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Students Win National & International Scholarships

Four students received Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships for Spring 2009. Tara Stefan, a sophomore elementary education major & Spanish teaching minor, won a \$5000 award to study in Costa Rica. Adam Nelson, a senior physical science secondary education major, was awarded \$4500 for his Global Student Teaching program in the Czech Republic. Juniors James Marsh and Glenn Terpstra both received \$3000 scholarships. Marsh, a political science and German double major, will be studying in Graz, Austria. Terpstra, an art major with an emphasis on photography & graphic design, will be the first student to study at the University of Leiden, Netherlands, through ISEP-Direct.

The Gilman program supports students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad. It is a Congressionally funded program, administered by the Institute of International Education. Find out more at <http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman/index.html>.

Three students studying in Pau, France received \$750 scholarships through USAC, our U.S. partner for the program. Christine Alexander, an art illustration major, Courtney Meyer, a French teaching major, and Sarah Rozanski an economics and French double major were the recipient of the awards. These students were contacted directly by USAC about the scholarship opportunity.

Four students studying in Thessaloniki, Greece have received \$1000 merit awards through ACT, our partner for the program. These merit awards are given to students who have a 3.6 GPA or higher and are of at least sophomore standing. Britney Diercks, a health care administration major, Sara Grassel, a math major, Lucas Komiskey, a computer science & IS double major, and Andrew Thoner, a finance major all received the awards. Students need to send an updated transcript to ACT at the end of the semester to receive the award. UW-Eau Claire notifies qualified students about the merit award after checking grades.

See the back for UW-Eau Claire Foundation Scholarship recipients. The Center for International Education has a listing of many local, regional, and national scholarships for study abroad on our Web site: <http://www.uwec.edu/cie/sac/ProsStudents/advising.htm>. If you are aware of others, please let us know by emailing studyabroad@uwec.edu.

UW-Eau Claire Ranked 8th Nationally for Length of Time Spent Abroad

The latest Open Doors Report was released in November, and UW-Eau Claire ranked 8th nationally among master's level institutions for mid-length duration of study abroad, meaning more of our students go abroad for a semester or longer. The report is based on 2006-2007 statistics. UW-Eau Claire was also ranked 27th nationally for total number of students studying abroad.

Academic Year/ Fall/Summer 2009 Update

We have accepted 97 students for 21 fall or academic year programs, and 86 students for 7 summer programs.

We will be sending the first students to sites in Mexico (Monterrey summer option), Nicaragua (Women's Lives & Experiences summer program), South Africa (Stellenbosch), & Spain (ISEP-Murcia academic year).

Spring 2010 Study Abroad Application Deadlines

We began accepting applications on January 15, 2009 for **spring semester programs**. The application deadlines are:

March 2 for: Kansai Gaidai/Japan

April 1 for all other spring programs.



International Classroom Speakers

Each semester past participants of study abroad programs become part of our International Classroom (IC) speaker program. Nineteen IC speakers gave more than 95 classroom presentations during fall semester.

All IC speakers attend a 2-hour training, where they prepare a 10-minute presentation about study abroad. IC speakers talk about UW-Eau Claire study abroad in general, while sharing specific experiences from their own study abroad program.

You may be contacted directly by an IC speaker, requesting 10 minutes of your class time. We are also happy to facilitate the process. Just send an e-mail to Cheryl Lochner-Wright (lochnecb@uwec.edu) with the following information: class name, class location, meeting time/days. She will share this information with potential speakers, and one of them will contact you to set up a specific presentation date. The IC speakers are also available to talk to campus organizations or to residence hall wing meetings.

Foundation Scholarships Awarded to Twenty-Three Students

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation awards study abroad scholarships each semester ranging from \$150-\$600. Applicants must be degree-seeking UW-Eau Claire students who have been accepted into the study abroad program and demonstrate financial need. Recipients are chosen by a faculty and staff committee. Sixteen students received these awards. The amounts, names, and locations where the students are studying are: \$500-Joanie Feneis (Harlaxton/England) & Tara Stefan (Costa Rica); \$400-Cory Tischman (Lancaster/England); \$350-Jennifer Rossow (Harlaxton/England) & Robert Spaeth (Perth/Australia); \$300- Patrick Bloecher (Costa Rica); Robert Hamill (Valladolid/Spain); Sheila Hamill (Valladolid/Spain); Brittany Hohl (ISEP-Uruguay); Rebecca Hrabik (Växjö/Sweden); Lucas Komiskey (Greece); Jordan Manley (Kansai Gaidai/Japan); James Marsh (Graz/Austria); Courtney Moy (Harlaxton/England); Ryan Rico (Valladolid/Spain); Kristin Rosche (Winchester/England); and \$250-Christine Schmidt (Harlaxton/England).

A new \$500 James Alexander International Study Abroad scholarship was awarded to Kelly Palmer who will study in Valladolid, Spain.

Andrew Ludvik (Perth/Australia) received the \$400 Bernard and Anne Hirsch International Study Abroad Scholarship.

Three students received \$500 Frances Kirby and Family Memorial Scholarships. Megan Buehl (Valladolid/Spain) Aimee Brasseur (Pau/France), and Lauren Headrick (Winchester/England) were this spring's recipients.

There is one spring award that is not based on financial need, the Dolly Rounds Memorial scholarship. This \$300 award was given to Andrea Krunnfusz who is studying on the ISEP-Ghana program.

"There aren't enough words in the English language to describe this experience. I will forever be a different person."

Megan Fechter, a junior entrepreneurship major, studied in Thessaloniki, Greece during fall 2008.



Fall 2008 Greece students on Mt Olympus.

Save the Date!

The fall 2009 Study Abroad Fair will be on Wednesday, October 7th from 3-5:30pm in the Council Fire Room, Davies Center.