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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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Fall 2013 Orientation & Welcome Party

The Office of International Programs welcomed new students to NDSU during New International Student Orientation in late August and gave a Welcome Party at the end of the first week of classes for new and current students. This year Orientation was reduced to two days in an effort to give students time to rest after their long trips from home. Students were able to register for classes, access their NDSU email account, and meet other students over breaks and lunch. There were also opportunities for students to take shopping trips and

tour the NDSU campus.

The Welcome Party used to be a couple of days after students arrived, but again in an effort to give students more time to relax and adjust we moved the party to the Friday of the first week of classes. There was pizza, chips, and other snacks along with music and a dance floor. Many students came to dance, relax, and meet other new and current students. We feel orientation and the party were a great success and look forward to welcoming new students each term!





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Summer 4th of July Party & Fall 2013

Tri-College Welcome Dinner

Each year we hold a 4th of July Party which is a highlight of each summer. For students who are in the Fargo area they can come with their families to enjoy a traditional American party and play games outdoors. As it is usually a very hot time of year we have been able to provide sprinklers for the children and adults alike to run through and cool off!

It is so much fun to see and visit with students during the quietest time on campus during the year. If any alumni are in the Fargo area during this time of year we would love to have you come and celebrate with us!

Below: VP Myers with staff and students at the 4th of July party

The Annual Tri-College Welcome Dinner took place at Lindenwood Park in Fargo on September 29th. All international students from NDSU, MSUM, and Concordia are invited for an outdoor meal and may bring their families and friends. It is an excellent opportunity for students from the different local colleges to meet one another. There are outdoor games, a raffle for prizes, and an opportunity to acknowledge students from all over the world. Each year we look forward to spending a relaxing afternoon getting to know our



Right: Students enjoying the warm weather during the outdoor Tri-College Welcome dinner





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New International Programs Employees



Carly Gunnerson is an F1 student advisor and programming specialist from Fargo, ND. Carly is so excited to be a BISON! She has had many wonderful international experiences and is so excited to be part of other's experiences abroad. She hopes to be a friendly and approachable addition to the OIP staff. She hopes the next time you are on NDSU's campus you stop by and introduce yourself.



Sarah Maxwell is an admission coordinator and grew up in rural Minnesota. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and then completed a master's degree at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. She was excited to return to the Fargo/Moorhead area earlier this summer and began working in the Office of International Programs in July 2013. She and her husband live with their cat, Truman, in West Fargo. Go bison!



Chidelia Edochie is an F1 student advisor and programming specialist who joined our team in September. She is originally from Georgia, famous for its beautiful and delicious peaches! She lived in China for over 2 years teaching English as a Second Language. She loves literature, film, and NDSU!



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Visits to China & Japan- Alumni Dinners

Lisa Hauck, Director of International Programs, had the opportunity to meet up with Shanghai-based NDSU alumni during a visit to China in October. "Reconnecting with former students is one of the most exciting aspects of being overseas," said Hauck. "There is a special bond that forms among international students who have lived in Fargo and studied at NDSU. This alumni event was particularly meaningful as three decades of alumni were represented." Hauck traveled to China to meet with students and administration from three partner institutions: Shandong Jianzhu University in Jinan, Nanchang Hangkong University in Nanchang, and Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic in Hangzhou. She met with NDSU alumni Jim Si, Tao Wang, and Xun Yu in Shanghai.

Jim Si is currently the CFO of China operations with Miroglio Group, and he graduated in 1992 with an MBA.

Tao Wang is the Head of Solution Development at Syngenta Investment Company, and graduated in 2007 with a PhD in Plant Sciences.

Xun Yu is a standards implementation officer with Jingdong Group, and he graduated in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and Management.



(L-R) Jim Si, Xun Yu, Lisa Hauck, spouse of Tao Wang, Tao Wang

(Right) VP Myers with Japanese alumni at a dinner during her visit to Japan on a Fulbright grant in June 2013— organized by alumni Minami Yamane Also included: Norifumi Kimura, Mizuki Funada, Yoko Yoshida, Shoko Tokuro Miyake, Hiroshi Ando, and Yuki Kado.





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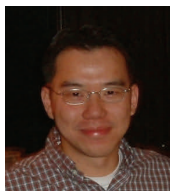
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The Global Outreach (GO) International Alumni Network connects NDSU international alumni and provides a forum for communication between recent NDSU graduates and their alumni counterparts. To learn more about the GO International Alumni Network and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

[GO International Alumni Network](#)



Swee Tan

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 would like to recognize an alumni for his generous donation to the International Student Scholarship Fund. **Swee Tan** graduated from NDSU in 1997 with his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

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
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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!