

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

### SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

#### Judith Gomez - USAC Spain

In fall 2010 Communications major Judith Gomez studied in Madrid at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. Courses she completed will count toward her minor in Spanish. Her study abroad experience also resulted in several discoveries: she became more independent and learned the benefits of public transportation; her love of languages blossomed and she plans to add French and Italian to her language skills; and she was offered a marketing job after graduation through a contact she made in Spain.



Judith (right) with her sister Luz, Cinchón

Judith had been thinking about an international study experience for some time and was saving for it. Her financial aid award helped to support the experience. She advises fellow students to "start saving the minute you even think of wanting to study abroad and read the travel books." During your time abroad "try not to hang out with other students in the program ...get a full experience by making friends from your host country."



Judith at the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

She comments, "Spaniards display a love for life and socializing; I think it is very different from the way a lot of people live here. No matter how busy they are, they make time to go out and enjoy the city."

#### Attention Faculty

Contact Racheal Wangui in IEC (243-3919 [iec@csudh.edu](mailto:iec@csudh.edu)) to schedule a 10 minute classroom presentation on student study abroad opportunities.

### STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

The CSU International Program (IP) is an acclaimed yearlong study abroad program. IP is affiliated with over 50 distinguished universities in 19 countries. CSUDH students can study abroad and earn CSU residence credit. Most IP programs require a 2.75 grade point average. The application deadline is usually February 1 for the following academic year. Start planning now for 2012-2013.

#### Special CSU IP Features

- No overseas tuition or administrative fees
- Residence (CSU) credit for courses
- Assistance with academics, transportation, visas, and housing, etc.
- CSU faculty resident directors and staff at international centers

The **University Study Abroad Consortium (USAC)** is a study abroad program based at the University of Nevada. USAC provides semester, summer and year-long programs to students from over 700 universities nationwide in 24 countries. Summer Programs are available in most of the countries. Financial aid is fully applicable. Apply now for summer and fall.

#### Scholarships

IP and USAC scholarships are available for CSUDH students. Apply early.

#### Spring 2011 USAC/CSUDH

**Scholarship recipients - \$400 each**

Dustin Underwood; Ivana Rodriguez  
Gabriela Velazquez; Courtney Robinson

#### Benjamin Gilman Scholarship Awarded to Gabriela Velazquez



Senior Gabriela Velazquez received combined scholarships totaling \$2,900 to support

her spring 2011 enrollment at the University of the Basque, Bilbao, Spain. A prestigious Benjamin Gilman Scholarship for \$1,500 was awarded to Gabriela, an English major preparing for a career as an educator. The Gilman scholarship program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education, aims to diversify study abroad participation of outstanding American undergraduates. Gabriela also received a \$1,000 USAC Bilbao Scholarship and a USAC/CSUDH scholarship of \$400.

#### INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER HAS MOVED!

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#### Kayleigh Raciak - USAC Australia

About her experience in Australia last spring Kayleigh says "if I could do it again, I would in a heart beat." Kayleigh was assisted by her CSUDH advisor in selecting several courses at Deakin University, (Melbourne) that counted toward her major, criminal justice.



Kayleigh at Sydney Harbour Bridge

One course "Australia Today" helped her appreciate the host country and recognize parallels between the histories of her host country and the U.S. She says Australians are "welcoming and curious...they are down to earth, kind and helpful. I was very comfortable around locals; it was much like it is in Southern California (I think it's the beach)."



Kayleigh with kangaroo

#### Milton Bhoorquez - CSU IP South Korea

When he heard about CSUDH study abroad programs from an announcement in his Toro email, Milton Bhoorquez headed straight to the study abroad office (IEC). He selected the CSU International Program at Yonsei University in Seoul.

As an international business major, Milton understands the importance of study abroad for his career. "With saturated markets and a down-sloping economy in the U.S., having knowledge of another language and culture will increase how marketable I can be." (cont'd side 2)

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### Milton Bhoorquez (cont'd from side 1)

Milton recommends that CSUDH promote international study opportunities more widely on campus and in the community through announcements on its main web site and through other promotional campaigns. It is important, he believes, that the public know CSUDH encourages students to participate in international programs.

Milton found the people in South Korea to be very kind. They assisted him with activities of daily life such as finding markets to shop for food; this helped him economize, and learn about the local color.

### Study Abroad Application

#### Deadlines

Contact Racheal Wangui in IEC (243-3919 [iec@csudh.edu](mailto:iec@csudh.edu)) for information and applications.

#### CSU IP 2012

May 1, 2011 – South Africa

#### USAC Summer 2011

Session I April 1

Session II May 1

#### USAC Fall 2011

Feb 1 Japan; Mar 1 Scotland, England; Mar

15 Japan, Norway, Scotland; Apr 1

Australia, Denmark, England, Japan, Korea,

Sweden; Apr 15 England, Ghana,

Netherlands, New Zealand; May 1 Czech

Republic, Ireland; May 15 Australia; Jun 15

Chile, China, Costa Rica, England, France,

Germany, India, Italy, Malta, Mexico, Spain;

July 1 Thailand; August 1 Australia

### CSUDH Students Abroad 2010-11

#### USAC Program Spring 2011

Courtney Robinson, Spain, Major: Business

Dustin Underwood, China, Major: Business

Gabriela Velazquez, Spain, Major: Education

Ivana Rodriguez, Australia, Major: Business



ASIA@CSUDH Club members demonstrate customs



Geetanjali Ashok (right) international student from India with her professors

### CSUDH Celebrated International Education Week 2010

ASI, ALCP, CSU international students, Multicultural Center, Office of Student Life, IEC Asian Pacific Studies, Chicano/Chicana Studies and "Dance of World Cultures" participants combined efforts to host activities recognizing International Education Week (IEW) in November 2010. IEW is celebrated at schools and colleges across the nation in order to promote international exchange and globalization of the curriculum.

### Fulbright Update

The Fulbright Program offers support for

- U.S. Students conducting research abroad; recent Bachelor's degree as well as graduate students. Deadline in mid-Sept. for 2012-13
- Non-U.S. students coming to U.S. to pursue graduate work
- U.S. scholars conducting research and/or teaching abroad; deadlines Aug.-Oct.
- Non U.S. scholars to teach/conduct research in U.S.
- Foreign Language Teaching Assistantships (FLTA) program; scholars from abroad to teach foreign languages on U.S. campuses

Go to [www.iese.org/fulbright](http://www.iese.org/fulbright) for additional information about any of these programs or contact Janine Gasco, [jgasco@csudh.edu](mailto:jgasco@csudh.edu)

Tenured or tenure-track faculty interested in applying for positions as CSU resident director contact Dr. Leena Furtado, CSUDH Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) representative, [lfurtado@csudh.edu](mailto:lfurtado@csudh.edu) or visit the website [www.calstate.edu/ip](http://www.calstate.edu/ip).

### SEED Scholars Reception



USAID-SEED scholars were welcomed to the university on January 31<sup>st</sup> by the Honorable Jose Alberto Acevedo Vogl, consulate general of Nicaragua (pictured above 4<sup>th</sup> from left) with Nicaraguan SEED scholars). President Mildred García, faculty and staff welcomed 20 SEED (Scholarships for Education and Economic Development) participants from Central America who are studying transmissible disease control and community health planning in a grant-funded program awarded to the College of Extended & International Education.

### CSUDH Welcomes Returning Shanghai Students' Post



Aspiring journalists from Shanghai Students' Post returned to CSUDH in January for an intensive ESL and journalism course offered by ALCP. Students visited the offices of Long Beach Magazine.