.

Sara Yasin, a Senior in the Fashion and Textile Management Program has been awarded a scholarship to participate in the 3rd Student World Forum 2009 at Chemnitz University of Technology in Chemnitz, Germany.

William Senayah is a visiting scholar from the University of Ghana. His research involves investigating perceptions of sourcing risks by sourcing personnel in North Carolina firms that source production of apparel. He is also looking at those specifically associated with sourcing from sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Traci Lamar, an Associate Professor in the Textile and Apparel, Technology and Management Department is acting as his research supervisor during his time at the College of Textiles.