

International Times

News from the International Programs Office

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News from the Boise State Task Force on Internationalization

By Dr. Sabine Klahr, Director, International Programs

The Boise State Task Force on Internationalization grew in membership during the Fall 2005 semester to include the following individuals:

Co-Chairs:

Mike Blankenship, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs
Sabine Klahr, Director, International Programs

Team Members:

Elisa Barney Smith, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Kelley Brandt, Admissions
Texie Evans, Student
James Ferguson, Mechanical Engineering
Neil Gu, Community Member
Jason Herbeck, Modern Languages and Literatures
Xabier Irujo Amezaga, Modern Languages and Literatures
Ellie McKinnon, Extended Studies
Rob Meyer, Student Union and Activities
Mark Plew, Anthropology
Uwe Reischl, Health Sciences
Bill Whitaker, Social Work

The Task Force met twice last semester and made progress on the following:

Curriculum/Academic Programs/Research Committee – Developed a survey for faculty to assess the degree of international content in the curriculum, international expertise among the faculty, and international research connections. This survey was launched at the beginning of the spring 2006 semester.

Student Affairs Committee – Developed a draft report from recommendations, presentations, and feedback received from a variety of individuals on campus as well as committee members.

Community Partnerships Committee

Prepared a list of “quick wins” or action items that can be implemented immediately and without allocation of significant resources; taking a focus group approach with specific community members to define community/business needs with respect to international education learning outcomes of Boise State’s graduates.

Marketing Committee – Waiting for initial drafts from other committees to begin their work this semester.

Beyond the committee work, the Task Force also defined the international education student learning outcomes that Boise State should focus on and is in the process of developing a communication plan to create more awareness of internationalization and the work of the Task Force on campus. The co-chairs have had regular conference telephone calls with the ACE consultant, Barbara Hill, to discuss progress and ask for feedback. The Task Force has been asked by the Provost to develop a proposal for a grant from ACE, the Innovation Fund, which provides funding for initiatives to advance internationalization.

The Task Force is planning to have an initial draft of recommendations from all committees by March, so that the final report can be completed by the end of spring semester 2006. We would like to request that all members of the faculty complete the faculty survey on internationalization as soon as possible. If you have not yet contributed to the committees of the Task Force, please feel free to still do so, even at this stage in the process. We would like to encourage the university community to have input on the initial drafts from the committees. Please feel free to contact the co-chairs for copies of the initial drafts in March.

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Governor Kempthorne Issues Proclamation on International Education

On November 14, 2005, in celebration of International Education Week, Governor Kempthorne issued a proclamation regarding the importance of international education. The text of the proclamation is as follows:



WHEREAS, getting along in a world of interconnected cultures and countries is of paramount importance and benefit to the well-being and safety of us all; and
WHEREAS, a prime builder for understanding and respecting one another is learning about each others' ways, beliefs, languages, and systems of government; and
WHEREAS, it is important for all of us to recognize the similarities among different cultures, develop an open mind to alternative ways of thinking, and prepare for the variety of experiences they will encounter later in life; and
WHEREAS, since the year 2000, the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State have declared "International Education Week" to be observed and celebrated annually the week prior to Thanksgiving, and have encouraged the participation of all individuals and institutions interested in international education and exchange activities; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 14th through 18th, 2005, to be INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK in Idaho.



Fulbright Programs News

By Dr. Sabine Klahr

Fulbright STUDENT Program: Boise State had four applicants for the Fulbright Student Program in October 2005; a record number! If you are a graduating senior or graduate student interested in applying, the next application deadline will be in September of this year (specific date still to be determined). In early April, the Boise State Fulbright Program Advisor, Dr. Sabine Klahr, will hold several sessions on how to put together a successful application. The dates are: April 4, 10 am, and April 5, 10 am; locations to be announced. If you are a student at Boise State and have questions about the Fulbright Student Program, please set up an appointment with Dr. Klahr at 208-426-3652.

Fulbright Scholar Program (for FACULTY): The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) just announced the opening of the 2007-08 **Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program Awards Competition** open to faculty and academic

professionals.

Awards in the Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program are viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Candidates should have a prominent record of scholarly accomplishment. Applicants should submit the one page Distinguished Chairs application form, a letter of interest (about three pages), a curriculum vitae (maximum eight pages) and a sample syllabus (maximum four pages) by the **May 1st deadline**. Following a review during the summer, scholars selected for the short list for each chair will be asked to complete a full application by August 1.

For more information, please visit the CIES website at http://www.cies.org/ab_dc/. Or contact Assistant Director Maria Bettua, 202.686.6245, mbettua@cies.iie.org or Senior Program Associate Jamie Oberlander, 202.686.6232, joberlander@cies.iie.org.



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Watch for Details on the... International Food, Song and Dance Festival
Saturday, February 11th
Call IPO for more information (208) 426-3652

International Connections -- Brown Bag Luncheon Seminar

In Fall 2005, Albertson's Library and International Programs teamed up to coordinate "International Connections", a brown bag luncheon seminar series designed to bring together campus and community people interested in international exchange, travel, expertise, research, linkages, partnerships and internationalization. The idea is to encourage dialogue on campus regarding international connections and outreach among faculty, staff, students, and members of the Boise community.

The presentations during fall semester included:

- **Barbara Allerton, Assistant Professor of Nursing** - *Educational Partnerships in China: It Really IS the other Side of the Planet!*
- **John Francis, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design** - *What do kimonos and Toyotas have in common? Ceramics and paper? Landscape and calligraphy?*
- **Daniel Harkness, James Knapp, and William Whitaker, School of Social Work** - *Teaching Strategies for Strengthening Language and Cultural Competence: Share Experiences from*

Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Spain."

The presentations during spring semester include:

- Wednesday, January 25, 2006: **Michael Bixby, Professor, Department of Management** - *Have Passport and Syllabus, Will Travel! Spain in 1994, Chile in 1999, and Italy in 2004.*
- Wednesday, February 22, 2006: **Corrine M. Henke, International Programs** - *No Fear, Less Gear: How to Travel the World!*
- Wednesday, March 08, 2006: **Christy Babcock Quintero, International Programs** - *Gender Roles in Cultures Around the World*
- Monday, April 24, 2006: **John Ziker, Assistant Professor of Anthropology** - *First Nations, the Treaty Process, and Environmental Rights in British Columbia, Canada*

You can find the schedule for spring semester 2006 at: <http://library.boisestate.edu/reference/connections.htm>

All seminars will be held in the Lookout Room in the Boise State Student Union Building from 12:30 – 1:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Open to all!

Travel by International Programs Staff

Dr. Sabine Klahr, Director, traveled to Washington, DC, to attend the American Council on Education Internationalization Laboratory meeting to represent the Task Force on Internationalization with Dr. Michael Blankenship. In spring 2006, she will attend the annual Association of International Education Administrators conference in San Diego and a month later, the US Department of Education Title VI grant Project Directors meeting for the Basque Studies minor. The Project Directors meeting is held in conjunction with the annual International Studies Association conference. In June, Sabine will conduct an evaluation site visit for a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)-sponsored study abroad program for American students at the University of Trier.

Erich White, Intensive English Program Coordinator, traveled to recruiting fairs in Turkey to recruit international students to the Intensive English Program and to Boise State. Erich will also travel with the State of Idaho's

Education Mission to Mexico this March. State education officials and educators will focus on developing new collaborative projects with schools in our sister state of Jalisco.

Corrine M. Henke, Study Abroad Coordinator, in November traveled to Houston, Texas to serve as selection panelist for the Benjamin A. Gilman Study Abroad Scholarship. In May of 2006 Corrine will travel to Montreal, Canada for the annual national NAFSA conference.

Christy Babcock, International Student Advisor, traveled to Eugene, OR to attend the NAFSA Region I annual conference and the initial training for the Academy for International Education. The Academy provides international educators an opportunity to share knowledge, expertise, and leadership through multi-faceted training and networking. In March and May of 2006, Christy will travel to Davis, CA and Montreal, Canada for further Academy training and the annual national NAFSA conference.



Basque Studies Minor and Program

The Basque Studies minor and program at Boise State is underway and is entering its second semester, so it is time for a progress report. The interdisciplinary minor was established in fall 2005 with \$160,000 funding from a US Department of Education Title VI A "Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language" grant. In summer 2005, two faculty members were hired in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to teach

Basque language and culture as part of the minor, Dr. Xabier Irujo Amezaga and Nere Lete.

Other developments have been the announcement and award of stipends for faculty to propose new courses for the minor either by adding Basque Studies content to existing courses or developing new courses. The following faculty members applied and received awards:

Nina Ray, Marketing, COBE
MKTG 430 International
Marketing
\$2,500

John Bieter, History, SSPA
Modern Basque History
\$2,500

Nere Lete, MLL, COAS
Elementary Basque I and II
Intermediate Basque I and II
\$2,500

(Basque Country as case study instead of Chile)

Other departments cross-listed their courses for the Basque Studies minor and the following classes were offered in fall 2005:

BASQUE 197-001	Special Topics: Elementary Basque I
FORLNG 397-001	Special Topics: Basque Cinema
THEA 397-002	Special Topics: Basque Cinema
FORLNG 497-001	Special Topics: Basque Literature in Translation
ENGL 497-001	Special Topics: Basque Literature in Translation
HIST 380	Colloquium in European History: Basque History to 1700

In **Spring 06**, the following courses are offered:

Taught in Basque:

BASQUE 197	Special Topics: Elementary Basque II
HIST 380-001	Modern Basque History

Taught in English:

BASQUE STUDIES WORKSHOPS

(Cross-listed as BASQSTD and with content department prefix: POLS, FORLNG, MUS, etc.)

BASQSTD 494	Workshop: <u>Introduction to Basque culture</u>
BASQSTD 494	Workshop: <u>Basque migration to the Americas</u>
BASQSTD 494	Workshop: <u>Introduction to Basque politics</u>

Taught in Spanish:

SPAN 497	Special Topics: Civilización y cultura vascas
BASQSTD 494	Workshop: <u>Unidad familiar y sistemas de organización social en Euskadi</u>
BASQSTD 494	Workshop: <u>Sistemas de producción y distribución de la riqueza</u>
BASQSTD 494	Workshop: <u>Los fueros vascos</u>
BASQSTD 497	Special Topics: Basque contemporary politics
FORLNG 497	Special Topics: Basque contemporary politics
POLS 497	Special Topics: Basque contemporary politics

Sabine Klahr and Xabier Irujo Amezaga will attend the US Department of Education Title VI, a project directors' meeting held in San Diego in mid-March in conjunction with the International Studies Association conference. Teresa Boucher, Chair, Department

of Modern Languages and Literatures submitted the Basque Studies minor curriculum to be published in the undergraduate catalog. She also assembled a Basque Studies minor committee. This semester, Sabine Klahr will develop linkages with universities in the



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Basque Country and a consortium with the other Idaho universities. The external evaluator for the US Department of Education grant, Dr. Sandra Ott from University of Nevada-Reno, will conduct her first site visit in April.

The first installment of the \$150,000 funding from the Basque Government is arriving this month and will be administered by the Cenarrusa Center for Basque Studies. The funding is intended for the Basque Studies

minor and program at Boise State. In contrast to the Basque Studies minor, the program encompasses activities beyond the minor related to developing Basque Studies at Boise State and as part of a consortium with the other Idaho universities, such as a conference to be held in year two of the US Department of Education grant, classes in the community, programming with local communities, etc.

Fall and Summer Study Abroad Application Deadlines

Ready to study abroad next summer or fall?

Deadline for Summer 2006 – March 31, 2006 (some flexibility)

Deadline for Fall 2006 – April 14, 2006

Contact the International Programs Office for an application
studyabroad@boisestate.edu or 426-3652.

STUDY ABROAD NEWS

U.S. Senate Resolution Designates 2006 as Year of Study Abroad

On November 10, 2005, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution designating 2006 as the “Year of Study Abroad.” The resolution, introduced by Senator Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), encourages initiatives to promote and expand study abroad opportunities. The resolution was also co-sponsored by Sen. Larry Craig (R-ID), Sen. Norm Coleman (R-Minn.), Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.), Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.). The resolution:

- 1) Designates 2006 as the “Year of Study Abroad”;
- 2) Encourages secondary schools, higher education institutions, businesses, and government programs to promote and expand study abroad opportunities; and
- 3) Encourages Americans to:
 - a) Support initiatives to promote and expand study abroad opportunities
 - b) Observe the “Year of Study Abroad” with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities.

The text of the resolution (S.Res.308) is available through <http://thomas.loc.gov> by using the keyword search “Year of Study Abroad.” The International Programs Office will be collaborating with the other Idaho higher education institutions, as well as the

Idaho Department of Education to promote study abroad during 2006.

The IPO staff is very excited about this resolution. Americans who study abroad for academic credit or study foreign languages are far better prepared for the demands of the twenty-first century. Students who study abroad enhance the state of Idaho with the knowledge and skills they bring back to our state. They help to foster mutual understanding and respect among nations, and enhance the United States’ leadership in the world.

The resolution notes that only one percent of American students currently study abroad each year. We would like to see that change: study abroad should become the norm, not the exception for American higher education. By designating 2006 as the “Year of Study Abroad” the Senate is taking an important step in encouraging the development of a globally competent American citizenry. Encouraging more students to study abroad will help all of America benefit from a workforce better prepared to confront tomorrow’s global challenges.

The IPO staff looks forward to planning “Year of Study Abroad” activities on our campus next year as a chance to highlight the academic international opportunities available to Boise State students.





Japan, By Design

by Melissa Martin, Student

I flew 10 hours, traveled to three cities and walked what seemed like a hundred miles through the train stations of Japan...and I can't wait to do it again!

While it will be monumentally difficult to express, in such a short amount of text, what I learned from this overwhelmingly amazing experience, I will do my best. Last June I had the good fortune to participate in the first program to be offered in Japan. BSU Graphic Design Professor, John Francis, organized and led this two week program, which included: Nagoya, Kyoto, and Tokyo.

Professor Francis designed this program to educate students about the differences and commonalities between American and Japanese culture. This program unique by how that objective was achieved; Francis facilitated this cultural exchange through the study of various Japanese design principles.

During the trip we were introduced to many traditional Japanese art forms including ceramic design, papermaking, textile design, calligraphy, and landscape design. We visited numerous museums, gardens, and temples. The group attended a kimono show, observed artisans practicing centuries-old art forms and participated in a hands-on papermaking demonstration.

All of these experiences gave me a better understanding of Japan's rich history. I discovered how deeply these art forms are woven into the country's cultural fabric. I gained an understanding of how valuable traditions can be to a cultural by witnessing the care and devotion with which the Japanese approach the practice of these art forms. I developed a deep respect for their dedication to preserving their culture heritage, and it made me respect the traditions of my own culture.

In addition to examining traditional art forms, we also had the opportunity to meet modern Japanese designers. Our group was invited into the studios of two prominent Japanese graphic designers: Ryohei Kojima of Kojima Design in Tokyo (designer for the Toyota Museum) and Aki Ogawa of TMC Design Agency in Nagoya (designed logo for

Centrair International Airport in Japan). As a graphic design student, I was interested in learning as much as possible about how these professionals approach projects and develop concepts. While examining their work it was interesting to observe how traditional art forms continue to influence modern design.

The final aspect of the trip I would like to mention is the home-stay program. For the first nine days of our trip each student had the opportunity to live with a Japanese family. Although there were of course communication challenges, I believe every student would agree that this experience ranks as one of the highlights of the trip. There is no better way to immerse yourself in a culture than to live among the people. The families were tremendously gracious and provided unique experiences. Some students learned how to conduct a tea ceremony, some were dressed in



kimonos, and still others had the chance to try their hand at pottery. I, like many students, formed a bond with my family and continue to communicate with them.

As soon as I left Japan I began to miss it: the smells, sounds, people and yes, even those heated toilet seats. This program was wonderful and

the experiences I had continues to effect me. I learned so much from observing this culture and I live my life a bit differently as a result. It may sound trite, but I have a deeper appreciation of simple things and I take time to recognize the beauty in people or everyday objects that I wouldn't have thought to recognize before.

I can't say enough things about the Japanese people. While they can be extremely shy at times, I find the culture as a whole to be the most gracious I have ever encountered. I have traveled to many countries prior to visiting Japan and they are unmatched in their hospitality. They make you feel welcome and cared for. One of the most difficult things for our group was repaying the many kindnesses.

There is a Japanese proverb that says, "One kind word can warm three winter months." As I reflect on my experiences from this trip, I believe those kindnesses will warm my heart for many winters to come.



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EDUCATION MAJORS!

Study in Mexico with Boise State professor, Dr. Aileen Hale!
Teaching Seminar in Mexico - July 1 – 28, 2006

Do you want to improve your Spanish, gain valuable teaching experience, and enjoy a beautiful country? Boise State University is offering a four-week summer program for Education majors in Puebla, Mexico. This Spanish and teaching program will run from July 1 – July 28, 2006.

Dr. Aileen Hale will lead a group of students to study at the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico. Students will live with carefully screened Mexican families. For the duration of the four-week seminar, your mornings will be divided between intensive Spanish classes planned for all skill-levels, a teaching methodology workshop on proficiency development, and informative conferences about Mexican culture. You will spend most afternoons immersing yourself in culture workshops, learning about Mexican cuisine, traditional Mexican music, Latin dance and crafts of Mexico. You will also have the

opportunity to help children through a teaching practicum!

The cost of the summer program will be \$2,810 (cost subject to change). This price includes, housing, meals, many excursions and academic credits. This rewarding summer seminar will do more than increase your level of Spanish; it will place you face to face with the realities of ancient and modern Mexico! Don't miss out on this exciting program! Please contact the International Programs Office at 426-3652 for more information.

If you are not an education major, there is another Spanish immersion program in Puebla that would be great for you! Contact Corrine M. Henke, for more details 426-3652.



Ask the Study Abroad Coordinator

Dear Corrine: What kind of money do they use in Hawaii? -Curious on Campus

Dear Curious: Due to the fact that Hawaii is the 50th state of the United States, they use US dollars just like we do in Boise and the rest of the United States.

Dear Corrine: Can my husband go with me if I study abroad? -Married in Melba

Dear Married: Yes. There are additional considerations. In all likelihood, your husband will not be able to work while he is overseas, you will have to purchase appropriate overseas health insurance coverage, and you may need to demonstrate financial resources to cover your husband's time abroad to obtain your student visa. Those are all things to think about. In addition, some programs will not allow non-students to participate in field trips due to liability issues. I have sent married couples overseas on study abroad programs, and I am happy to assist you with this issue.

Dear Corrine: Is Denmark located in Europe? -Geographically Challenged

Dear Challenged: Yes, Denmark is located in

Europe. It is north of Germany, and due south of Norway. As a side note, Boise State has a study abroad program for Business majors in Aarhus, Denmark.

Dear Corrine: How many countries have you visited? -Counting Countries

Dear Counting: I have visited 18 countries, and almost all the continents.

Dear Corrine: Do you have to speak another language to study abroad? -Failing French

Dear Failing: No. You do not have to speak a foreign language to study abroad. You can study your major in English speaking countries (i.e. Australia, England, Ireland). In addition, many of our study abroad programs are language immersion programs, and they take participants with no language background. Finally, many programs offer courses in English, even though the language of the host country is not English. For example, Political Science majors can study in Norway and take Political Science courses in English.



Corrine M. Henke
(pronounced Cor-reen,
Heng-key)



International Student Athletes

Where They Come From, How They End Up at Boise State, and Why They are So Valuable?

By Christy Babcock Quintero, International Student Advisor

Boise State University is fortunate to have 27 international student athletes on campus. I recently interviewed our coaches to find out how these students became Broncos and what these international Broncos bring to the team.

How do our coaches find international athletes? International student athletes are recruited in numerous ways. Coaches check the internet for tournament results and athlete profiles, attend tournaments (mostly within the US but sometimes in other countries) looking for top players, review performance videos sent in by students or agents,

receive tips on potential players from other coaches in the field or from current and former students. Students themselves pursue Boise State after learning about us from contacts or national athletic organizations in their home countries. Coach Greg Patton of the Tennis team which in recent years has had more international students than Americans, says he receives more than 15 e-mails each week from international players requesting information about his program. He stated that tennis is probably the 2nd most popular sport outside the USA, second to soccer. According to Patton, one drawback with international players is that the recruiting and eligibility process is much more difficult due to NCAA requirements and amateur issues, and immigration regulations. Fortunately, our coaches do not allow that extensive red tape to deter them from bringing international players to our teams.

What do Boise State coaches do to entice international athletes to come to Boise State? An obvious enticement is scholarship funding. Most of our international athletes receive full scholarships. As Amy Christoffersen points out, many of her track athletes come from very poor countries, and the full-ride scholarship is an amazing opportunity. Their athletic ability is the one thing they have that allows them to get a great education while continuing to better their skills

on the track. Many of them would never be able to travel outside of their country without this opportunity. Having international athletes on the team always helps attract other international athletes. Additionally, coaches sell the students on Boise itself as a great place to live, play, and go to school. Our new Golf Coach, Kevin Burton says Boise's snowy winters present a challenge to his recruiting efforts. Nevertheless, he entices golfers to become Broncos by establishing a national high-ranking team with a good schedule against good schools. He

claims that international athletes have a hard time getting noticed here in the states, especially in golf. The fact that our golf team has jumped up the rankings (to the highest in history!) definitely helps his efforts. Sam Sandmire of Gymnasts told me that Canadian colleges do not offer intercollegiate athletics, so Canadians come to the US to compete. When recruiting, Sam stresses the positives about her program: family atmosphere, good technical coaching, location (we are closer to Canada than many schools), and our supportive community. Sam brings top prospects to Boise for official visits during which the prospect

goes to a class, eats at the SUB once, meets with professors and academic advisors, watches practice, meets with the head coach and does activities with the team.

What are the advantages of having international athletes on the team? All the coaches agree that the overall team diversity is a valuable aspect of having international students on the team. Additionally, all concurred that these students tend to be appreciative of the opportunity they get to live, study, and compete in the US. Chelsie Schafer, Assistant Volleyball Coach says that international athletes bring a wealth of knowledge to the team, that their styles are very different depending on where they come from. Those specific differences can be very desirable for a successful program. Greg Patton adds that it is rewarding to have



Mattias Jons,
Track And Field
Student-Athlete

Jons is from Bjuraker, Sweden.

He is a two-time WAC Champion winning the 35-pound weight throw at the 2005 WAC Indoor Championships, and the hammer throw at the 2005 WAC Outdoor Championships. He also placed second at the 2005 NCAA Outdoor National Championships in the hammer to earn All-American honors.



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a foreign perspective on the team and that his athletes raise the quality of talent in collegiate tennis. Mark Tichenor, also of Tennis, states that the international athletes are both good players and good students. Coach Mike Maynard of Track and Field has found that the higher expectation levels of the international student-athlete tend to raise the expectation levels of their domestic team members.

International student-athletes also offer their domestic teammates an opportunity to expand their worldview. Amy Christoffersen feels it is valuable for both our domestic athletes and our coaches to learn from our international athletes about their countries and ways of life. She also notes that many international athletes are quite mature, especially to be able to leave their homes to come to the US. This, she says, makes for great leadership on the team.

Current International Athletes

Gymnastics

Kristin Aldrich Canada

Volleyball

Kim Fenneman Canada

Soccer

Emma Boyack New Zealand

Golf

Adam Choy Canada

Graham Delaet Canada

Tennis

Alanah Carroll Australia

Piotr Dilaj Poland

Tatiana Ganzha Russia

Stacey Housely New Zealand

Jana Mackova Slovakia

Nils Klemann Germany

Thomas Schoeck Germany

Ehren Vaughan Australia

Skiing

Zuzana Charvatova Czech Republic

Anuliisa Oesterlund Finland

Track

Keron Francis Grenada

Jackieann Morain Grenada

Eric Matthias Virgin Islands

Nerisha Phillip Grenada

Nesha Simeon Grenada

Faith Smith Jamaica

Annika Hjelm Sweden

Mattias Jons Sweden

Staffan Jonsson Sweden

Wijnand Rijkenberg Netherlands

Eleni Ypsilanti Greece

Eleni-Maria Kafourou Greece

Simon Warhaug Australia

Football

Jon M. Gott Canada

Michael G. Williams Canada

Andrew Woodruff Canada

Josh Bean Canada

Basketball

Camila Nass Brazil

International Student Interviews

by Nils Klemann, Student

How did you decide to come to Boise State University? Boise was the only opportunity I had. The ex-assistant coach was a good friend of mine and I played with him in the same tennis team over the summer of 2003. I first did not want to go, but I think it was a good decision for me and my future.

What do you like most about BSU and Boise? I really like the city because it is beautiful and not too big. I don't like big cities, so Boise fits perfectly. About BSU, well, the campus is not too big and all athletes and all the other students get along very well. The teachers in addition are very understandable and help you in every way needed.

What is it like being an athlete at Boise State? It is nice, people know you and the teacher respect it when you have to go on a road trip. On the other hand though, it is tough to combine tennis and school. Sometimes I

have moments where I have to stay up very late to get my homework and studying done. Overall it is a great experience. You meet a lot of people and get help from trainers whenever you need it.

What surprised you the most about the US? That is always a tough question. There is the food, because in Germany we don't have so many fast food restaurants. Another thing is the people. I mean the ones that are overweight. I was shocked how many people I have seen in Boise and America that are overweight. There are more things, but overall, it is interesting to learn about a new culture.

What kind of goals do you have for the future? I am not sure yet. I don't know if I'm going to stay in America or go back home to Germany. I thought about it, I still have another year, I'm not sure what I'm going to do.

Tell us a little bit about your country.



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Germany is very nice. We are famous for our cars. And of course for our Bratwurst and Wiener Schnitzel!! I only can say that people should go over there and see for themselves how beautiful Germany can be; in the summer as well as in the winter.

What is a major difference between your country and the US? One thing that came to my mind was that work is easier in Germany than in America.

We don't have as many hours of work during the week compared to Americans, we don't

come an hour early to work to prepare the stuff, we would be there 5 minutes before the store opens. We also have more holidays than Americans do.

What do you miss most about your country? I actually miss my family and the food. I like Chinese food and I have to say that it is better in Germany than it is in America.

Which languages do you speak? Only German and English.

Where have you traveled? Europe and America. I have been around Europe, don't want to list all the countries.

by Annika Hjelm, Student

How did you decide to come to Boise State University? I have always been curious about how it would be to live, study and practice in the States, but that was only something that happens on TV. A friend of mine attended BSU one year ago. So I talked to him and he told me many good things about this school and I could tell that he enjoyed it here. I also talked to the track and field head coach, Mike Maynard a couple of times, which made me more certain of my choice to attend BSU. "I will go right away if I get the chance... I can't miss this opportunity" I thought, so I decided to give it a try.

What do you like most about BSU and Boise? I definitely like the people best because they are so friendly and caring. The teachers are great and they really want to help in any way they can. I come from a big city and the people there are more cold and "minding their own business". I also like the fact that many new doors have opened for me and I get to see the world...

I love to travel. Not that I am married but this is almost like a wedding: *Something old* (myself), *Something new* (everything at BSU) *Something borrowed* (many things) and *Something blue* (the turf).

What is it like being an athlete at Boise State? Oh, tough one... I have been here since August, which means that I have not been out competing yet but that is something I am looking forward to. I am aware

school but I imagine that there is a bit more for athletes. We want to do the things that everyone does plus our practices and competitions every other weekend. It's fun, giving and challenging!

What kind of goals do you have for the future? I want to graduate from BSU and then probably study more when I get back to Sweden. And then later on, I want to find a joyful job that I find challenging and educating.

Tell us a little bit about your country. I have heard many different views about Sweden when I talk to my friends here in Boise. There is maybe one out of twenty that is correct. If you have not been to Sweden yet, I think you should put it up on your to do list. It is a beautiful country with many different places to see. The country offers gorgeous landscape, and old towns with lovely architecture. The word "lagom" only exists in Sweden and it is a word you can use for something which is not too much and not too little... it is just "lagom".

What is a major difference between your country and the US? The Political system, more religion in the US than back home, and the school and healthcare costs.

What do you miss most about your country? There are many things I miss... Like Swedish food, good tasting tap water, Swedish music and of course my friends and family.

Which languages do you speak? English, Swedish, German... since the Scandinavian languages are similar I know Norwegian and Danish too.

Where have you traveled? Some of them are: U.S, Canada, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Lithuania, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Spain, Italy, Turkey...



that every student has things to do outside of

Be A Volunteer For International Students

by Christy Babcock Quintero, International Student Advisor

The International Programs Office is currently recruiting volunteers to help provide additional services to the international students. Learn about another country or culture as you help an international student adjust to life in Boise.

- Airport pick-ups when new students arrive
- Short homestays while new students wait for housing
- Occasional long-term homestays
- English language/conversation tutoring (We will train you)
- Plan and implement activities for students

- Take students on shopping trips for household goods, warm clothing, etc
- Transport students to Social Security Office, Dept of Motor Vehicles, etc
- Coordinate a lending closet with household items for students
- Get involved with the International Student Association

If you are interested in sharing your time, skills and talent with the international students, please complete our volunteer form at <http://www.boisestate.edu/international/>.

Vivienne Max, a local community member, has been an active volunteer for Boise State University's International Programs Office for many years. Here is what Vivienne says about assisting international students:

When I came to Boise in 1978 my first question was, "Since there is a university in Boise, are there also international students?" A visit to the BSU campus answered the question. There were international students. The city in which I had formerly lived also had student from overseas. There I had a rich relationship with the Office of the Director of International Students. For many years I had served as a volunteer in that office. With help from friends we often met new arrivals at the airport and helped them settle into a dorm, locate the post office and markets, drove them to the DMV, and offered assistance as needed. A highlight at the beginning of each semester, the volunteers were present at the new student orientation and students were told about an opportunity to friendship an American family. There are numerous stories of the friendships

that grew as these relationships developed. Some volunteers, including me, received an invitation to visit the students' country when they returned home. It was delightful for me to visit students in Sweden, Russia and Guyana and to get to know their families. Through the wonders of e-mail the ties of friendship have continued even to today. Now in Boise there is a similar interaction between BSU's International Programs Office and local volunteers. Many international students are enjoying a home-away-from-home experience. Many families have a new vision of the world. Knowing a person from Nigeria is dramatically different from reading about Nigeria in a book or newspaper. My children and grandchildren (and those of other volunteers) are the beneficiaries. We have all learned that no matter the place of origin, people are more alike than they are different.



Left to right... International Student Michael Wang, International Student Advisor Christy Babcock Quintero, International Volunteers, Raoma Jessup and Vivienne Max

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"Spin The Globe, Have a Bite, Dance All Night"

Tickets available at Select-a-Seat
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A Trip to Turkey

by Chalimar Swain, Student Assistant for Intensive English Program

I've always thought that any chance to travel outside the US is too good to pass up. There are just so many interesting things out there to find. So this fall, when I was offered the chance to participate in a recruiting trip to Turkey, I jumped. The trip would consist of a ten-day tour of: Ankara, Izmir, and Istanbul. In each city, we'd participate in a student recruiting fair, acquainting Turkish students with Boise State and trying to persuade them to come here to study. We'd also have time to explore in and around each city. Although I didn't know much about Turkey before I left, I was excited to visit and learn.

Our trip began with a very long day flying...first to Chicago, then Munich, and finally Ankara. By the time we arrived, we were too tired to do anything but head for the hotel, although the taxi ride to the hotel was an adventure. Drivers in Turkey don't seem to have any particular affinity for traffic laws of any sort! If you're the sort of person who likes roller coasters and go-carts I highly recommend it.

The next morning, I was ready to see the city. Ankara is the government seat, and our hotel was close to several embassies and government buildings. As I headed out the door in search of breakfast, I was surrounded by people in business suits heading for work. Taxis were everywhere, swerving in and out of traffic and in general behaving as if the streets were a demolition derby. I learned very quickly that crossing the street in Turkey without getting smashed like a bug is an art. I decided that if I could keep a few other

pedestrians between me and the cars, I might look less like a potential speed bump.

We spent 3 days in Ankara. In addition to the recruiting fair, we visited the Ethnography Museum, which has many artifacts from Turkey's archeological sites, and found a local market to wander around in. I was interested to see that many of the women in Ankara were wearing headscarves, which I hadn't expected. I asked one of our interpreters about this later, and she said that since Ankara was the capitol, and the current government was very conservative, dress was also more conservative than in the other big cities. In the market we visited, the dress was even more traditional, with long coats, headscarves and stockings. I felt a little foolish in my jeans, uncovered hair, and sandals. I also noticed I was getting a lot of strange looks directed towards my feet. I couldn't figure out what the problem was- until I realized that unlike everyone else in the market, I wasn't wearing socks with my sandals. I'd been very careful to wear a long sleeved shirt, but hadn't given a thought to my bare toes! When I got back to the hotel that evening, my sandals went back in the suitcase and stayed there for the rest of the trip.

Over the next few days, we attended two more recruiting fairs, and also visited the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, the Aya Sofia, and the Blue Mosque. I met and talked to hundreds of Turkish students, and people from universities all over the world. I was reminded again of lessons I've learned in other travels: the world is a big place with many different ways of life, but at the heart of it people can almost always find something to bring them together. Turkey was a wonderful place to visit, and I'd go back again in a heartbeat!

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Turkish Tactics

by Erich White, Intensive English Program Coordinator

The IPO chose to recruit international and intensive English program students in Turkey for several reasons: the history of sending students to the U.S. (8th overall, 5th in IEP students last year), comparatively strong economy, surplus of highly qualified high school graduates interested in engineering and business, and the opportunity to increase the cultural diversity of the Boise State community. We also work to determine which tactics might prove most successful – after all, we're

not only competing against other universities in Idaho, but against engineering schools in Germany, business institutes in Amsterdam, and arts programs in Italy. One tactic that plays to Boise State's strengths is to showcase the actual experience of studying, learning and living here. After all, while our prospects want all the details of program curricula and scholarship options, they are also keenly aware that they will need to start a new life along with an academic career – and no one can speak to student life as directly, honestly (and persuasively!) as one of Boise State's finest. So, Chalimar, thanks for helping out!



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