

International

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NEWSLETTER



Millersville University

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR:

It is a great honor to be leading the charge of comprehensive internationalization at Millersville University. During the 2021-2022 school year, the IPS staff reflected on the unprecedented impacts of the last few years in the field of international education and what comprehensive internationalization has meant as we ventured into the new "never-normal" era of our work. Whether it's providing opportunities for our students, faculty, and staff to have engaging opportunities internationally or facilitating virtual collaborations to bring the world into the classroom, IPS remains committed to its core mission and vision.

We will continue to celebrate and build on our past successes and find new opportunities as we look to "reimagine internationalization" at Millersville. We will continue working collaboratively with stakeholders to shape this vision as we enter our office's 40th year anniversary. We are optimistic for this future and look forward to continuing partnering with faculty and staff as we create international opportunities rooted in our EPPIC values.

Dr. Patrice Campbell
Director of International Programs



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Congratulations, **GRADUATES**



COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION

NEW INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL POLICY

Over the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of International Programs and Services has worked diligently to upgrade existing policies and procedures for international travel. The new International Travel Policy was approved by the President's Cabinet and implemented in fall 2021. The policy intends to define and clarify existing international programming and add risk management protocols and considerations for all MU stakeholders.

The new policy:

- Defines MU-related international travel
- Updates to the study abroad eligibility criteria
- Implements the Travel Registry requirement for international travel by faculty, staff, and students
- Defines criteria for approval of travel to high-risk destinations
- Establishes policy for export control guidance

Read more at: www.millersville.edu/about/administration/policies

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.

Dr. Elizabeth Powers-Costello - Champions the idea of breaking silos through her work to make several of the Masters Education programs accessible for international students.

University Communication and Marketing - This past year they have worked to pull out all the stops in assisting IPS in telling our 'story'.

Student Choice Award: The Student Choice Award recognizes a faculty or staff member who has displayed a significant commitment to MU's student population by fostering global engagement and/or by supporting student success in a global context both on and off campus.

Dr. Daniel Keefer – Submitted nominations said he “dedicates time to students; overall a caring professor who enjoys contributing to Millersville's legacy.”

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>

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INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Deborah Tamakloe, Dr. Jason Petula, and MU Integrated STEM Education Methods minor Anna Milner facilitated a STEM education workshop at Millersville's partner, the University of Cape Coast, in Ghana. The three-day workshop led participants through how to teach STEM education and built model rockets. They also participated in a site visit to Millersville's partner, Academic City College, in Ghana. Prior to departing, MU student, Anna Milner, taught a STEM lesson to second graders at Bethel Presbyterian School in Ghana. She also brought additional materials to donate to the classroom.



HOSTING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS & PARTNERS

Dr. Donald Christianson from Internationella Engelska Skolan visited to present opportunities to complete a student teaching experience in Sweden and additionally interview candidates for full-time jobs teaching in Sweden. Dr. Christianson offered positions to three students during his visit.



Cédric Guern, ISEP Coordinator, and Eve Hilariet, MBA Program Assistant from the Université de Caen Normandie, visited MU to present to potential study abroad students, meet with campus stakeholders, update program information, and renew friendships.



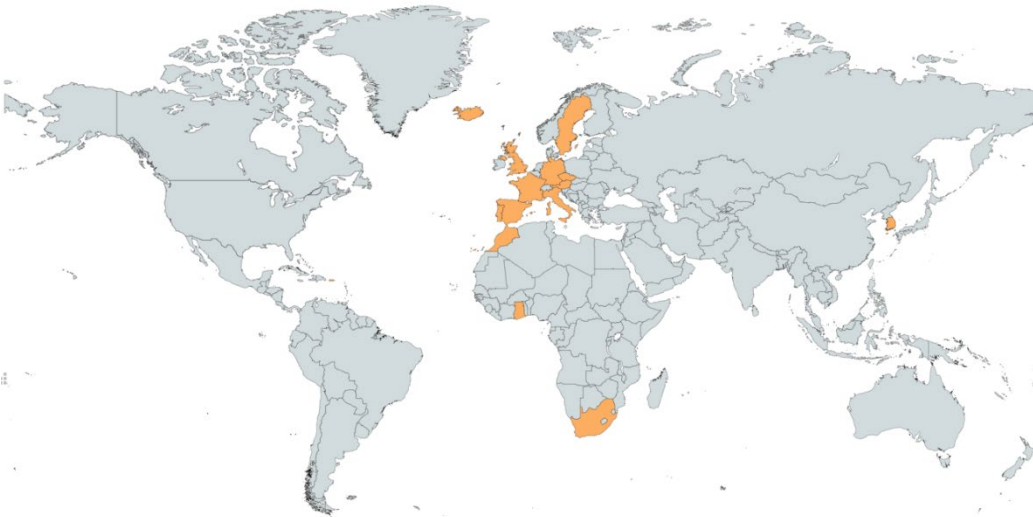
STUDY PENNSYLVANIA (STUDYPA)

Pennsylvania is a hub of higher education in the United States and international students are taking notice. According to NAFSA, a leading association of international educators, Pennsylvania ranks sixth in the nation for international student recruitment. Last year, international students contributed \$1.5 billion to the state's economy and enrollment supported almost 19,000 jobs throughout the commonwealth. However, both domestic and global competition is on the rise.

Study Pennsylvania (StudyPA) is a non-profit and member-driven organization of educational institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Created with the help of the U.S. Commercial Service, its mission is to support the internationalization initiatives of its member institutions and to connect international students and scholars with quality programs and institutions in Pennsylvania. StudyPA members work collaboratively to increase visibility in the global marketplace, to facilitate partnerships between educational institutions within the state and those in other countries, and to capitalize on the services of federal and state government agencies.

StudyPA Board of Directors include professionals from a variety of institutions including Temple University and Villanova University. Millersville's Dr. Christina Kinney, StudyPA Board Chair-Elect and Digital Engagement Manager, has supported the development of this initiative since June 2019. Read more at <http://studypa.org/>

EDUCATION ABROAD



The map represents where students have studied abroad this year.

RELAUNCH OF STUDY ABROAD

The COVID pandemic caused massive disruptions in international travel. Students have been limited to virtual study abroad options. However, the pandemic did not slow down study abroad advising or interest! Over the past two years, our office has advised 350+ students on international programs. This year we are on track to send over 150 travelers on programs around the world, including on 7 MAPS: Millersville Abroad Programs and several international conferences.



MEET DAWN WHARRAM, EDUCATION ABROAD ADVISOR!

Dawn joined the team in October 2021. She has over 8 years' experience as a study abroad advisor and 20+ years' experience working in higher education. She studied abroad for 2 years as an undergraduate and graduate student and worked abroad in England.



RE-ENTRY PROGRAMMING FOR PARTICIPANTS

This year IPS implemented a study abroad re-entry program. The program walks students through describing, critically examining, and articulating their experiences. The new program allows participants to reflect on the goals they made for study abroad while celebrating all that they have accomplished. It also provides an opportunity for students to learn how to describe the knowledge and skills they acquired abroad to potential employers and graduate schools.

The program includes the Re-Entry and Career Connection Workbooks, the Welcome Back Bash event, and new advising for global opportunities post-MU graduation.

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Womble Family Scholarship for Study Abroad = Holly Gouge: Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland

Dr. Erik & Mrs. Jeanne Nakjavani Award for International Study = Lauren Fuchs: University of Burgos, Spain

The Dr. James E. Harf '61 Study Abroad Scholarship = Emily Klick: MAPS Costa Rica Educational Service and Cultural Immersion and Olivia Sonnett: MAPS Sweden ERCH 495 Integrative STEM Practicum

Robert V & Virginia K Brown Scholarship for Global Education = Megan Stump: Student Teaching, South Africa

Bennett J. and Joanne Wargo Cooper Global Opportunity Scholarship = Holly Gouge: Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland

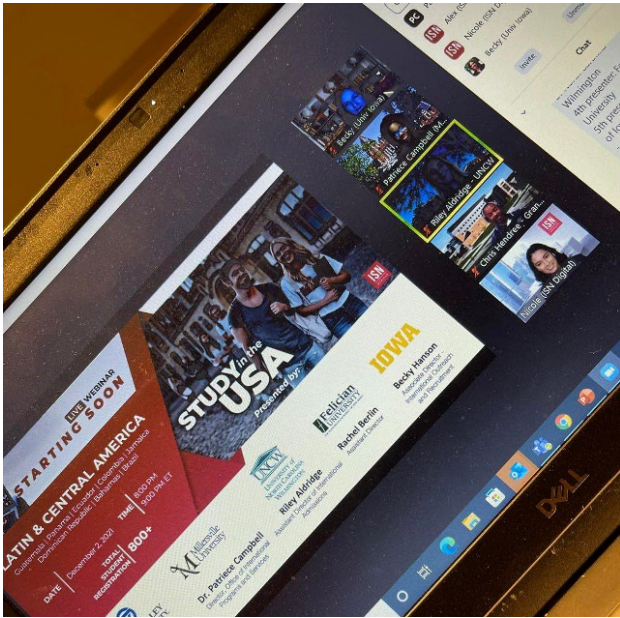
Peter L. and Barbara B. Hunsberger Scholarship for Study Abroad = Emily Chatburn: Universidad Nebrija, Spain

AIFS Generation Study Abroad Scholarship = Elizabeth Smigo: Charles University, Czech Republic

INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

RECRUITING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

IPS staff has participated in nearly 80 virtual and hybrid fairs in over 50 countries and regions, including Vietnam and larger broad markets like Latin and Central America. Additionally, our international partner universities provided on-site presentations to potential transfer students, with materials and videos provided by IPS. We have seen the number of applicants for Fall 2022 increase by over 90% over Fall 2018. We are excited about welcoming our incoming students in August!



MEET ANNA BRADFORD, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

Anna joined the team in May 2022. She has worked in International Admissions for over 5 years. After living abroad in Japan for 5 ½ years to teach English as a Second Language, Anna was able to channel her passion for international education into admissions. She enjoys meeting new people and advising dreamers from all over the world to pursue their career goals.



INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS JOINS OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The international admissions team has officially moved! The international admissions team was previously located in the Lombardo Welcome Center and moved to Lyle Hall in 2020. The International Enrollment Management (IEM) Unit officially came under the Office of International Programs and Services' (IPS) reporting line in spring 2022.

IPS operations have expanded over the last few years and the inclusion of international admissions supports the overall strategic goal of increasing the number of international students on campus. The IEM Unit will help strategically market, recruit, and enroll international students and provide a seamless transition from enrollment to supporting retention.



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. during cherry blossom season and the Kite Festival. Students were able to visit the nation's capital most popular landmarks and explore the rich history and beautiful sites.

The unit also hosted 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.

We ended the semester with our first ever collaboration with Millersville Pepsi to host a game night that provided a variety of great games including giant Jenga, giant connect 4, bingo, cornhole, videogames, and card games. Millersville Pepsi provided prizes that were raffled off throughout the night. This collaboration marked the largest event in the history of IPS with over 150 attendees! The event provided exposure to Millersville students and community members who learned about services provided by the Office of International Programs and Services.



Right before the end of the spring semester, graduating and exchange international students had the opportunity to have lunch with Silvia Vasquez-Lavado the author of "In the Shadow of the Mountain". Silvia, a mountaineer was an international student from Peru who graduated from Millersville on a Fulbright scholarship in 1996. Silvia served as one of the guest speakers and honorary degree recipients during the May 2022 commencement ceremony.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION

On Friday, April 15, 2022, The English Language Institute (ELI) operated by the Office of International Programs and Services was granted initial 5-year accreditation by The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA).

CEA is one of the premier accrediting bodies for English program, so this credential puts the ELI at MU in good stead alongside the best programs in the world and will help MU tell its story related to Admissions and as we continue to build relationships with new partners. CEA's mission "is to protect the interests of students and promote excellence in the field of English language teaching and administration through accreditation of English language programs and institutions worldwide."

You may read more about CEA here: <https://cea-accredit.org/>.



(Organizational Membership with NAFSA: Association of International Educators and TESOL International Association.)

This successful accreditation is the culmination of many years of hard work by a lot of people. Several committees worked in specific standard areas as part of the self-study conducted over the past two years. The ELI hosted a site visit during the fall 2021 semester, which included a thorough examination of all documents and processes of the ELI, interviews with students, teachers, and staff, and classroom observations. All of this led to this recent affirmation of the program. With this result, MU also is achieving a long-standing goal by offering an accredited, intensive English program to serve international students on campus.

The ELI began in fall of 2017 with five students. It has since served over 60 students with an average of 15-20 students a term prior to the challenges of Covid-19 that affected travel and enrollment. The mission of the ELI is "to equip English Language Learners for a successful transition into U.S. university programs, where they can participate fully as confident members of the campus and local community." ELI data tracking confirms that ELI students are not only increasing their language proficiency and getting good grades in their ELI classes, but they are also maintaining above average GPAs in their MU classes after the ELI.

You may read more about the ELI here:

<https://www.millersville.edu/internationalprograms/eli/>.

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SAVE THE DATE

*Reframing
Internationalization
Summit*

*Thursday, July 28, 2022
Millersville University (In Person)*

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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