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Hello International Alums! The NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach is proud to share with you our International Alumni E-Newsletter. By creating this newsletter, NDSU hopes to create a sense of belonging amongst our International Alumni as well as keep you connected and in touch with developments affecting the university and alumni communities. By staying updated and informed about the university's diversity initiatives, we can help the campus become a more diverse, unified and welcoming community for all. You can also stay connected by LinkedIn or visiting our [Facebook Page](#) as well. For more information please contact Vice President Myers:

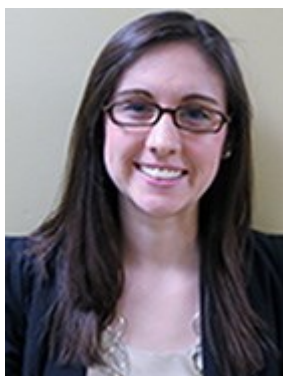
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Share your experiences as a former NDSU student!

The international admission team frequently engages in global outreach efforts to share information about NDSU with prospective students. These efforts include hosting Google+ Hangout sessions, QQ online chat sessions, and CollegeWeekLive online chat sessions and webcasts. We would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming events, which are available on <http://www.ndsu.edu/intl/admissions/hangouts>. As a former international student of NDSU, you have a unique perspective and prospective students value your insight. If you are interested in participating in one of our future events, please email us at ndsu.intl.admissions@ndsu.edu.



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Expanding Study Abroad Opportunities!

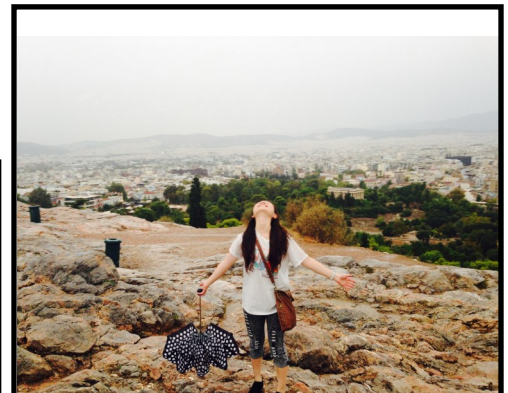


Kevin and Jean Melicher recently gave \$1,500 to be given as a study abroad scholarship to an individual who has declared a major or minor in an academic field directly related to healthcare. As we see more study abroad programs available to students in majors such as pharmacy and nursing, this scholarship will certainly be awarded to a deserving student taking part in a study abroad experience that will expand their knowledge of practices surrounding healthcare in other countries. Thank you Kevin and Jean for your commitment and financial support for study abroad students!

John R. Klai II and his husband **Jon Sparer** created a \$500 scholarship to support students in learning about the world through a study abroad experience. John is an NDSU alumnus and strong supporter of the university and its mission. Thank you John and Jon for your generous contribution in the form of a study abroad scholarship. The student who receives it will not only benefit during their time studying abroad, but the lasting impression of such an experience will last a lifetime.



Lucy Huang is both an international student and a study abroad student who went on the Business European Fall Semester program for 5 weeks. She won the Bison Abroad Photo Contest this fall, and her prize was a \$50 gift card to the NDSU Bookstore.





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Current International Student Advisors



Kayli Harlan— F-1

I grew up in Ohio and went to university in Indiana. My major was International Relations and I studied abroad for one semester in Xiamen, China. After university, I spent two years working and living in Shanghai, China as an English teacher. I moved to Fargo, North Dakota in the summer of 2014 and began working at NDSU as an International Student Advisor. I think Fargo is too cold, but I really enjoy working with all the international students at NDSU.



Carly Gunnerson— F-1

I've been with the ISSAS office since September 2013. I am originally from Fargo, ND but earned my bachelor's degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA and my Master's at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. I've loved my experience working in the ISSAS office and look forward to an exciting new semester.



Amy Knudson— F-1

I have worked at NDSU for almost 5 years, and have been an international student advisor for 3 years. I also work with international alumni so please contact me if you would like to be involved on campus! I recently earned my MBA at NDSU this May. Previous to my MBA I graduated from NDSU with my BA in Spanish and my BS in Business Administration. While an undergraduate student I studied abroad in Spain for a semester, and while an MBA student I studied abroad in Europe for 10 days on a faculty-led trip. I love to travel!



Sara Johnson— J-1

I am an International Student Advisor and Web Specialist for the Office of International Student and Study Abroad Services. Next year, I will celebrate my tenth year of working in the office and at NDSU. I graduated from NDSU with her bachelors degree in Sociology and German, and completed a masters also from NDSU in Sociology. Currently I am a PhD candidate in the Education Doctoral Program at NDSU and anticipates completion of my PhD in late 2015.



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Holiday Shopping Trip

The International Student and Study Abroad Services Office took students on a Holiday Shopping Trip to the [Mall of America](#) and [Holidazzle Village](#) on December 6, 2014. The Holidazzle Village is a new place to gather during the holiday season along Nicollet Mall between 10th and 12th streets. In the village there were choirs and bands performing, unique nightly events like meeting reindeer, story time for kids and more. Inside the Minneapolis Holiday Market, located at Peavey Plaza, there was shopping, food and beverage, and other fun activities. Twinkle lights illuminated Nicollet Mall, and students could see the iconic Holidazzle Light Bulbs. Students found lots of fun international Christmas gifts and souvenirs at the Mall of America. There were plenty of fun holiday activities for students to do at these locations. Students didn't need to worry about winter weather driving conditions or about spending all their time driving as our driver took the students to Minneapolis on a comfortable coach bus.





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Thank You for Donations!

The Global Outreach (GO) International Alumni Network connects NDSU international alumni and provides a forum for communication between recent NDSU graduates and their alumni counterparts. To learn more about the GO International Alumni Network and to become a member, please click on the link provided below!

[GO International Alumni Network](#)

If you would like to donate to the NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach please use the following link with the designation Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

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A special thank you to John R. Klai II, Jon Sparer, Kevin Melicher, and Jean Melicher for their contributions to expanding study abroad opportunities for NDSU students!

We appreciate the continued support of community members and alumni.

If any alumni are interested in mentoring NDSU students, providing internships or employment opportunities, or are interested in providing scholarships for NDSU students please contact:

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These opportunities benefit and prepare students extensively while also providing them with tools to learn and grow as individuals.

NDSU Upcoming Events Calendars

Please use the following links to see NDSU's upcoming events and activities:

[Diversity Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Bison Athletics Schedule](#)

[Attention Alumni!](#)

Do you have announcements or happenings of your own that you would like submitted into our International Alumni newsletter? We encourage you to submit any updates, announcements or articles [here](#) and we will gladly share them in our next newsletter with fellow NDSU alumni!