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NEWSLETTER

Updates from the International Programs Office

Year In Review

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

This year has been an unprecedented one, particularly in the field of international education. Coming off of a world-wide evacuation of students in Spring 2020, there was, and continues to be, much uncertainty about when, and how, international travel will resume. However, we remain dedicated to providing opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to engage with the world and have found creative ways to advance this mission over the last year.

Since Summer 2020, our staff have worked with faculty and partners to create virtual, cross-cultural internships and courses. We have connected our students virtually with peers around the world to discuss critical global problems and hone their international communication skills through the Global Peer Connect program. We have offered over 50 virtual information sessions and a weekly newsletter focused on our many international programs, started an international student cooking series and take-away recipe kits, and developed new international partnerships. Meanwhile, we have supported on-campus COVID testing, advised current and prospective international students and students planning for future study abroad, and contributed to campus, SUNY, and national initiatives to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We are grateful to our colleagues at SUNY Cortland and around the world for your continued support of international education during these challenging times and wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy summer break.

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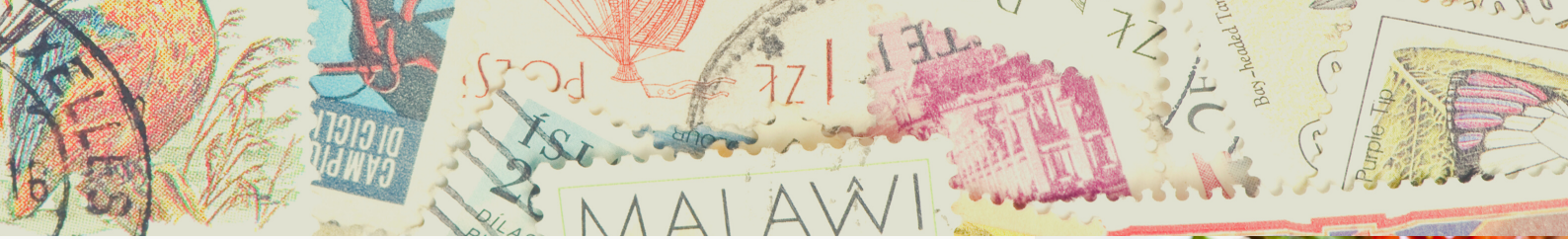
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SUNY Cortland wins Education in Ireland Global Greening Award

SUNY Cortland has been selected as a winner of the Global Greening Campus Award! The award includes a €1000 scholarship towards accommodations from our Irish partner, University College Cork and a round trip Aer Lingus flight for one lucky Cortland student who studies abroad at UCC during the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Thank you to everyone who helped us turn Cortland green for St. Patrick’s Day. Particular thanks to Facilities Management for turning the SUNY Cortland signs green, the ASC catering staff for the delicious cookie decorating kits, and to all the students who participated in our St. Patrick’s Day events!



Call for International Graduation Sash Photos

To the Class of 2021: please send us photos of you wearing your international graduation sash! Submit your photos using [this submission form](#). We will share your photos and experiences on our social media over the next few weeks and enter you in a raffle to win prizes! Even though we can't have our usual international graduation sash ceremony, we still want to honor your international experiences and connections! Faculty and staff who will be dressed in regalia and sporting your sash, feel free to send us photos too!



Bruschetta Kits

On April 19 (National Garlic Day), our office handed out 90 bruschetta making kits to students.

The kits contained recipe cards and all the ingredients needed to make delicious bruschetta.

You can check out our student chefs’ instructional video [on our website](#).

Event sponsored in part by an ASC Grant.





TESOL Students Teach Colombian Peers

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

This semester, six teacher candidates from SUNY Cortland's Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program gained valuable experience teaching students from the Universidad de Ibagué, Colombia. Through this pilot program, created by Modern Languages' faculty Paulo Quaglo and Shena Salvato, the TESOL students have provided online instruction in conversation, reading, and writing, through the Universidad de Ibagué Language Center's English Language Clubs. In support of this project, the presidents of the two institutions have signed a memorandum of understanding establishing a partnership to promote teaching English and Spanish as a second languages, language and cultural exchange, instructional programs, and research. Given the initial success of the TESOL project, the universities will be discussing renewing the agreement for further academic terms.



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Coming Soon: Course Database

CORTLAND COURSE EQUIVALENTS

We are currently in the process of building a searchable database, to be hosted on our website, which will house over 1000 study abroad course articulations. Starting with courses offered by our partner universities abroad which have been articulated in the past, this tool will allow students to see how courses that they are considering taking abroad will be brought in to their degree at Cortland. Students will be able to request an articulation of a new overseas course through an online portal on our website. We hope to pilot this tool in Fall 2021.





Alumni Spotlight

KATHLEEN TSANTES '19 AND FLORIAN PRINCAY

Kathleen Tsantes '19 studied abroad twice as an undergraduate Sociology major - first at Griffith University in Australia in the Spring of 2017 and then in Ireland in Winter 2019. She later worked as a student assistant in the International Programs Office. Kathleen is currently a Masters candidate in International Affairs at the University at Albany and has just secured an internship at the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals Fund.

Florian Princay was an exchange student, from University of La Rochelle in France, for the 2018-2019 academic year studying law and political science. Currently, Florian is an intern at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, Switzerland. Florian's team is in charge of conducting research on human rights violations and providing recommendations to governments, which do not comply with international human rights laws.

Graduating Student Spotlight

LYNDSEY LYNCH '21

After studying abroad at the University of Salamanca during Spring 2020, Lyndsey returned to Cortland to complete her Communication Studies degree. As the study abroad social media and marketing intern this semester, Lyndsey has used her impressive graphic design and advertising skills to create a cohesive aesthetic and engaging content for our Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter accounts. Her efforts have yielded a 43% increase in our Instagram engagement over the past three months. We wish Lyndsey the best as she graduates this semester, and we know that her experiences abroad and at SUNY Cortland will take her to great places in the world.

Contact Us

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Contact studyabroad@cortland.edu to schedule an appointment with an advisor. Or, contact our office by phone at (607) 753-2209. We look forward to hearing from you!

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