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Hello International Alums! The NDSU Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach Office 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 [FB Page](#) as well.

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## New International Student Orientation

From August 15-17 the Fall 2012 New International Student Orientation was held for both graduate and undergraduate students. Each day breakfast and lunch was provided to students as they met other new international students and were presented with information about the NDSU campus and the Office of International Programs. Students also took a new Compass test which helps determine what level of math and English they have acquired and allows them to register for classes in which they will be most successful. Students were able to register for courses at this time and meet their international student advisor, as well as activate their NDSU email and Blackboard accounts. Campus tours were also provided and on the 16th there was a Welcome

Dinner in the evening for the students. In addition, the Saturday after Orientation and before classes began there was a bowling event in the lower level of the Memorial Union to give current students the opportunity to meet the new international students.

During the semester there will be several information sessions for international students each month, about subjects such as student health insurance, how to use the library, and U.S. tax information. We are excited to see our International student population continue to grow and New International Student Orientation is a great way to help make international students feel welcome and at home at NDSU.



**Dr. Myers and Vice President Myers welcome incoming students**



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## NDSU International Students Head to Chicago

The Office of International Programs lead a trip to Chicago over Labor Day weekend that was open to both international and domestic NDSU students. The purpose of the trip was to expose our students to one of our country's iconic cities in the Midwest. It was a two night trip with hotel accommodations at the Doubletree Hotel Chicago located on the Magnificent Mile in downtown Chicago. The total cost for the trip was

\$290 per student which included transportation to and from Fargo, hotel accommodations, and a Go Chicago card which gave the students entry to more than 28 different tourist attractions and discounts throughout the city. A motor coach made the long trip comfortable and arrived at the hotel in the early evening, allowing the students ample free time to explore downtown Chicago in small groups. Students could choose from a list of suggested attractions and

activities where they could use their GO Chicago card such as Millennium Park, Willis Tower, Art Institute of Chicago, Shedd Aquarium, and Navy Pier.

The Chicago trip is a great way for International students to experience the American culture, explore an iconic city and build great friendships that will continue throughout their time at NDSU.

## NDSU July 4th Celebration

Over 100 STEM Program participants, international students, and staff enjoyed a good old fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on the grounds next to the Equity and Diversity Center. The day was filled with laughter and the squealing of children of all ages as they ran through the sprinkler led by Lisa Hauck, the Director of International Programs.

The water balloon toss helped to keep everyone cool as they played volley ball and had their faces painted. The day was celebrated with lots of food, music, and the making of lifelong friends.



**July 4th Celebration attendees enjoy the fun environment and warm weather!**



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## The Office of International Programs Study Abroad Day

The Office of International Programs' Study Abroad Day, on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, was expanded this year to offer students more opportunities to learn about the study abroad programs available through NDSU.

Approximately 250 students attended the Study Abroad Fair that took place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Thundar's Den in the food court area of the Memorial Union. The Study Abroad Fair offered 17 informational tables where students could visit with study abroad program representatives, faculty leaders and returned study abroad students to learn more about the study abroad

programs. Visitors voted on their favorite photos submitted by returned study abroad students in the categories of "People and Culture" and "Landscapes and Monuments". Philip Gruhot won first place in the category of "People and Culture" for his photo of a child watching enormous bubbles being blown by a street performer in France, and Jake Williams won first place in "Landscapes and Monuments" for his photo of the amazing architecture of Amsterdam at dusk.

Global Fest, a celebration of European cultures in a fun and informal environment, was a new event this year. Forty students attended this

evening event to talk with returnee students, eat European-style snacks including apple strudel and bruschetta, and play games at the Rec Center.

This year also marked the introduction of the Passport Contest. Students who attended both events could collect stamps in their NDSU passport and enter to win \$250 toward an airline ticket from STA Travel. This year's winner was Meghan Battest, a freshman Public Relations & Advertising major. She plans to use the credit for travel to Europe during summer 2013.

**For more information on Study Abroad:**  
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(above) 1st place photo by Philip Gruhot

(left) 1st place photo by Jake Williams



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## John & Susan Wold Study Abroad Scholarship

John and Susan Wold, ardent advocates of study abroad, started a scholarship in 2006 to support NDSU students going abroad. The scholarship award provides financial support to help make study abroad dreams a reality for NDSU students.

John was born and raised in Fargo, about six blocks from campus. After graduating from NDSU in Pharmacy he worked as a pharmacist for one year at his father's drug store, Wold Drug, in Moorhead. He then attended the Univ. of Iowa where he received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology. Susan was raised in Indiana and attended Indiana University; she spent a summer as a backpacker in Europe after graduation.

John's first international experience was a year in London doing research at St. Mary's Hospital Medical

School on a postdoctoral fellowship. He returned to the U.S. and lived in Indianapolis, IN as a research scientist at the pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly. A highlight of his 28 year career was an assignment as Managing Director of the Lilly Research Centre in Windlesham, England. John and Susan took the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe with their two children while they lived there. His work also required business travel throughout much of Western Europe and later his management assignments meant extensive travel to most of the rest of the world.

John takes great pride in the closeness of the relationships he had developed with other NDSU students. "Even today, fifty years later some of my closest friendships are with those I met at NDSU even though we are now

spread thousands of miles apart," he says.

NDSU's geographic location is a long way from any concentrated international culture. That is just one reason why John and Susan urge all NDSU undergraduates to take advantage of any opportunity for international study and why they try to help encourage that with the scholarship program.

"The time to travel and learn is now! It will never get any easier. When jobs and family come along there will be many reasons to stay close to home. Yes, it's expensive, but it's an investment in your future that will reap huge rewards in knowledge, cultural exposure, friendships and memories to last a lifetime. Go for it and Go Bison!"

**For more information on Study Abroad Scholarships:**  
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**John and Susan Wold  
traveling in Ireland**



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## Thanks for Donations!

A special thank you to:  
**John & Susan Wold**



John and Susan Wold, passionate supporters of study abroad, began their scholarship in 2006 to provide funding for students going abroad. The scholarship is awarded annually during the spring semester for students who travel abroad during the next academic year.

Your donation has truly helped the NDSU campus and will continue to help create a community where students can learn and expand their education in a welcoming environment.

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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We give our sincerest thank you for all donations made. Your contributions help to transform this campus into a diverse and united community where all can

benefit from the numerous opportunities in higher education.

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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The 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 Diversity 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 to us and we will gladly share them in our next newsletter with fellow NDSU alumni!**

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