International Education Week (IEW) is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. It is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The goal is to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment, and to attract future leaders from abroad to study in the United States. The Center for International Education is pleased to participate in this initiative, and encourages you, our readers, to join us in the opportunities listed below.

Calendar of Events
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Monday, Nov. 13
- *Study Abroad Information Session: Spanish-Speaking Countries* 4:00 p.m., Poage Library, 201B

Tuesday, Nov. 14
- *Dr Pepper Hour with ISSS Staff* 3:00-4:00 p.m., SUB, 1st floor

- *Africa Night* 6:00 p.m., Bobo Baptist Student Center, 5th and Speight

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Thursday, Nov. 16
- *Study Abroad Photo Contest Reception* 3:30 p.m., Mayborn Museum, 2nd Floor

- *Global Issues Lecture Series* 4:00–5:00 p.m., Draper 116

- *Maastricht Information Session* 4:00-5:00 p.m., Poage Library, 201B

Friday, Nov. 17
- *Internationals in the Schools* 6:30-8:00 p.m., G.W. Carver Academy Middle School

- *Lunch Honoring Visiting Professors* The Center for International Education will host international Visiting Professors at a luncheon in their honor
Letter from the Director
- Dr. William Mitchell

This is a special week for all students, faculty, staff, parents and others who are involved in any way with international education. It is very special to me.

For the past six and one half years I have had the privilege of working with our dedicated, energetic, steadfast, and patient staff in international student and scholar services, exchange and study abroad, area studies, and the office manager as we pursue our administrative and academic goals for international education at Baylor.

In addition to working with the staff, I have worked with hundreds of professors who directly or indirectly lead and teach our national and international students on campus and abroad, including program directors, area studies directors, department heads and deans. We have been blessed with provosts and presidents who are staunch supporters of international education and have encouraged the continuation of internationalizing our campus. This Baylor historical goal continues today with Imperative XI of Vision 2012.

We have had the privilege of meeting thousands of international students, encouraging thousands of Baylor students, staff, and faculty to study abroad, and visit with dozens of our international education partners across the globe. Although I love my work, and it has been a blessing to serve, I have decided to step down on February 1, 2007 to complete an important international research project. Next summer will be my eleventh and final Baylor in Turkey summer program.

As I step down, Professor Michael Morrison will step up as the Jo Murphy Chairholder in International Education. Mike is an international attorney, a Baylor professor for thirty years, and an expert on immigration law and international legal studies. His experiences during two terms as the Mayor of Waco will serve him well. I ask everyone to join me in warmly welcoming Professor Morrison as Baylor University continues emphasizing global education.

Respectfully,

William A. Mitchell

Dr. William Mitchell is the Director and Jo Murphy Chair, Center for International Education.
Fourth Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest
A sampling of this year’s photos

“Silent Observer” by Caitlin Cima, American University in Cairo, Egypt

“Carnaval in the Netherlands” by Kelly Ross, Baylor in Maastricht

“Sunlit City” by Alex Parks, Baylor in Maastricht

“Segovia” by Lindsay Rhude, St. Louis University of Madrid, Spain

“A Fusion of Scenery” by Alex Bolton, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

“A Helping Hand” by Cristy Finis, Florence University of the Arts, Italy

“Cinque Terre” by Erin Ambrose, Florence University of the Arts, Italy

“Human Tower” by Katherine Buck, St. Louis University, Madrid

“Grand Canal” by Megan Merchant, Baylor in Maastricht
Complete Schedule of Events
2006 International Education Week

November 7

Round Table Banquet:
Thanksgiving Dinner for International Students and Scholars

On Tuesday evening, November 7, Baylor Round Table once again hosted its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for International Students and Scholars. Round Table hosts this dinner each year to celebrate Thanksgiving as a community, to honor international students and scholars, and to share the history of the American Thanksgiving holiday.

November 7 - 9

NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Regional Conference
Little Rock, Arkansas

International Student and Scholar Services sent four staff members to Little Rock to attend the NAFSA Region III Conference. Alexine Burke, Treva Hall, Beth Walker and Cathleen Catlin attended a variety of sessions in the areas of study abroad, immigration updates and advisement, intercultural learning, globalizing the campus, etc. Beth Walker and Cathleen Catlin presented a session titled “Back in the Nest: Integrating Study Abroad with the International Community.” This session highlighted the importance of students becoming involved in the international community on campus once they’ve returned from a study abroad experience.

Monday, November 13

Lecture
12:00 p.m., Cashion 305

Presentation by Dr. Aigul Toxanova, Visiting Professor, Hankamer School of Business, on “Kazakhstan’s Transition Economy”.

Study Abroad Information Session:
Spanish-Speaking Countries
4:00 p.m., Poage Library Rm. 201B

This region-specific information session will focus on Baylor programs in Spanish-speaking countries.

Tuesday, November 14

World Class: Families in Global Perspective
9:30 a.m., Family and Consumer Sciences Bldg.

Miao Yan, Baylor international student from China, will contribute to a global perspective on “Family” as she speaks in a Department of Family and Consumer Sciences class.

Lunch at United Methodist Student Center:
Wesley Foundation
12:30 p.m., 821 Speight Ave.

Enjoy a delicious free lunch with international students and friends. Robert Flowers, Campus Minister, offers friendship and support to Baylor internationals and continually celebrates their presence and contribution as he prepares and offers meals twice a week every week.

Dr Pepper Hour
3:00 - 4:00 p.m., 1st floor of the SUB

International students and scholars are encouraged to come anytime between 3-4 p.m. and spend time with the International Student and Scholar Services staff. ISSS staff are looking forward to taking a break from the office to celebrate the presence of international students and scholars at Baylor and enjoy conversation with internationals during Dr Pepper Hour.

Africa Night
6:00 p.m., Bobo Baptist Student Center: 5th and Speight

Join internationals and friends for food, music, highlights, and meeting students from different African countries. Becky Robertson, BSM staff and volunteers celebrate the presence of internationals at Baylor week after week preparing and offering special events and assistance to internationals.
Schedule of Events (Continued)
2006 International Education Week

Wednesday, November 15

Multicultural Panel
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Poage Library Rm. 201B

A panel of Baylor international students will help us celebrate International Education Week by teaching faculty, staff, students and members of the community about their countries. Perhaps we too often think of teaching internationals about the U.S. but this session acknowledges the vast knowledge of the international community and will offer a hearty taste to all who attend. Students will tell us about themselves, their academic focus, and their countries, providing personal insights into “Things You Should Know About My Country” and “The One Thing I Want to Make Sure You Know or The One Thing I Wish You Could Experience.”

International Coffee Hour
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Poage Library 2nd Floor

This will provide a relaxing time to get to know the international community at Baylor, enjoy intercultural exchange, and further interact with the Multicultural Panel.

Thursday, November 16

Study Abroad Photo Contest Reception
3:30 p.m., Mayborn Museum, 2nd Floor

Former study abroad participants who submitted photos in the Fourth Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest will be recognized and awards will be given to the top three places in each of the following categories: People, Landscape/Cityscape, Art and Architecture, as well as Best of Show. Come enjoy refreshments as you view this extraordinary exhibit, which provides a glimpse of what our students experience abroad and serves as a reminder to the entire Baylor family that each year we have over 800 students studying in more than 25 different countries.

Global Issues Lecture Series
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Draper 116

Dr. Andrés Fontana, Professor of Political Science, Director of International Cooperation at the Universidad Nacional de La Matanza, and Dean of Graduate Studies at the Universidad de Belgrano, Argentina, will present “Terrorism, Organized Crime, and Narcotrafficking as Major Threats in Latin America’s Southern Cone.”

Baylor in Maastricht Information Session
4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Poage Library 2nd Floor

Dr. Eric Rust, Maastricht Program Director for Fall 2007, will hold a general information meeting for students interested in learning more about Baylor’s largest group semester abroad program.

Internationals in the Schools
6:30-8:00 p.m., G.W. Carver Academy Middle School

NASA Family Night at G.W. Carver Academy will provide another opportunity for international students to represent the Center for International Education Adopt A School Partnership with Carver. Through this partnership, hundreds of international students have taught over 1000 Carver students firsthand about other countries. What better way to celebrate IEW than to celebrate intercultural exchange among middle school students! NASA Night offers Baylor international students’ classroom participation.
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November 13-17

November 2006 Cultures Odyssey
G.W. Carver Academy Middle School

Baylor International Students, Scholars and Study Abroad Students are participating in the 6th grade Cultures Odyssey as the young students study and simulate preparations to move to another country, learning about customs, language, currency, economy, climate and more. Baylor participants assist the Carver students as they prepare and finalize projects. Carver students invite the internationals to see all of the completed projects on exhibit and enjoy special foods during their Cultures Festival.
Studying Abroad: Myths and Realities
by Cathleen Catlin

Myth #1
Studying abroad is too expensive.

Reality:
You might be surprised. In many cases, students find that they pay no more to study abroad than to attend Baylor.

The costs associated with a study abroad or affiliate/exchange program usually include tuition, room and board, travel expenses, and fees. Most Baylor group study abroad programs have one set cost which includes all of these factors. The rates for these trips vary according to destination and length of program. Please contact the Program Director for current costs.

The cost of an exchange program varies greatly according to the destination. Most often, students will pay Baylor tuition for courses taken abroad, and settle room and board costs with the exchange school. In several cases, the cost of living in a country will be less than living in Waco, allowing the student to study abroad for a lower cost than a semester on the Baylor campus.

All scholarships, financial aid, loans, and grants will apply to your account as if you were on campus. However, some scholarships are awarded during the academic year only and are not applicable to summer study programs. To check the eligibility of your financial aid package, please consult the Financial Aid office (254-710-2611). Also, there are many Baylor and national scholarships available for both summer and semester programs.

Myth #2
I don’t speak another language.

Reality:
Language requirements will vary for each program; however, most programs offer courses in English. Also, there are several opportunities to take language courses abroad during the summer. Study abroad is an opportunity for students of all language levels to apply their skills. There is also the option to attend one of the many programs in English-speaking countries.

Myth #3
I won’t graduate on time.

Reality:
Due to the variety of programs and courses offered, students have the opportunity to take the same courses and amount of hours that they would on campus. It is best to begin planning for your study abroad program early in your college career so that you have some flexibility with courses to take abroad. Although there are many programs that offer upper-level, major-specific courses abroad, it’s best to start planning early in order to ensure that you graduate on time.

Even if you are a graduating senior, you can still study abroad. Please be aware that graduation dates may be delayed. All course work, transcripts, course equivalencies, and degree requirements must be in place in a timely manner (check with degree planner for deadlines).

Myth #4
Because of my major, I can’t study abroad.

Reality:
Study abroad programs of various lengths and locations offer students of all majors an opportunity to participate. It’s not just students studying Humanities and Foreign Languages who can go abroad. Now, more than ever, programs are offered for students who have majors in the fields of sciences, engineering, pre-health care, etc. Most exchange/affiliate universities offer courses in a variety of academic areas; therefore, students not only have opportunities to take courses abroad on summer programs, but also have multiple opportunities to take upper-level courses in their major abroad for a semester, while not falling behind in their degree plan.

Rachel Graves and Scott Dixon had fun in Tokyo last year while studying at Hosei University.

Brent Hamoud studied at American University in Cairo in Spring 2005.

Alex Bolton and friends visit Notre Dame Cathedral while studying at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, last spring.
Exchange Perspective
The story of two students living in each other’s culture

My American Experience
by Andre Barrence (exchange student, Baylor law)

I clearly remember the day I got the news that I had been selected by my home university in Brazil (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais) for one of the scholarships to study a semester abroad in the U.S.A. It was a mix of happiness and a lot of excitement, since I had researched on the internet and knew that Baylor was a very well known university, and Baylor Law School was among one of the best in the country.

However, I had a simple question yet to be answered: where is Waco, Texas? And how would life be there? My first impulse was to go online and research on Google Earth, trying to find exactly where I would be living for the next six months. I found it and realized it wasn’t as far to the end of the world as I thought it would be.

I confess that on my way to the United States a lot of doubts and uncertainties crossed my mind. But nothing could have prepared me for what I found when I first got to Baylor: amazing school facilities, a great environment for studies and extremely kind and friendly people.

Apart from some minor and expected difficulties in the beginning of the exchange program everything gets better and better each day and I can confidently say there is nothing like living new experiences and making new friends.

Thank you, Baylor! Go Bears!

My Brazilian Experience
by Bruno Fontes (junior, Biology major)

Going to Brazil was one of the best decisions I have ever made. In my entire life, I had never had such a life changing experience. When I first arrived, all I could think to myself was, “What a wonderful feeling! I am in a different country and everyone I know is thousands of miles away!” Unfortunately this glee and utter euphoria soon turned into intense fear and regret. It was only after I met my family and my friends that I grew to love the life I would live for the next five months.

The biggest surprise I encountered in Brazil had to do with friendliness of Brazilian college students. They all put forth a huge effort to get to know me and make me feel welcome. In fact, all 125 of them knew my name after the first day! Making friends was definitely a breeze.

The biggest difficulty I had while living in Brazil was the fact that I was so far away from my friends and family. Although I had a wonderful host family and several friends, they still could not compare to those whom I left behind. Communication is the key. E-mails and phone calls usually did the trick to make me feel better.

Surprisingly, the thing I miss most about Brazil is the simplicity of the every day life. I obviously had no car while studying there, so my primary means of transportation was the bus. Getting on that bus was always the perfect start to my day. Every morning I would see new people and, very often, meet them and speak with them. I loved it! Even counting my R$1.85 bus fare was exciting.

The culture in Brazil is totally different from that of the United States. Everyone seems to get along; and no one is afraid of being themselves. Self-identity is huge in Brazil. This is one of the main reasons why I fit in so well; I was different from everyone.

I recommend studying abroad to anyone who is interested in expanding their knowledge of the world, and most importantly, expanding their knowledge of themselves. It is amazing how much you can learn about yourself when you are taken out of your comfort zone. Studying abroad can change your life!

Quick Facts on Brazil

Full Name: Federative Republic of Brazil
Area: 8,511,965 sq. km
Population: 188,078,227 (July 2006)
People: 55% white, 38% mixed, 6% black, 1% other.
Official language: Portuguese
Religion: 80% Roman Catholic
President: Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva
Baylor student brings lessons from studying abroad back home

Before Jonathan Thiele, a Sugar Land senior, went to Hong Kong to study abroad in Spring 2005, he didn’t realize how much the experience would change him.

When he came back to the United States, PAWS (People Around the World Sharing) coordinator Beth Walker noticed Thiele’s new outlook and invited him to be a PAWS partner.

The PAWS program introduces Baylor international students to U.S. Baylor students to get acquainted with each other and each other’s cultures.

Thiele jumped at the chance to continue his international experiences and was paired with Alex Song, a South Korean junior. Since they have been introduced, their friendship and understanding for each other has grown.

“We’re kind of similar in the way we look at the world,” Thiele said. “We’re both really laid back.”

Thiele and Song quickly realized that they both had a love for sports, specifically basketball. Song was an NBA fan before he even got to America, so the two friends enjoy talking basketball when they aren’t actually on the court playing.

Thiele also said he helps Alex with his English homework. “He usually offers to pay for my meal after I do that,” Thiele said. In return, Song taught Thiele some Korean. Thiele said the word he remembers the most is the Korean word for water: “mul” (pronounced “burr”).

In addition to the academic lessons, Thiele and Song’s PAWS program pairing has also taught them some life lessons.

“Alex has a calm attitude, is self-assured, and doesn’t get uptight about things,” Thiele said. “So I’d say I learned that from him.”

Attention: International and U.S. Baylor Students

Sign up anytime to become a PAWS Partner and enrich your Baylor experience. International students will be paired with U.S. students. Schedule times together for coffee, a meal, an event and good conversation. Talk about your culture and learn about your partner’s culture. Enjoy meaningful friendship. Connect with other friends. Engage with international education through relationships, service, and educational opportunities. Website information found below.

Attention: Faculty, Staff, and Members of the Waco Community

Become a Welcome Family. Extend hospitality to one international student. As you spend time together and help your student with adjustments, you will enjoy friendship and broaden the student’s cultural understanding as well as your own. You will learn of events and opportunities throughout the year.

Make a difference in global understanding one relationship at a time.
For more information:
www.baylor.edu/cie/index.php?id=2987
Beth_RWalker@baylor.edu
Where Are They Now?
Catching up with some former international students

Rafael Adrian, Venezuela
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas, San Antonio

Esteban Alvarez, Costa Rica
Graduate student, Jazz Piano, University of North Texas

Euridice Alvarez, Honduras
Ph.D. music program (oboe), Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.

Kofi Andah, Ghana
African Management Services Company, South Africa

Phyllis Arthasery, India
Visiting Asst. Professor, Denison University, Granville, Ohio

Sergio Bazzera, Brazil
Faculty, Baylor University

Benjamin Becker, Germany
Professional tennis player, Miami

Franklin Beckles, Venezuela
Ph.D., Santo Tomas University, Manila, Philippines

Ansgar Brock, Germany
Novartis Institute, La Jolla, Calif.

Emilyn Cabanda, Philippines
Ph.D., Santo Tomas University, Manila, Philippines

Wagner Campos, Costa Rica
Undergraduate clarinet professor, DePaul University, Chicago

David Cedeno, Colombia
Faculty, Chemistry and Coordinator, SEED Program, Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.

Andres Chehtman, Argentina
Marketing-Business Development, e-tradeconsult.com, Argentina

Jimmy Chiang, Hong Kong
Conductor, Vienna, Austria

Maria del Pilar Corena, Colombia
Research Associate, Whitney Laboratory, University of Florida, St. Augustine

Alexandra Costin, Romania
DMA program, Boston Conservatory; Performer, Romanian Radio Symphony Orchestra

Elida Dakoli, Albania
Private piano studio, Dallas

Biliana Dimitrova, Bulgaria
Instructor of Piano, Richland College, Dallas; Competitions Coordinator, Dallas Piano Teachers Association

Termidayo Fadelu, Nigeria
Student, Yale Medical School, New Haven, Conn.

Sayo Fukayode, Nigeria
Postdoctoral Fellow, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

Yaping Gao, China
Faculty, College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio

Elizandro Garcia, Costa Rica
Faculty, Merit School; Joffrey Ballet, Chicago

Francisco Gonzalez, Venezuela
Fellowship, South Carolina EPSCoR/IDeA, University of South Carolina, South Carolina State University and Claflin University

Jose Guardiola, Mexico
Faculty, Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Giancarlo Guerrero, Costa Rica
Conductor, Eugene Symphony, Eugene, Ore., Baylor Alumnus of the Year

Gina Guiterrez, Costa Rica
Trumpet, State Band of Costa Rica

Malinath Hadimani, India
Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Ye Hi, China
Faculty/Chair, Beijing Conservatory

Hilda Israel, South Africa
Chair, Department of Languages and Communication, Nelson Mandela University, Cape Elizabeth, South Africa

Nirund Jivasantikarn, Thailand
Founder and Chancellor, Yonok College, Thailand

Qian Jun, China
Clarinet soloist

Fabian Lopez, Spain
Completing DMA in violin, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Maria del Pilar Mejia, Colombia
Lecturer, Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.

Manrique Mendez, Costa Rica
Faculty, University of Costa Rica

Fernando Meza, Costa Rica
Faculty, University of Minnesota

Nairmen Mina-Camilde, Colombia
Professor, Chemistry, University of Puerto Rico in Mayaguez
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Vani Mocharla, India
Siemens Molecular Imaging, Los Angeles

Fanni Natanegara, Indonesia
Eli Lilly Corp., Singapore

Elizia Zhu Nicely, China
Brazos River Authority, Waco

Alison Querioz, Brazil
Professor of Piano, University of Recife, Brazil

Mario Perez, Costa Rica
Sara Lee Corporation, Latin American Branches

Alcides Rodriguez, Venezuela
Clarinet professor, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.

Ayman Safadi, Jordan
Editor-in-chief of Jordan’s Al Ghad newspaper; Former member, Royal Court of Jordan

Saori Sakakibara, Japan
Private piano studio, Tokyo

Anupama Shirali, India
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Rogelio Siles, Bolivia
Postdoctoral Research Associate, UCLA

Paolo Susanni, Italy
Lecturer, Texas State University, San Marcos

Rajendra Tanpure, India
Postdoctoral Research Associate, UCLA

Konstantin Taskov, Bulgaria
Doctoral student, information systems, University of North Texas

Maya Togo, Japan
Private piano studio, Osaka

Antje-Maria Traub, Sweden
Professor of piano, Conservatory of Zurich, Switzerland

Elif Uzuner, Turkey
Manager, Eastern European division, Johnson & Johnson, Budapest

Nathalie VanBallenberghe, Belgium
Doctoral student in musicology, University of Aberdeen, Scotland

Maria del Pilar Redondo Vega, Costa Rica
Faculty, Conservatory in San Jose, Costa Rica

Solomon Waigwa, Kenya
Faculty, Religion and Philosophy; Director, Church Leadership Program, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas

Hui Min Wang, Taiwan
Head of Piano Department, South Shore Conservatory, Boston

Xin Wang, China
Faculty, BIC, Baylor University

Li Yifei, China
MTV China

Man-ching “Donald” Yu, Hong Kong
Doctoral student, music composition, Hong Kong Baptist University

Leyla Zamora, Costa Rica
Bassoon, San Diego Symphony

Bin Zhang, China
Instructional Designer for Distance Education, University of Texas at Brownsville

Li Zhe, China
Head of Piano Department, Shenyan Conservatory, China

Ying Zhou, Japan
Rikadenshi Co., Ltd., Tokyo

Fernando Zuniga, Costa Rica
Pianist, Costa Rican National Symphony

We have received an overwhelming response from many in the Baylor community providing information about our international student alumni. Unfortunately, we were not able to list all of the submissions in this newsletter, but we look forward to continuing to receive updates on our international students for future postings.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU! Watch for our online form to submit information for future newsletters.
Mrs. Joe Murphy during a recent visit to the Center for International Education. From the left, Dr. William Mitchell, Jo Murphy Chairholder, center Mrs. Murphy, and on the right, Professor Michael Morrison, who will be the Chairholder as of February 2007.

At the Round Table
International Banquet, from left, Zhulduz Ashikbayeva, Linda Klatt, ISSS Director, and Dr. Aigul Toxanova, Research Scholar from Kazakhstan.