

International PROGRAMS & SERVICES NEWSLETTER



Millersville University

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LETTER FROM THE FORMER ACTING DIRECTOR:

I want to take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the remarkable accomplishments IPS Staff made during this period of leadership and staff transition. During the 2022-2023 Academic Year, the team has shown tremendous adaptability and resilience, ensuring a smooth transition with minimal impact on the student experience.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the esteemed Millersville faculty and staff for your dedication to internationalization initiatives over the past year. Your commitment has been instrumental in advancing institutional goals to expand international student enrollment and enhance study abroad participation. I am confident that The Office of International Programs and Services staff will continue to forge meaningful relationships across various campus offices and departments to further these efforts.

With an optimistic outlook on Millersville's future international initiatives, I am confident that we will achieve even greater success. Thank you once again for your continued dedication and let us eagerly anticipate the remarkable milestones ahead.

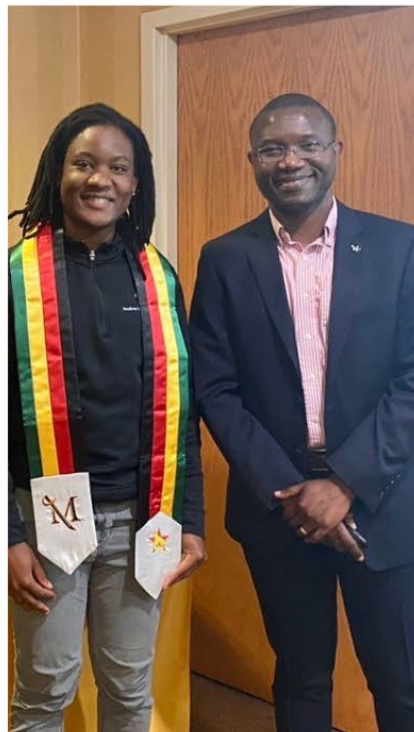
Dr. Christina Kinney
Former, Acting Director of International Programs and Services



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Congratulations, **GRADUATES**



COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION

FUNDING TO SUPPORT GLOBAL INITIATIVES

The Office of International Programs and Services has launched its own Fund the Ville' campaign! This ongoing campaign will focus on two initiatives. The first initiative is Sponsoring a Study Abroad Student. As the world has become more complex, the types of study abroad programs students are engaging on are broadening. Students can now do research, participate in professional internships, or present at conferences overseas. These non-traditional study abroad options are often not eligible for regular scholarships. Scholarships from this initiative will help cover expenses such as passport and visa charges or flights.

The second initiative this campaign covers is Sponsoring an International Student. Did you know that international students do not have access to the same financial resources when they experience personal or family hardship? They often need to return to their home country during vulnerable times. Our office would like to support international students in these situations. Scholarships from this initiative will help cover expenses such as a campus meal plan or books and class supplies.

Interested in giving to one of these initiatives? Visit:

<https://secure.ggiv.com/event/internationalprogramsinitiative/>

RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONALIZATION WORK

International Stewardship Award: The International Stewardship Award recognizes an individual or department who has contributed to the internationalization of Millersville University. Their commitment to internationalization has significantly impacted MU and exemplifies IPS' Mission and Vision.

Ms. Tara Borgna, Director of Enterprise Applications - This past year Tara has worked extensively with the International Admissions Unit within the Office of International Programs and Services to fix and streamline data workflow issues between multiple database systems. She has gone above and beyond to support international student and admissions data integrity and her work has contributed to building a foundation of for which to build on.

INTERNATIONAL INDEX SURVEY

IPS maintains a database of Millersville University faculty and staff with interest and expertise in international topics, which we use to engage members of the campus community as participants of internationalization initiatives and activities. If you have not already taken this survey, visit the Faculty and Staff Resources webpage on the IPS website: <https://www.millersville.edu/internationalprograms>

Advisory Board:

AY 22-23 MEMBERS:

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Dr. Ryan Wagner
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AY 22-23 COMMITTEES:

- A) Curriculum Mapping and Designation
- B) Faculty Development and Engagement
- C) Student Development and Engagement



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL PARTNER ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Kabarak University (Kenya): Drs. Margaret Mbindyo, Deborah Tamakloe, William Himmele, Pérsida Himmele presented a 3-day professional development training on *Intentional Teaching and Total Participation Techniques*, and engaged in discussions to become official university partners.

Academic City University (Ghana): Dr. Jim Delle, Associate Provost for Academic Administration and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning, and Dr. Marc Tomljanovich, Dean of the Lombardo College of Business visited ACU to meet with institutional leaders, present about Millersville University, and continue discussions on partnership development opportunities.



HOSTING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

The Office of International Programs and Services (IPS) hosted several university partners, guests, and visitors to campus this past year, including:

Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi, Vice Chancellor of Uganda Christian University (Uganda)

Dr. Johannes de Boer, Head of International Academic Affairs & Lecturer Creative Media and Game Technologies, and Mrs. Romy Smeding, Manager International Partnerships from Saxion University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)

A full delegation from St. John Technical Educational Campus (India)

Mr. Hector Liu, General Manager, and Ms. Qiong Li, International Program Manager from Beijing Prepare Education (China) visited campus to discuss an upcoming dual-degree partnership in Sport Administration.

IPS hosted EducationUSA advisors from Germany, Montenegro, Hungary, United Kingdom, and Syria to promote Millersville University and Pennsylvania as a study destination for international students.



PARTNERSHIP SITE VISITS & MEETINGS

Site visits are one of many strategies to ensure quality control for partnerships which engage in student mobility programs and a way to build relationships with enrollment-focused pathways. This past year, Dr. Christina Kinney, Acting Director of International Programs and Services, and Ms. Dawn Wharram, Education Abroad Advisor, completed the following site visits:

Chonnam National University (South Korea)

ISA by Worldstrides/TEAN (South Korea)

Fulbright / Education USA Office (South Korea)

American Business School in Paris (France)

University of Caen Normandy (France)

AIFS/Global Experiences (Spain)

Universidad de Burgos (Spain)



EDUCATION ABROAD

MAPS: MILLERSVILLE ABROAD PROGRAMS

Millersville University had 7 new MAPS programs this year! These new programs brought variety to our program content offerings for different majors as well as diversified our program locations.

Canada: Toronto International Film Festival
Germany, Poland, Sweden (New)
Sports in Puerto Rico
United Kingdom: Business in London (New)
Italy: Exploring Education, Policy, and Culture (New)
South Korea: Korean Culture and the Hallyu Wave (New)
Honors College Program to Latvia, Estonia, & Sweden (New)
Music of the Ancient World - Norway & Belgium
Europe: Pre-Modern Jukebox
Italy: IL Cinema Ritrovato: Film Festival, Bologna (New)
Iceland: Energy Resources, Sustainability, & the Environment
Honduras: Coral Reef Ecology Field Study (New)



Are you interested in leading a study abroad program? Reach out to the Education Abroad team in the Office of International Programs and Services to learn more about the MAPS proposal steps and timeline.

Email: Education.Abroad@millersville.edu



"I chose to study abroad in Florence because I initially heard good things about Italy from people I knew who studied abroad. I also started following an Instagrammer – Kacie Rose – who was sharing lots of fun videos about Florence and about her experience there as an American who moved there a few years ago. I also applied to and received one study abroad scholarship. And I'm so grateful that I did because it allowed me to have incredible experiences while I was abroad."

– Katherine Nichols, Italy

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Dr. Erik & Mrs. Jeanne Nakjavani Award for International Study = Noe Oberholtzer Hess: American University in Cairo, Egypt

The Dr. James E. Harf '61 Study Abroad Scholarship = Divora Mengisteab: Korea University and Alanna Bezas: MAPS Iceland-Energy Resources, Sustainability, & the Environment

Robert V & Virginia K Brown Scholarship for Global Education = Katherine Nichols: Florence, Italy

Bennett J. and Joanne Wargo Cooper Global Opportunity Scholarship = Madison Rhode: MAPS Germany, Poland, Sweden

Peter L. and Barbara B. Hunsberger Scholarship for Study Abroad = Justine Fry: University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia

API Study Abroad Scholarship = Ella Singer: Florence, Italy

STUDY ABROAD

FACTS AT A GLANCE

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MU STUDENTS STUDIED ABROAD

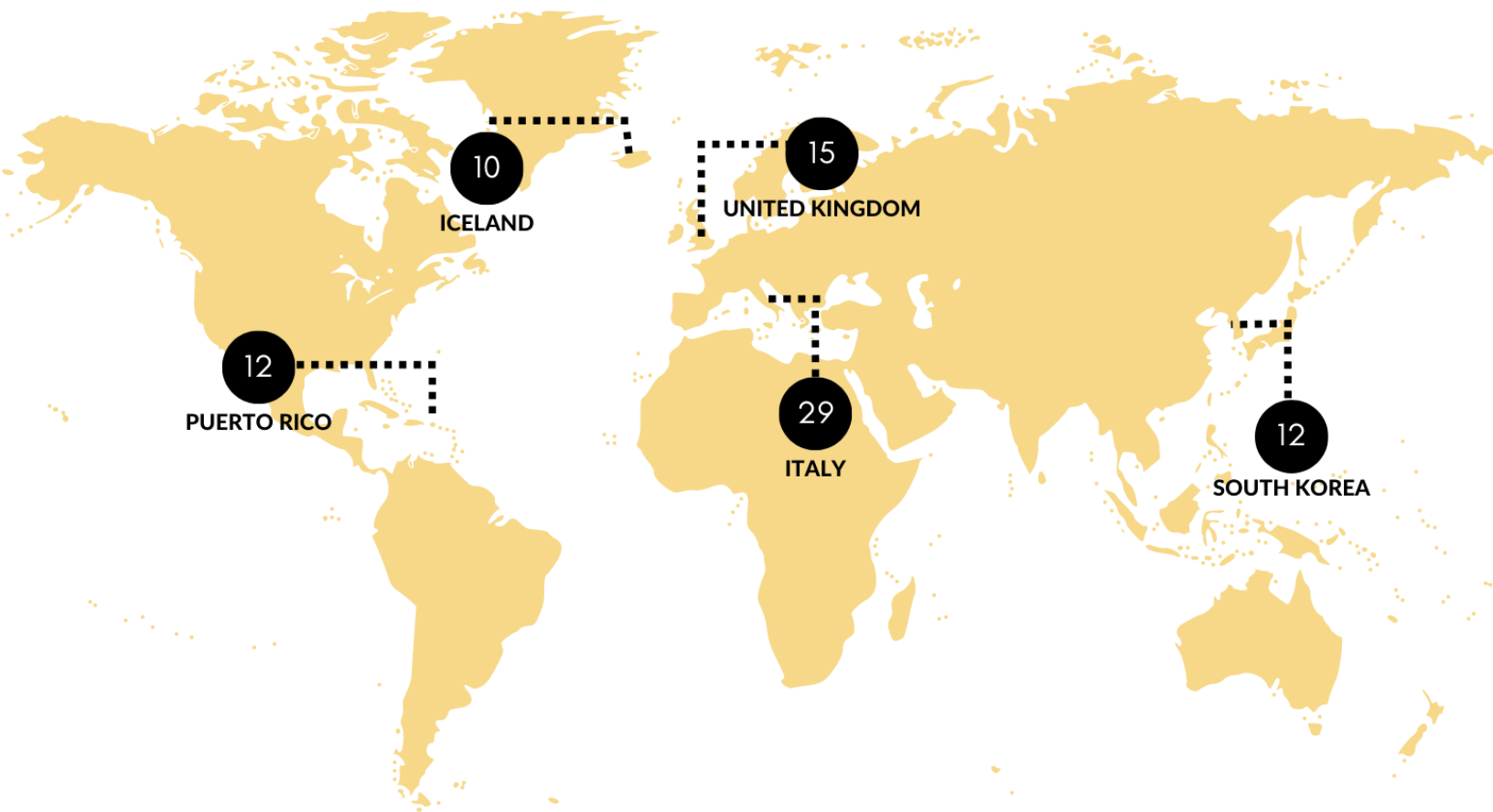
in Academic Year 2022-2023* in 30 different countries & US territories. 31 community members studied abroad with us for a total 172 travelers!!

*The most updated data IPS has at this time.

\$12,016

AWARDED TO STUDENTS FOR STUDY ABROAD

TOP STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS FOR MU STUDENTS



INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Between the dates of August 20th to October 4th the Office of International Programs and Services (IPS) collectively traveled to 11 nations and 21 cities to participate in 57 high school visits, 14 college fairs, and 4 conferences/networking events with key stakeholders.

Dr. Charity Alinda traveled to Nigeria, Ghana, and Costa Rica. Ms. Yang Zhang represented Millersville in Serbia and Columbia. Ms. Anna Bradford traveled to India, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

While the majority of the recruitment travel was focused on the undergraduate market, 5 events had a strong graduate admissions purpose. In total, approximately 9000 individuals participated in these events with about 16% desiring to attend a graduate program and 30% seeking to start their university career in Fall 2023. IPS expects to truly know the full impact of our efforts within the next three years. Our team looks forward to continuing the work in developing connections and relationships within these nations.

WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT AGENTS AND LOCAL/REGIONAL INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Millersville University has recently forged partnerships with several international recruitment agents and local/regional industry partners, marking a significant step forward in its global recruitment and outreach efforts. These recruitment agents and industry partners serve as intermediaries between Millersville and prospective international students. They actively promote MU and its academic programs to students in various countries, providing valuable information, guidance, and support throughout the application and enrollment process.

The collaboration with international recruitment agents offers several benefits to both the university and prospective students. For Millersville, it expands its global reach, allowing the institution to attract talented and diverse students from around the world. Local/regional industry partners provide additional sponsorship and support within the Millersville/Lancaster communities. Students through these partnerships bring unique perspectives, enriching the campus community and fostering cross-cultural learning. These partnerships enhance Millersville University's ability to provide a seamless and supportive experience for international students, contributing to their overall success and satisfaction.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The International Students and Scholar Services unit of IPS hosted a variety of activities throughout this past year. Most notably, the unit planned trips to Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Students were able to visit the nation's capital most popular landmarks and explore the rich history and beautiful sites including the White House, Lincoln Monument, and National Museum of African American History and Culture among others.

The unit also continued with the tradition of hosting the monthly International Tea-Time events that allow students to get together and socialize with friends, faculty, and staff. These monthly events are a staple of the office and provide a chance for everyone to connect and share culture.

In the fall, international students participated in the Millersville Community Parade. Students proudly walked the parade with their home country's flags. The semester events with our collaboration with Millersville Pepsi to host a game night that provide a variety of great games and activities to student and community members to interact. Millersville Pepsi provided prizes that were raffled off throughout the night. This collaboration welcomed over 150 attendees.

SHORT TERM PROGRAMS

This year, the Au Pair Weekend Institute at MU successfully underwent a revamp. Six Au Pair participants from various countries, including Brazil, France, Italy, Mexico, and Zimbabwe, attended the institute where they learned about the Amish and US culture in Lancaster County. The institute allowed the participants to meet the educational requirements of the U.S. Department of State as J-1 visa holders. We look forward to welcoming more Au Pair participants in the future!

We have added a new program from Tecmilenio University (Mexico) and restarted short-term programs with Beaconhouse National University (Pakistan). This summer, participants will attend seminar sessions and visit local businesses in Lancaster and New York through a program with Lombardo College of Business. Local visits will include Northwestern Mutual, Emerald Assets, and Bloomberg Headquarters in New York City, providing valuable insights into the US business model.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FACTS AT A GLANCE

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDIED AT THE VILLE

in Academic Year 2022-2023 from 40 foreign countries and territories.

MOST COMMON MAJORS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

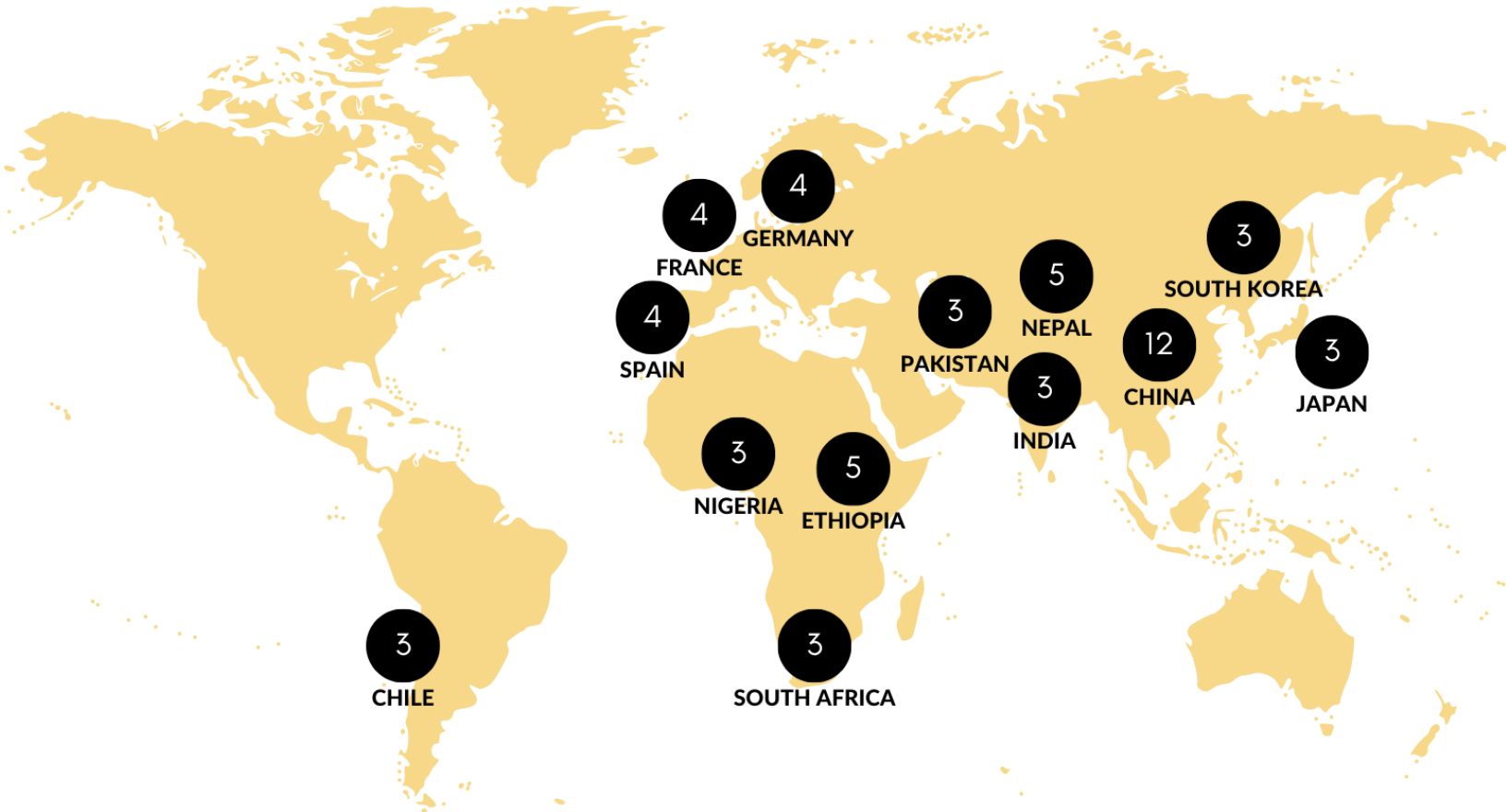
UNDERGRADUATE

- Allied Health Technology
- Computer Science
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Psychology

GRADUATE

- Early Childhood Education
- Psychology
- Technology & Innovation

TOP HOME COUNTRIES OF MU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES STAFF

Traci Benson, International Programs Clerical Assistant

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Dawn Wharram, M.Ed., Education Abroad Advisor

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Dr. Christina Kinney, Associate Director of Education Abroad & Partnerships

INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UNIT

Anna Bradford, M.Ed., Associate Director of International Admissions
Yang Zhang, M.Ed., Assistant Director of International Admissions

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES UNIT

Dr. Charity Alinda, Associate Director of International Student & Scholar Services

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Cliff Darkes, M.A., ELI Assessment Coordinator, ELI Instructor

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please welcome, Dr. Dan Kulmala, the new Assistant Vice President for International Programs and Global Engagement. This position will oversee the Office of International Programs and Services and internationalization efforts at Millersville University.

SAVE THE DATE

Study Abroad Fair:

August 30th 11:00 - 2:00PM
Student Memorial Center MPR

International Education Week:

November 13th - 17th

MISSION STATEMENT

Enrich the academic and cultural environment of Millersville University by leading internationalization initiatives.

VISION STATEMENT

An inclusive internationalized campus that fosters global leadership and engagement.



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