



The Global Community -LLC Celebrates the End of the Year at the Spring Banquet

By: Rosalie Barrera

With the help of a grant from the Campus Diversity Committee, the Global Community-Living Learning Center was able to host a hugely successful multicultural end-of-the-year-banquet!

Our diversity-themed banquet opened with an international cheese tasting accompanied by “piña con nadas” and “mockaritas”.

During this time, our guests were invited to view and vote for globally themed canvases that were created by our LLC students last February. Every vote was a dollar and all proceeds were donated to Mission Waco.

After about 30 minutes, the judging ended and the banquet guests enjoyed a wonderful Mediterranean and Indian buffet-meal while world music and a slide show recapping our past year’s global events played in the background.

Of course, the food was thoroughly blessed by prayers in various languages including Spanish (Rafael Deliz Aguirre), Arabic (Reyna

Anderson), Thai (Kimberly Gibson), Chinese (Evan Choi), Portuguese (Ke’leigh Sapp and Chris Morris), and English (Lacey Murphy).

As the dinner portion of our banquet wound down, we began the entertainment part. We were treated to the Portuguese entry in the Global BU Vision singing contest, “Garota de Ipanema” (“Girl from Ipanema”), and two of our members, Celia Heidbrier and Ke’leigh Sapp, were part of this performance.

This wonderful performance was followed by an equally amazing Japanese dance called “Soran” (“Fishermen”).

The final part of the entertainment section of the banquet was a German dance called “So a schöner Toag” (“Such a Beautiful Day”). What made this performance special is that all of our banquet guests participated in this fun and popular German dance.

Toward the end of the banquet, we celebrated the birthday of our Program Director, Ah Ra Cho, by singing “Happy Birthday” in the various foreign languages that were

represented at the banquet.

After this, the faculty members that help our students improve their foreign language skills were acknowledged and given certificates created by two of our GC-LLC students, Debbie Thompson and Megan Danner.

Then our top student awards were handed out in the following categories: Language (Mackenzie Johnson), Life-long Learning (Mackenzie Johnson), Best Canvas (Michael Desrosiers, Jeremy Hyter, Austin Kuhlman, Dominik Thomas) and Service (Kimberly Gibson).

We shared a bittersweet moment as we said thank you and good-bye to our three graduating seniors, Patrick Ancira, Rachana Chhin, and Helen Woldemichael.

The banquet was led by our charismatic Masters of Ceremony, Rachana Chhin and Emily Edmondson.

By all accounts, the event was a huge success especially with regard to representing and celebrating a variety of cultures!



Rachana Chhin & Emily Edmondson: Emcees



Students and Faculty dance to German song



GC students Victoria Nelson, Jeremy Hyter, Morgan Locke lead dance to Schoner Toag



Global Events



Global Director Rosalie Barrera while on vacation in Germany

I am very excited for our upcoming Global Community activities: Foreign cuisine dinners, interactive activities, foreign language sing-a-longs, our International Dance Party, Christmas around the Globe. They are all very exciting to me. I think the most exciting thing is our spring field trip! We traveled to the Mexic Arte Museum in Austin. This was the first successful field trip in the three years of the existence of the Global Community. I think it was incredibly enlightening for our students as well as a great opportunity for community development and bonding!



Photo by Rachana Chhin

GC-LLC students contemplating the art of Sam Coronado at the Mexic Arte Museum in Austin.



Photo by Rachana Chhin

Rosalie Barrera, Mackenzie Johnson, and Morgan Locke enjoyed an ethnic lunch on their field trip.

GC-LLC Field Trip to Austin

By: Rosalie Barrera

For the first time in the history of the GC-LLC, student members were able to go on a field trip! The field trip took place on April 16, 2011 and was planned by the student activities committee led by Lacey Murphy and Patrick Ancira.

The fun time started in the lobby of Brooks Flats where students ate *pan dulce* (Mexican sweet bread) and then headed for Austin.

First on the agenda in Austin was a visit to the Mexic-Arte Museum where students enjoyed viewing the art of Sam Coronado.

After this, the group walked to Whole Foods for lunch. But, this was no ordinary lunch in that the students were treated to live music and were able

to taste a variety of international cuisine. The most popular item was the yummy Italian gelato!

After this we headed back to the highway where we stopped at a World Market and purchased about half of the store.

The greatest adventure for some on the trip was getting back onto I-35! For others, our foreign students in particular, the greatest part of the trip was seeing Texas' State Capitol for the first time. All in all, it was a successful excursion for the 15 Global Community students and 2 faculty members. In the words of Program Director, Ah Ra Cho, "It was a perfect way to end our year-long emphasis on Latin America."

The returning GC-LLC students are already planning next year's field trip!

Pool time! Playing for a cause

Students participate in a pool tournament to raise money for local charities

By Rosalie Barrera

This academic year the GC-LLC hosted two pool tournaments in the Brooks Flats lobby, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Patrick Ancira was the coordinator of the two fundraising tournaments.

The one in the fall generated



Patrick Ancira with pool plaque



\$45 profit for a mission trip to Rwanda. Adam Jackson and Taylor Gheen were crowned Fall 2010 Champions.

The Spring 2011 tournament, held on the weekend of April 9, generated \$80 that was donated to Mission Waco. The Grand Champions were Ashrit Shetty and Daniel Saca.

All of the winners won pizza donated by Papa John's. As champions, their names appear on a perpetual plaque hanging in the Brooks Flats lobby.



Global Community Students are Pro-active to Make a Difference Through Letters

By Chris Morris



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Do you remember when the last time your voice was really heard? Have you ever been a citizen of action?

In a yearly assignment, Global Community wrote to several causes to have their voices heard. As one of the professors of the class, Dr. Good said, "When you write a letter, you must focus on the issue and be persuasive to your reader; you have to take ownership of your opinion and try to solve problems I am committed to letter writing as a mode of

civic involvement because it means that we have to do more than complain."

The topics that were written on included: worldwide education, US education, worldwide health, US health, worldwide justice, US justice and the TX law to allow people to carry guns on campuses.

In total, Global Community members wrote 34 letters, with the most popular recipient being President Obama. The most popular topic written about was US education and funding.

The new students of the cohort class had their doubts at first, as Megan Danner admitted, "At first, I didn't think much of this project. I expected my letter to be dumped in with tons of others and

forgotten about." But like the others, she was surprised to find out that she had a voice, "So when I got a reply, I was really surprised to find that these public officials really cared about what I thought. They even told me what I needed to do next to get more funds for our schools!

In the end, this project really showed me that raising your voice for something you care about will eventually pay off."

Feeling heard can be a great feeling. Be the change. The Global Community at Baylor University offers the opportunity to be the change to its student's, and this is only one of those ways.

Incoming Student Gives Insight into Why Global Education is Important

By Lissy Olivares

Education is one of the most important aspects of our lives. Education allows a person to obtain knowledge about the world and become a well rounded citizen. Global competency plays a huge role in education, especially in today's society.

Every day it is becoming more important to have a better understanding of different languages and cultures. With the onset of technology, everything is becoming more globalized. We can have access to people all over the world with the click of a button, and we need to know how to interact with those people and do business with them effectively. The best way to learn about other societies and cultures is to learn the language of that certain country.

As a first generation American, I understand the importance of global competency. Both my parents were born and raised in Colombia, South America. Even though the United States is the only home I have ever known, my parents have taught me the native language and the culture of my roots. My Colombian culture affects my morals, family relations, and my everyday life.

An example of a difference between American culture and Colombian culture would be social etiquette at a party. In America, if you walk into a party with twenty people, you would normally give a general greeting to everyone in the room first. Next, you would give a specific greeting to the host. Finally, make your way around to most everyone throughout the evening.

However, in Colombia, you would walk to every single

person and say hello and ask how they are doing after you arrive. It is considered rude and will likely offend someone if you do not greet them shortly after arriving and also before leaving.

To me, it shows kindness and consideration when someone goes out of their way to show interest and learn something about the Colombian culture.

I think that in order to respect a person you have to understand them. Global competency helps people to better understand different people groups and their culture. In my opinion, a better understanding of other people would lead to decreased prejudice. Plus, an ability to see people for who they really are instead of just the name of their country or color of their skin.

In summer 2010, I had the opportunity to travel to Europe. What I love about traveling is when you go to another country it is almost as if you are entering a different world.

Something that really stuck out to me is when we traveled to Greece. I got to see the ancient ruins of Ephesus. The ruins were so old and you could see how much history had once taken place there. We toured the city of Ephesus, and I imagined the great empire that was once there.

I took something away with me from each and every city we visited. Learning about other places and cultures is truly fascinating to me.

My hope is that being a part of Global Community will help me expand my knowledge of other cultures and enrich my education at Baylor University.



Lissy Olivares in Greece



Painting global

Students study culture by using their creativity

by Angela Weber



Every student has different learning styles. Some prefer taking notes, others prefer to draw pictures. Baylor's living learning centers strive to engage the students in all types of learning environments.

The students of the Global community were able to put their paint brushes to work at one of communities weekly meetings.

Getting out of the ordinary classroom, each group was assigned to a different topic ranging from music to religion.

The task was to use the assigned topic

to paint a picture that would represent different countries from the entire world.

Global resident Angela Weber said, "My group picked music, a tricky topic. We were not sure how we would be able to combine the two into a simple painting so that it would portray a clear meaning of our intentions."

The groups worked diligently to create a masterpiece, some more artistic than others. Most importantly, all of the groups united to reflect on different cultures and how they can combine to make something beautiful.



Three young men of GC-LLC show their artistic side

Photo by Ah Ra Cho

"We decided to paint flags diagonally across the poster-board and then all around it write the word "music" in different languages," said Weber.

When the students finished, they were able to show off their creations and they are now being displayed on the fourth floor of Draper Academic Building.

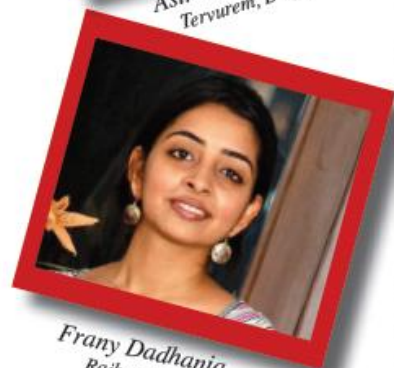
International Students



How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
~Anne Frank



Astrid Loomans
Tervuren, Belgium



Frany Dadhanian
Rajkot, India

What made you choose Baylor, and what made you want to be part of the Global Community?

Dadhania: I chose Baylor as it is one of the best Christian universities with many living and learning opportunities. I really like to know people from different cultures.

Loomans: I came to Baylor because my brother. A former global student, also goes here and Baylor caught my interest when i came to visit him. I came from an international school and sought to continue the experience at Baylor.

How has the Global Community enhanced your Baylor experience?

Dadhania: Through Global Community I have become more involved in service events.

Loomans: Global community has enabled me to remain surrounded by internationally minded people.

What's your favorite part of Global?

Dadhania: To learn about other Latin American countries.

Loomans: My favorite part of global has been the insight into different cultures through monthly dinners at Monica's.

What is something interesting about you?

Dadhania: I know three languages: Hindi, English, and Gujarati.

Loomans: I speak Dutch and French. Vielen Dank!



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An Overview of Various Events and Activities Global Community Participated In 2010-2011!



**International
Game Night**



Global Village



Thai Dinner



Scavenger Hunt



Class Painting Project



Spring Banquet



**Homecoming
Breakfast**



**Russian
Dinner**

Homecoming Parade



Tex-Mex Dinner

**Christmas
on 5th St.**



Move-In Activities



**Día De los Muertos
(Day of the Dead)**



**End of the Year
Christmas Party**



**International
Dance Party**



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Speaking the language of dance

By Austin Kuhlman

On March 18, the Global Community-Living Learning Center hosted an International dance party for their members as well as international students.

Besides delicious international music, of genuine an atmosphere

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the myriad of de-tional cuisine, the and the company friends, there was of fun and joy.

Although it was an international party, students had no troubles communicating with their fellow partygoers. Lacey Murphy said, "The dance party was a way to cross cultures and just have fun

with people we may not have known. We didn't even have to speak words; we could just speak the international language of fun!"

In essence, the party was a resounding success, even when it came to the groovy music infecting our fellow GC-LLC members' minds!

Weeks after the party, Celia Heidbrier claims, "I still have the Korean song 'Sorry, Sorry, Sorry' by Super Junior stuck in my head."

One of the biggest hits of the party were the two Congolese brothers Lucien and Marc Kilonda who led many of the group dances and exclaimed that the event was "phenomenal."



Kuhlman

The GC-LLC helps make a difference to the Baylor Community & Waco area!

Total Hours Contributed by Students:

Language Learning: 505

Events and Activities: 487

Service: 491

Total Hours: 1484

This semester our students contributed

\$750

to Mission Waco!

We are proud of our students for contributing so much to the community and the outside world!

Why join the Global Community?

- Live with internationally minded friends and students from other countries
- Be immersed in your target language by attending faculty-led Lingo Groups organized especially for Global-LLC members
- Take a cohort class to enhance your understanding of the world and its dynamic cultures
- Deepen your spiritual life by learning about other religions
- Receive and provide mentoring
- Develop leadership through community service
- Participate in global events such as International Dinners, World Cinema nights, Global Village, the Candlelight Procession.

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