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Office of International Programs Welcomes New Employees!

**Amy Knudson: International Student Advisor
Office of International Programs**

My name is Amy Knudson, I was born and raised in Fargo and I graduated from NDSU in 2008 with a BS in Business Administration and a BA in Spanish. This summer I started the MBA program at NDSU. I recently accepted my position this September with the Office of International Programs as an International Student Advisor/Alumni Outreach Coordinator. I studied abroad in 2006 in Granada, Spain, and the experience greatly influenced my life. After experiencing what it is like to be an international student I have much more compassion for and understanding of our international students here. I have been married for almost a year to my high school crush, and we are hoping to buy our first home in the next year so there are lots of new and exciting things going on in my life right now! My favorite things to do in my spare time are travel, spend time with family, and keep in touch with friends.



**Jennifer Krautkremer: Administrative Assistant
Office of International Programs**

My main job is to provide support to the Director of the Office of International Programs. Since I have started, I have been assisting the Associate Director with planning for visiting international delegations, organizing data and presentations, and many other projects. I also provide back-up front desk coverage, co-advise the International Student Association, and provide additional support to the office through assisting with special projects. I hail from Minnesota where I grew up in Brainerd and went to St. Cloud State University. After graduation I moved to Fargo and worked at Concordia College for two and a half years. I am also a part-time student in the Counseling and Student Affairs master's program at MSUM. I have two cats and love animals. In my spare time I enjoy cooking, watching movies, and reading.



**Suzan Wolter: Administrative Secretary
Office of International Programs**

Hi everyone! I'm the new receptionist/secretary in the Office of International Programs. My new job adventure with OIP started September 8th. What an exciting office this is! And what a perfect place for me to work, as I enjoy learning about our world, meeting new people, and traveling. I've enjoyed meeting international students from around the world and hope I can help them be a success as they study at NDSU. I am married, have three children and I'm a grandma! My favorite things to do are: spending time with my kids and hanging out with friends, camping, canoeing, reading, and walking.



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**Tabitha Thomas: Faculty Immigration Assistant
Office of International Programs**

I'm the (new) Faculty Immigration Assistant to Deb Maertens in OIP. While I'm new to this position, I'm not new to NDSU nor the EDGO Division. I'm an NDSU alumna with a BS in Business Administration. I'm originally from the South (listen closely and you can hear it), but I've lived in the upper Midwest since 1997. I'm married, with 3 kids: an adult step-son and 2 daughters. After people hear that I'm from the South, the next question is "So, what brought you here to North Dakota?" and my answer is "My hubby". Although I LOVE my job and the people I've come to serve, my hubby has joked that I may have missed my calling because I also love photography (amateur). In the few weeks that I've been here, I've enjoyed the warm reception of joining a great team. Also, the Immigration Faculty that I've served so far, have been very gracious, and that is an unexplainable fulfillment that I was hoping for.



NDSU Alum Shripat Kamble Honored

NDSU Alum, Shripat Kamble, has received the 2011 Recognition Award in Urban Entomology from the Entomological Foundation. As an Entomologist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln he has received the award for "outstanding extension, research and teaching contributions in urban entomology."

Kamble has been a Professor of Entomology at UNL, for 33 years. His research on distribution of termiticides in soils contributed to label changes that now recommend drilling holes one foot apart to create a continuous chemical barrier.

He also participated in national termiticide research to develop data for reduction in exterior treatment and targeted interior treatment. In addition he also has promoted the use of bait products in sensitive environments, rather than pesticides. Kamble's work and research has brought much success to the Entomology field and has contributed greatly to its advancement.

As a professor, Kamble has supervised eight master's and 11 Ph.D. students. Kamble received his Ph.D. in Entomology from NDSU in 1974 and we are very honored to call him an NDSU Alum!



**Shripat Kamble,
Professor of
Entomology at UNL**

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NDSU International Alum Visits NDSU

In November Hillol Ray was invited by the NDSU English and Civil Engineering Departments to visit NDSU. Hillol is an NDSU International Alum who graduated with an MS in Environmental Engineering in 1977. For the past 34 years Hillol has worked for the Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas, Texas, and is an established engineer, poet, and advocate for the environment and humanity. On November 3rd he participated in the English department's Cosgrove Seminar Series by reading several of his poems. He was invited by the Civil Engineering Department to present a seminar titled: *Brief Overview of the EPA in Region 6 Drinking Water Enforcement Program* on Friday, November 4th.

Hillol Ray was born in a suburb of Calcutta, India, and has been writing poetry since he was 6 years old. He was raised in great poverty and came to NDSU with only a suitcase and very little money; he was able to attend NDSU on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship.

Hillol met with many people on campus including Amy Knudson, International Student Advisor & Alumni Outreach Coordinator in the Office of International Programs and the Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach, Evie Myers. Hillol discussed with us his experiences at NDSU as well as his thoughts on diversity and equality for students

and all of humanity. We talked about the cold winters in North Dakota and how many international students have come ill-equipped for the freezing temperatures. For the past couple of years the Equity and Diversity Center has collected winter wear donations and encouraged students to grab a coat if they do not have one. It is always great to learn about the challenges international students, both alums and current students, face so that we may better serve them at NDSU.

We are grateful for the opportunity to meet Hillol and spend some time with him, and we hope to maintain a lasting relationship between our International Alums, like Hillol, and NDSU.



(left to right)
**Hillol Ray, Evie Myers
and Amy Knudson**

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1,000 Cranes to Japan

In December, 30 students hosted a contact table with the goal of folding 1,000 origami cranes.

In Japanese culture, the crane has long been a symbol of luck. Tradition dictates that making 1,000 origami cranes warrants a wish come true. The legend was immortalized by *Sadako and the Thousand Cranes*, (Eleanor Coerr, 1977) the account of a little girl named Sadako who developed Leukemia following the WWII bombing of Hiroshima. Hopeful to be

healed, Sadako was determined to fold 1,000 paper cranes as she spent painful days in the hospital. With the popularity of Sadako's story, origami cranes have become an international symbol for peace.

Recent graduate, Shashika Rathnasinghe of Sri Lanka, initiated the idea to send 1,000 cranes to Japan as an expression of care for the Japanese nation as they recover from the earthquake and tsunami last March.

Upon completion, the cranes will be sent to one of the shelters in Fukushima, which houses about 100 survivors. 340 cranes are needed to reach 1,000. If you or your organization is interested in donating your time to fold (or learn how to fold) the remainder, please contact Regina Ranney at the NDSU Equity and Diversity Center.

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NDSU students folding cranes for Japan

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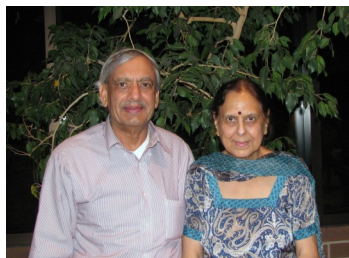
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A special thank you to:

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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 donations 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:

VP Myers
Evie.Myers@ndsu.edu

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

Upcoming Events

Black History Month

Step Show

February 16, 6 pm

Pan Africa Night

February 18, 7 pm

Community Gospel Concert

February 26, 2 pm

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Culture Fair

April 26, 1 pm - 5 pm

Room of Nations

NDSU Memorial Union

Save the Date

Alumni Arizona Trip

Feb. 18 & 24-26

Meet VP Myers and other NDSU Alum

Other Event Links:

[Diversity Community Calendar](#)

[NDSU Diversity Calendar](#)

[January Diversity Events Calendar](#)

International Week

March 26th-30th

International Night

March 30th

Green and Golden Diversity Awards

April 16th

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