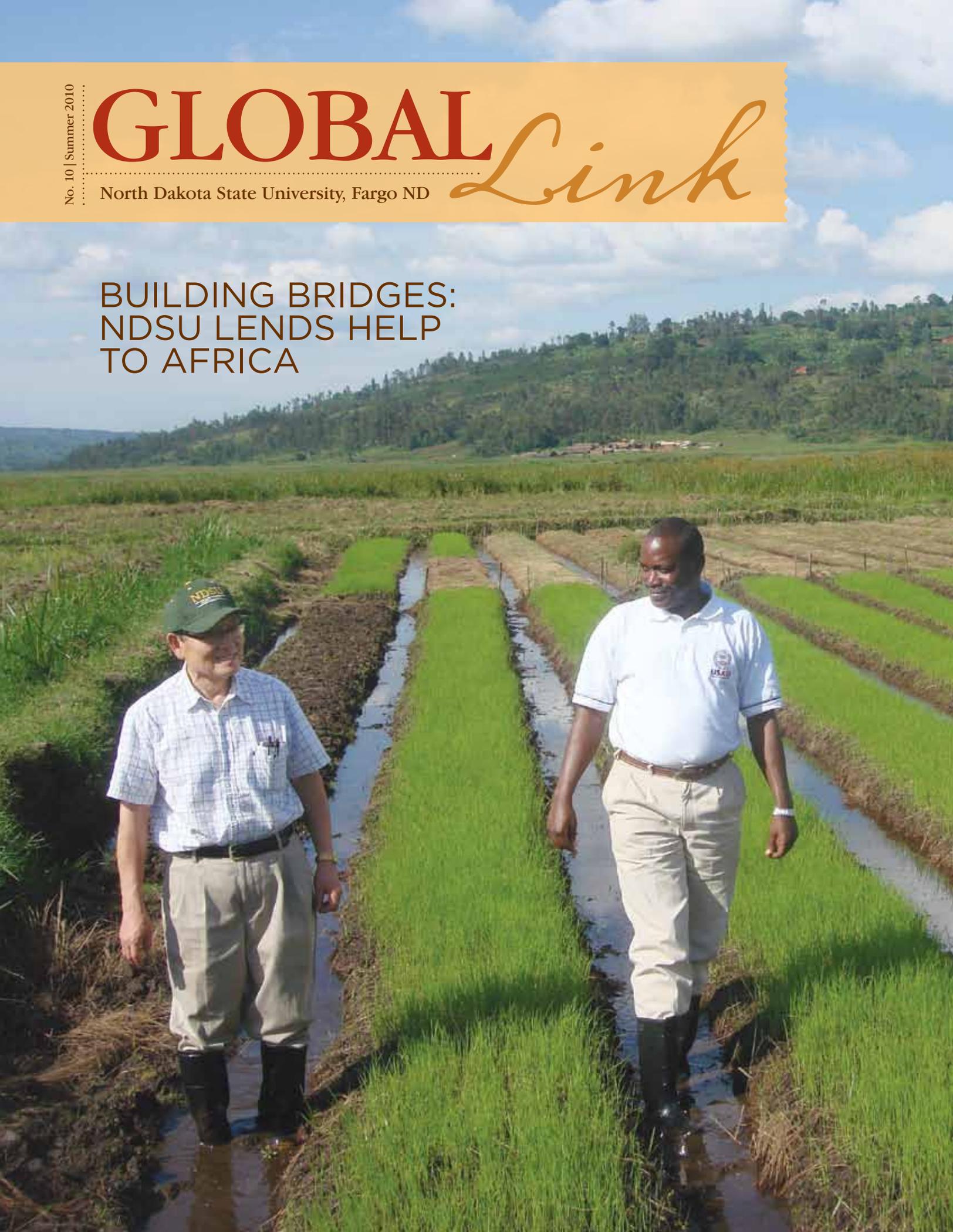


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BUILDING BRIDGES: NDSU LENDS HELP TO AFRICA



Burundi agriculture

RECEIVES HELP FROM NDSU PROFESSOR AND ALUMNUS



Chiwon Lee, at right, visited the Musenyi Paris research and demonstration site in Burundi, Africa, along with NDSU alumnus David Karemera (left of Lee).

Burundi, a landlocked, resource-poor country in Africa, is one of the poorest countries in the world, with an estimated \$300 to \$400 per capita income according to the CIA World Factbook. One in two children attends school, and one in 15 adults has HIV/AIDS. Food, medicine and electricity are in short supply, but political stability beginning in 2005 has helped to increase the amount of aid flowing into the country.

Part of that aid was in the form of assistance from David Karemera, professor of agribusiness and economics at South Carolina State University. Karemera was born in Burundi and earned his master's degree in agricultural economics at NDSU in

1985. He went back to his home country in December 2009 along with Chiwon Lee, professor of plant sciences at NDSU.

They were there on a grant from USAID to begin a new program in agribusiness at the University of Ngozi and to establish a horticulture experiment and demonstration station. Lee is trying a wide variety of vegetables in test plots to see if the local diets can be improved.

"They are really interested in horticulture projects," Lee said. "The crops they grow are not much diversified."

Lee hopes to organize a seminar on Burundi to generate interest among engineering faculty to help grow the country's electricity capability. Electricity could be used to pump water for irrigation. Lee also hopes to raise donations of seeds and basic agricultural tools.

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"They badly need support for simple tools like trowels and hoes," Lee said. "They use bare hands or sticks to dig and move dirt."

Karemera brought about 40 textbooks in economics, statistics and agribusiness as a donation

to the University of Ngozi. He said it felt good to return to his country of origin to help.

Lee and Karemera will return to Burundi in August to continue establishing the program and determine what vegetable crops will work best in the country.

A HELPING HAND FROM NDSU TO AFRICAN FARMERS

Hans Kandel will quite literally go halfway around the world to help others.

An NDSU Extension agronomist and associate professor of plant sciences, Kandel recently journeyed to the African nation of Uganda to instruct local farmers on how they can improve their sunflower crop. Because North Dakota leads the United States in sunflower production, it's not surprising the Ugandans turned to NDSU for advice.

In September 2009 as part of the U.S. Agency for International Development Farmer-to-Farmer program, Kandel went to the Bukedea region of Uganda, an area located northeast of the capital city of Kampala.

Kandel toured fields, met with a dozen grower groups totaling about 250 people and instructed 60 "Key Farmers" in both classroom settings and hands-on field demonstrations. The goal is a sunflower crop large enough to provide cooking oil for both the farmers' own needs and as a product to sell in Kampala. The sunflower cake, a by-product of the oil production, is fed to livestock and chickens.



Hans Kandel of NDSU said he had a good rapport with the farmers of Uganda. He keeps in touch with the villagers he met through e-mail.

Kandel's suggestions to the Ugandans included using animal manure and ash from the village fires for fertilizer. With easy access to tall grass, he urged them to use composting and mulching techniques to protect and nourish the soil.

"I looked at the local environment, to find what farmers were not using that could be used. I did not look for outside inputs because cash was very limited. There were enough simple things that could be changed, so I think it was worth it," Kandel said.

MEISTER TEACHES COMMUNICATIONS IN TBILISI, GEORGIA



On a mountainside overlooking Tbilisi, Georgia, sits a statue called "Mother of Georgia." The statue, more than 17 stories high, holds a cup of wine in one hand and a sword in the other. The message is simple, "If you are my friend, drink with me, but if you are my enemy, let us fight."

The monument illustrates the guarded mentality of the Georgian people who are still adjusting to their newfound freedoms since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1987.

After receiving encouragement from one of his graduate students, Nana Sajia who is from Tbilisi, associate professor of communication Mark Meister applied to teach a course at the Georgia Institute for Public Affairs to help students further understand and thrive in a democratic society. His travels were funded through the Muskie Fellowship Alumni Program (sponsored by the International Research and Exchanges Board) and the Fulbright Program.

Meister received the grant and developed the course, "Rhetorical Leadership for Emerging Democracies" for students studying journalism, public relations and public communication.

On Sept. 27, Meister arrived in his new home. He quickly realized in this situation, he was a student too. "The role reversal is so obvious," Meister wrote in his journal. "When

Nana was at NDSU, I advised her; now, I am totally and faithfully her advisee."

During the next three weeks, Meister taught 25 graduate students, 23 female and two male. He addressed areas such as first amendment rights, free speech, public speaking, leadership training, consensus building and basic public relations principles.

"It's the stuff that we take here for granted ... It's so new to them," he said. "Students have all this stuff first year at NDSU. Most of these students have undergraduate degrees in areas like math and physics; the Soviet style of education. It is brand new and really exciting to go there and teach this stuff to people who really have a thirst for it."

Meister says the students in Tbilisi and Fargo aren't that much different. "In many ways students are similar, very hard working. All of Georgians and most NDSU students have jobs to pay for education." However, he says most Georgian students can't afford textbooks and most classrooms don't have technology. He printed most materials himself and handed them out.

Meister traveled back and taught another course in June. His ultimate goal is to formalize a relationship between NDSU and the Georgia Institute for Public Affairs.

JAUHAR ORGANIZES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMICALLY BRILLIANT AND FINANCIALLY NEEDY STUDENTS

While growing up in British India, Prem Jauhar struggled with oppression and poverty while his country fought for independence. From studying under streetlights and borrowing books from other students, he knew firsthand what it was like to be poor and scholarly. Considering his own struggles, Jauhar has set up four scholarships to benefit academically bright students in financial need.

Now a research geneticist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Research Service Northern Crop Science Laboratory and an adjunct professor of plant sciences at NDSU, Prem has named the scholarships in honor of his family. “These scholarships and awards will benefit many bright and needy students for years to come,” Evie Myers, vice president for equity, diversity, and global outreach, said.

“In loving memory of my mother, I have started the Maya Jauhar Memorial Emergency Fund” for students in dire financial need, Prem said. The \$500 scholarship will support and continually replenish the emergency fund managed by the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

The Ram Lal Jauhar Memorial Scholarship will provide an annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a student demonstrating high academic standing and financial need. Prem endowed the scholarship in the memory of his father. Amber McGuire, a senior in management communication, is the recipient of the Ram Lal Jauhar Memorial Scholarship.



Amber McGuire, center, received the Ram Lal Jauhar Memorial Scholarship in 2010.

“I can feel at ease knowing that I can afford textbooks without undue hardship,” she said.

The Prem and Raj Jauhar Book Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, helps offset book expenses. “This scholarship is very important to me,” says Qing Yu Meng, a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering. “It a great stress relief for me and my family. It helps me to better focus on my academics.”

The Prem Jauhar Crop Science Research Award will provide an annual \$500 cash award for a graduate student demonstrating top academic achievement in the field of crop science research at NDSU.

Ana Correa-Morales, a doctoral candidate from Columbia, South America, is this year’s recipient.

First annual GREEN AND GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

The NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach held the first annual Green and Golden Globe Awards in April. Students, faculty, staff and community members were honored for contributing to the education of international, multicultural, veteran and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) students at NDSU.

The first ever LGBTQ Student Scholarships were awarded to Kit Wong and Rosa Jacobs; the NDSU Student U.S. Veteran Scholarship went to Randy Peterson. International Programs Junior and Senior Scholarships went to: Aria Ahadzada, Fatima Azzahra Elhassani, Sharan Ghimire, Minami Horiuchi, Anete Kovalevska, Adlina Paramarta, Shanaka Rajapakse, Fangliang Shi, Ruoxu Wang and Runjie Zhou.

The Wold Student Study Abroad Scholarship went to Kristina Morken, and the Laurel Sparks Study Abroad Scholarships went to Brian Bubach and Elise Schoch. The Prem and Raj Jauhar Book Scholarship was awarded to Qing Yu Meng, and the Ram Lal Jauhar Memorial Scholarship to Amber McGuire.

The Office of Multicultural Programs Scholarship went to Ilhan A. Omar, and the three recipients of the Tribal College Initiative Book Scholarships were Kayla Allard, Jessie Bowker and N. Scott Baker. The Gates Millennium Scholars were Gregory Allan Berg and Mamie Lynn Mastenbrook, and the President’s Diversity Council Impact Award went to the Dakota Studies Program.

WHITSEL TAKES IN-DEPTH LOOK AT CLASSROOM GENDER BIAS IN TAJIKISTAN

In May, Christopher Whitsel, assistant professor of sociology, began researching classroom gender bias in Tajikistan. He observed students in a small village school, serving grades 1 to 11, approximately 30 kilometers outside Dushanbe, the capital city of Tajikistan, in the region of Vahdat. The school is fairly poor and many of the desks and chairs are broken. The school has about 30 teachers educating approximately 500 students, ages 7 to 18, from two of the surrounding villages.

Whitsel has been researching education in Tajikistan for about five years. Most of his past research has focused on why children do not attend school, especially girls. “No one has looked to see if once girls are in school they face discrimination that would cause them to drop out of school,” Whitsel said, noting that gender bias in the classroom is not only a new research topic to him, but also to Tajikistan.

Whitsel traveled to Tajikistan as part of a fellowship from the Embassy Policy Specialist Program. Launched in 2005, the program gives U.S. scholars the opportunity to serve as researchers-in-residence at U.S. Embassies and Consulates in the countries of Eurasia.

Whitsel looked at whether girls or boys had textbooks, were segregated in class, and whether they were more active in asking and answering questions in class. “I noticed that if the teacher has poor classroom management skills, they call on only the most active children. This then leads to some children



Christopher Whitsel observed classes in Tajikistan to see how different teachers taught and how that affected gender equality.

dominating the class. In the younger classes, the girls were the most active. In the upper grades, the boys were the most active,” Whitsel said.

After his observation, Whitsel met with organizations working in the sphere of education including UNICEF, the U.S. Agency for International Development, Save the Children and the Open Society Institute to determine if they were addressing gender bias in classrooms through any of their programs, or if it was part of the dialogue among donors. “There is little dialogue among the international donor community about classroom gender bias, as much of the attention is still focused on getting girls to come to school,” Whitsel said. “However, a few organizations such as the Open Society Institute, Save the Children and Aga Khan Foundation have educational projects stressing inclusive education.”

Congratulations to the following for their grant and scholarship successes.

NDSU received approval as part of the Kazakhstan government’s Bolashak Science Intern Program. The program covers all expenses for Kazakhstan university faculty to go to foreign universities and conduct research.

Veterinary and microbiological sciences received USAID funding for their grant called “Capacity Building in Integrated Management of Vectorborne and Zoonotic Diseases in Eastern and Central Africa.” They will

work with Makerere University in Uganda. Margaret Khaita, associate professor, is the principal investigator.

Robert Hearne, associate professor of agribusiness and applied economics, received a Fulbright Scholar grant and spent this past academic year in Thailand at Kasetsart University.

Thomas Bon, senior lecturer in agricultural and biosystems engineering, received a Fulbright Scholar grant and spent the

spring semester in Uzbekistan at the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Melioration.

Emily Hagemester, BA ’05, MS ’09, received a Fulbright Student grant and spent this past academic year as an English teaching assistant in Jordan.

Kartik Sundar, a graduate student in transportation and logistics, received a Fulbright Student grant to go to India for this upcoming year.

Tenzin Jangchup, a pharmacy student, participated in the Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program in Indonesia this summer.

Erik Braaten, a political science/international studies student, received the Critical Languages Scholarship and spent the summer in Egypt studying Arabic.

TIME ABROAD GROWS APPRECIATION FOR ADVENTURE



It is official: two weeks left in Nantes. Now that it's down to the wire, I've been doing a lot of reflecting on the past year and also toward the future. You are warned even before you leave the U.S. about the bittersweet feelings you will have come your departure, but just like most life lessons, you never really know until you're there. And that's where I am right now as I write this in one of my favorite places in Nantes: the park. There have been things I've missed and longed for during my entire stay, but not until lately have I thought about the things I'll miss about France once I am home. Just this weekend my friend was asked if she is ready to go home. At this point, I know I would give the same indecisive, "yes and no" response. I have so many things to look forward to on my return to the States. First and foremost, I am excited to see my family and some friends when I get there. There have been some big changes while I've been gone, and I want to feel part of them. My one year-old nephew has started walking and talking, and I can't wait to meet my friend's new baby!

I've also missed lots of everyday things that I used to take for granted. It's funny how I've adapted to my little room and my box-bed here in France, but I can't wait to crash on my big pillow-top bed in my room at home! I miss driving too. It's been almost eight months since I sat behind the wheel of a car, and I'm really looking forward to rolling the windows down and singing at the top of my lungs.

Another reason why I am anticipating my return to the United States is because it means moving on toward the future. It means that I have graduated from college, I'll be looking

for a career path, and I can start planning my next adventure, whether it be teaching English in Taiwan or volunteering in Africa.

Even though I can't wait to do all of these things, I am going to miss France. As expected, I have made some great friends here that I spend almost every day with. It will feel like something is missing to not have them around anymore.

Just as I did before I left the US in September, I have started to take for granted some everyday things in France too. I will miss some of my favorite places to eat and hang out, like this very park. I'll also miss having the French language all around me. When I return home, I won't be ordering meals at the restaurant in French anymore, nor will I be saying "Bonjour!" to the sales clerks.

One of the biggest things I will miss about living in France is the ability to travel around easily and relatively cheaply. I will have seen 12 European countries by the time I return to Minnesota. If I have any time off school, I travel, so going home and not being able to discover new places as often, is going to make me sad. It's a love that I have discovered here and I don't want to abandon it.

With all of the memories I have in France, I know a piece of my heart will always be here, but I am ready to open a new chapter in my life. Things happen and life goes on, but I'll "always have Nantes!"

Kayla Swanson

Swanson is the 2009-2010 recipient of the John and Susan Wold International Study Scholarship, which is awarded annually in the amount of \$1,000 for at least one semester of study abroad.

FROM CROSBY TO THE CATWALK: SCHNEIDER FASHIONS CAREER OVERSEAS AT PRINGLE OF SCOTLAND



Karen Schneider

Karen Schneider was a 16-year-old gymnast in Crosby, N.D., when her coach's wife opened a little boutique. She asked Schneider to do some modeling and help in the store before Christmas. While working, Schneider asked if she could move some merchandise around and outfit the mannequins in the windows. Soon she was going along on a buying trip to Minneapolis.

"I made a decision that day that I wanted to be a buyer," she said.

Schneider went to NDSU to take advantage of a visiting student program with the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York city. She bought a one-way ticket to New York to finish her studies and start her career. Soon the 1981 graduate of business with a major in fashion buying and merchandising was buying for Saks Fifth Avenue.

Today, Schneider is the director of merchandising in charge of womenswear, menswear and accessories for one of the oldest fashion brands in the world, Pringle of Scotland. The company is a prime producer of cashmere, coined the term knitwear, created the twinset and produced the argyle pattern.

Schneider is responsible for all products from conception to customer delivery. She coordinates design, product development, production, procurement, sales and future plans. She lives in London and works fashion weeks in Milan, Paris and New York.

"It's very nice that when you go to the market and talk to potential clients, the name Pringle is recognizable," she said. "The brand is highly respected and regarded in the industry. When you say Pringle, people think heritage, quality, sustainability."

Schneider considers herself a product person and enjoys managing multiple divisions and various aspects of the brand. She also enjoys the travel.

"The wonderful thing about living in London is that every place in Europe is up to three hours by plane," she said.

While she didn't travel internationally while at NDSU, Schneider said coming from North Dakota and NDSU have helped her career. Big companies respect the work ethic of people from the Midwest. Her background also keeps her grounded in a business that can be superficial at times.

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KAREN SCHNEIDER

"When I first started, I was told by some of my supervisors that I was too nice to be successful," she said. "I have learned that you can be nice, but you must also be strong. In business you need to be firm and sometimes tough when it's necessary. But you can do that and still be a nice and fair person."



Students from NDSU helped with improvement projects at the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation Buffalo Ranch in Mandaree, N.D.

Students make impact on Ft. Berthold Reservation

In April, 15 NDSU students, faculty and staff traveled to the Ft. Berthold Reservation to serve and learn about tribal neighbors, the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation.

The trip, which was organized by the NDSU Memorial Union, Office of Multicultural Programs and the Tribal College Partnership in conjunction with the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and the tribe's Tourism Office, was meant to engage and learn in a tribal community.

Participants spent a night in the tribe's Earth Lodges, visited the Garrison Dam and learned about family histories, tribal history and traditional and spiritual beliefs.

"The hospitality shared to us by the tribe's entities was truly amazing and appreciated," Matt Skoy, NDSU assistant director of the Service Learning Program, said. "They even sent us away with departing gifts that we put to good use."

Service projects included cleaning the ditches alongside two miles of road and stripping tipi poles of bark for use by the tribe. The group also was given a tour of the landscape overlooking the Missouri River.

Dakota Studies Initiative receives Impact Award

The President's Diversity Council has given the NDSU "Dakota Studies Initiative the 2010 Impact Award, which recognizes individuals, groups and units campus and

community-wide that have demonstrated a significant contribution to advancing diversity.

In associate professor Elizabeth Birmingham's letter of nomination, she wrote, "The Dakota Initiative originated several years ago in the English department under the direction of department head Dale Sullivan and came to fruition this fall when NDSU hired Dr. Clifford Canku, an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate."

Canku taught courses during the 2009-10 academic year in Dakota Language I and II, Dakota Tribal History, Dakota Tribal Culture and Dakota Religious Studies. According to Birmingham, doing so has helped NDSU retain its American Indian students, like Teresa Black Cloud, an English education major from Bismarck, N.D., and an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Lakota Oyate, who is taking Canku's course in Dakota Religious Studies. "Learning the traditions and language of the Sioux people is important to me as a Lakota student and woman. I hope I will be able to share what I have learned from Dr. Canku's class throughout my life and become more involved with my identity as a Native American," Black Cloud said.

Pan-Africa Night held

One of the many celebrations held at NDSU this year for diversity was Pan-Africa night. The community came together in February to celebrate cultures, talents and heritages of people from black descent. Attendees experienced the talent of Ugandan, Cameroonian, African-American, Sudanese, Somalian and other black cultures.

Food was served and the show included hip-hop, jazz, dance, spoken word art, poetry, fashion, storytelling, skits, folklore and oral narrative.

NDSU's Native American Garden dedicated

Also known as the "Grandmother Earth's Gift of Life Garden," NDSU's Native American Garden was dedicated June 1, 2009, at the corner of Centennial Boulevard and Administration Ave. The dedication ceremony was complete with a blessing from a Native American spiritual leader, Tom Bullhead, and words from NDSU dignitaries.

The new garden honors American Indians of North Dakota, features native North Dakota plants and houses soil provided by tribal colleges from around the state.

WHETHER HOME OR ABROAD: NDSU REACHES OUT



Margaret Khaitisa



Jane Schuh



John McEvoy

USAID grant to help Ugandan zoonotic disease control

The Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences received funding on a USAID grant for \$1.1 million for the first two years with an additional \$10 to \$12 million for years three to five depending on the funding stream. The grant is part of a collaboration with Makerere University in Uganda to develop research, education and outreach in zoonotic disease control. Margaret Khaitisa, associate professor, along with co-principal investigators and assistant professors Jane Schuh and John McEvoy, has spearheaded interaction with Makerere University through a study abroad program as well as forming a joint master's degree program with the university that is in the final stages of approval. The NDSU connections to Makerere University also include a scientist exchange program and two visiting students from Uganda this summer.

Center for Global Initiatives opens

The NDSU College of Business opened the Center for Global Initiatives in July 2009 with the appointment of Newell Wright as director and Wendy Baumann as academic assistant. The center has engaged in numerous international activities this year, including creating two new study abroad opportunities, facilitating existing study abroad offerings, creating a new European business course, joining the Rocky Mountain Center for International Business Education and Research, hosting Global Business Week, providing funding for international training and publishing articles about the benefits of business students studying abroad.

The Center for Global Initiatives helps prepare NDSU College of Business students for global leadership through study experiences abroad, cultural and political understanding of the world community and other areas critical to development.

Flags dedicated to celebrate diversity

The flags along the wall of the Walgreens Wing in Sudro Hall were dedicated in February in celebration of diversity in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences.

To represent the current diversity, the college hung 22 flags representing different countries and tribes that were named as home or heritage among the college's students, faculty and staff. The flags are a part of the college's efforts to support and increase diversity initiatives with a \$10,000 grant from Walgreens Co. The flags will be updated and rededicated to reflect the college's current diversity.

Hispanic Heritage Month 2009

The Office of Multicultural Programs and Hispanic Organization of Latin Americans (HOLA) celebrated the opening of Hispanic Heritage Month with "Flamencos and Tapas: Opening of Hispanic Heritage Month featuring Zorongo."

September 2009 brought the delicious smell of Tapas (Latin finger food) and the consuming visual and audio intensity of Flamenco dancers and singers.

Each year, Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15, which is the anniversary for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico also declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18.

Benefit held for Omid Foundation

On March 31, the Persian Association at NDSU and the Office of Multicultural Programs co-sponsored a fundraising event to benefit the Omid Foundation, a charity organization established in 2004 in Iran.

The two entities teamed together to provide the community with a screening of a documentary about the lives of four girls being supported by the Omid Foundation.

The foundation provides emotional and practical support for severely disadvantaged young women in Iran. These are women who run away from abusive homes or live in extreme poverty and have very little hope for independence and success.

For more information about the foundation, visit their website at www.omid-e-mehr.org/home.html.

Briefly...

Arupendra Mozumdar, international exchange scientist of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, had an article accepted in the journal "Health." The article, "Depression in Adult Males With Lower Extremity Amputation and its Bio-Social Correlates," was co-written by Subrata K Roy, of the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata, India.



Ron Johnson

Ron Johnson, dean of the College of Business, served as a faculty leader for an international study abroad program organized by International Business Seminars. The group visited companies in London, Brussels and Paris. Johnson also served on the conference committee for the Business and Information International Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He also chaired a paper session at the conference.



Bud Bowlin



Dennis Wiesenborn



Karen Froelich



Adnan Akyüz



Charles Stevens



Bryan Christensen



Joe Latimer



Catherine Logue



G. Padmanabhan



Penelope Gibbs



Thomas DeSutter



Mark Boetel

Bud Bowlin, department head and professor of accounting, served as a manuscript reviewer for the European Journal of Operational Research.

The Department of Accounting, Finance and Management Information Systems hosted Amarjeet Molhotra from the Ansal Institute of Technology, India, in fall 2009. The department also offered a first-time course, “International Financial Reporting Standards.”

Karen Froelich, associate professor of management and marketing, taught a workshop for a group of faculty from a Chinese university through the computer science collaboration at NDSU. She also visited three universities in India in January regarding MBA Program collaboration. Froelich visited with a program director from the University of Rennes in France regarding a prospective program collaboration, and she was a faculty adviser for a study abroad trip to China.

Charles Stevens, associate professor of human resources and management, helped a university in the United Arab Emirates design a human resources management education curriculum.

Joe Latimer, instructor of management information systems, along with other faculty members, taught workshops the past two summers as part of a faculty visit from the Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic in China to the NDSU computer science department. A third visit is planned for summer 2010.

G. Padmanabhan, professor of civil engineering, and **Thomas DeSutter**, assistant professor of soil science, taught the course, “Soil and Watershed Management,” in the environmental and hazardous waste management graduate program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, in February.

Dennis Wiesenborn, professor of agriculture and biosystems engineering, presented papers and was an invited speaker for a short course at the Universidad de Sonora, Hermosillo, Mexico, in August 2009. He was an external examiner for a doctoral thesis by Arpital Mandal from the Indian Institute of Technology. Wiesenborn and **Chad Ulven**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, hosted Hao Wang from the University of Southern Queensland in Australia for four weeks in 2009.

Adnan Akyüz, assistant professor of climatology, hosted the Konya Beta Seed delegation from Turkey in May to give information about the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network use in farming and decision making.

Bryan Christensen, associate professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, and two graduate students, presented papers at the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports conference in Ireland. The presentations were based on the students’ thesis research.

The Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences had several faculty members with international experiences this year. **Neil Dyer**, professor and interim chair, gave veterinary training in Mongolia and hosted a visiting veterinarian from Mongolia. **Catherine Logue**, associate professor, was an invited speaker in Brazil and hosted a visiting scientist from Turkey.

Penelope Gibbs, assistant professor, was involved in microbiology instruction in Dominica, and **Margaret Khaita**, associate professor, took part in a summer course in Uganda.



Marisol Berti



Anna Grazul-Bilska



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Thomas Hall



Elizabeth Skoy

Jane Schuh, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, was invited to the International Congress on Antibodies in Beijing to talk about work with the University of Utah on a new diagnostic test for invasive aspergillosis.

Mark Boetel, associate professor of entomology, presented a paper, co-wrote another and chaired a session at the International Symposium on Agricultural Research in Athens, Greece in August 2009.

Marisol Berti, associate professor of plant sciences, taught a course for master and doctoral students of plant sciences and soil science at the Universidad de Concepcion in Chile in March and April 2010. **Gary Secor**, professor of plant pathology, taught a plant virology course at the Universidad de Concepcion in Chile in April 2010. Three intern students from the university in Chile are working with researchers in the Department of Plant Sciences from May to August 2010.

Christian Albano, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, went on a medical mission to Thailand and the Philippines. He also was involved in public health outreach work as part of this trip.

For several years, the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences has helped a mission to Guatemala sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota. More than 50 students in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences counted, labeled and packaged thousands of packets of medication. **Amy Werremeyer** and **Elizabeth Skoy**, assistant professors of pharmacy practice, accompanied the full medical mission to Guatemala from June 27 to July 7. Werremeyer also traveled to Mozambique in May on a similar mission.

Anna Grazul-Bilska, associate professor of animal sciences, continued her research collaboration with the University of Saskatoon, Canada, resulting in submission and acceptance of a paper to the "Reproduction" journal. She continues her research collaboration with the University of Heidelberg, Germany, resulting in submission and acceptance of a paper to the "Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology" journal.

Grazul-Bilska presented a seminar at the University of Warmia and Mazuria and Polish Academy of Sciences in Olsztyn, Poland, in May 2009 at a joint meeting of the Polish Society of Physiology and Society of Reproductive Biology. She presented a seminar at the Veterinary School, Lisbon Technical University, Portugal, in May 2010.

Grazul-Bilska also is collaborating with several researchers from the University of Siena - School of Medicine, Italy,

Francis Casey, associate professor of natural resource sciences, spent his sabbatical in Ireland working at Teagasc, the agriculture and food development authority in Ireland, at their Johnstown Castle research laboratory in Wexford.

Thomas Hall, assistant professor of education, and **Myron Eighmy**, associate professor of education, will present at the Association for Teacher Education in Europe in Budapest, Hungary, in August.

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This is my 16th year at NDSU. I can still recall my first day at NDSU on Aug. 1, 1994, starting in the Office of International Programs and feeling excited and nervous. I feel so fortunate for my time at NDSU and grateful for the wonderful people from all over the world I have met along the way. It's really been all you alumni out there who have made my time at NDSU so rewarding.

I want to reconnect with alumni and have created an international alumni Facebook page, **NDSU InternationalAlum**. I hope that you will join and send a picture or two of you during your NDSU days plus current photos for us to post on the page. If you have not visited the NDSU Alumni Association webpage, you should definitely check out their alumni maps and see where NDSU alumni are living all over the globe, www.ndsualumni.com/alumniassociation/maps/world/worldmap.htm.

If you are living overseas, I encourage you to consider creating an NDSU alumni chapter. You could organize NDSU “get togethers” for other alums in the country. The Alumni Association can create a webpage dedicated to planned events and can send out NDSU trinkets such as nametags and NDSU table décor.

Lastly, please send us your e-mail address. When NDSU faculty, staff and students are traveling overseas, we want to do more to connect them with you. Having an e-mail address will facilitate this process. We also are trying to go green, and sending you the Global Link electronically will help us in this progression.

Remember, once a Bison, always a Bison.

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NDSU SEES GROWTH YEAR IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS



I am so excited to lead the division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach at NDSU. This past year we have had so many great things happen related to diversity and international efforts. We signed 37 new agreements in 14 different countries. Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach hosted visitors from all over the world including China, France,

Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa and Turkey. This past academic year 230 students studied abroad including 151 students going on faculty led programs. We are seeing more and more faculty members developing short-term programs, which makes me happy because it means more opportunities for NDSU students to go global. Also, NDSU has more than 150 international faculty and 54 international researchers on campus, and we hosted 33 visiting scholars. We had another record-breaking year in regard to international student enrollment. Spring 2010 semester saw 1,216 international students enroll at NDSU.

Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach works with all diversity on campus. Besides international students, NDSU also had a record-breaking number of multicultural students. We have worked on a number of cultural programming events, including Pan Africa Night and Hispanic Heritage Month. You can read about them on pages 8 and 9 in the Global Link. This year for the first time we held the Green & Golden Globe Awards honoring scholarship winners and those who have contributed so much to promoting diversity and internationalization on campus and in the community. I am so excited about new scholarships that have been developed, such as the ones by Prem Jauhar.

I encourage you all to take some time and visit the Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach website, www.ndsu.edu/diversity, to check out all that is happening at NDSU related to diversity. Providing students, faculty and staff more opportunities to experience the world around them is so important because we are all part of this one globe.

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