Hello International Alums! The NDSU Division of Student Affairs 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 visiting our Facebook Page as well. For more information please contact International Alumni Coordinator Amy Knudson at amy.knudson.1@ndsu.edu

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International Student Orientation

Out office sent a survey to international students to receive feedback about their experience during our new student orientation. Overall students were satisfied with the information they received at the orientation they attended and felt prepared for their studies at NDSU. Students appreciated meeting their advisors, taking a shopping trip to purchase essential items, and information regarding health insurance and immigration regulations. Students did state they would like to see more information about housing prior to their arrival to NDSU, as well as transportation and weather. Some suggestions to improve the student experience during International Student Orientation is to mix up students so they are not sitting next to the same people each day, and tours of the dorms and dining center. Starting in fall 2015 we started introducing “student panels,” which allows current international students to come in front of the new students to discuss their experiences living in Fargo-Moorhead and studying at NDSU. We look forward to continuing to improve our orientation through student feedback.
Passport to Payday Series

This is a series designed for NDSU international students in order to address questions about NDSU job fairs, preparing resumes and interviews, and navigating practical training for students in F-1 status. Presentations were given throughout the month of February by both Career Center staff and advisors from International Student & Study Abroad Services (ISSAS). These presentations began with teaching students how to navigate the many job fair opportunities provided by NDSU, then moved on to how to have a successful interview. Additionally, opportunities and restrictions on employment for F-1 students were addressed as well as explaining how to receive work authorization and follow immigration regulations to protect one’s status. Finally, a presentation about employment after graduation and obtaining work visas through employer sponsorships was given.
International Week 2016 Events

This is an annual event that celebrates all of the different cultures represented at NDSU throughout campus. This year International Week is April 1st-8th. Our Parade of Nations kicks off the week in the Memorial Union, giving students a chance to carry their nation’s flag throughout the Union followed by a ceremony with refreshments. On April 7th we will have Diversi-Tea, an event where students can showcase teas native to their country/culture. Throughout the week there will be international food and drink served at the Dining Centers and retail shops on campus. Students who have studied abroad will take part in the fun as well, with a photo contest on Facebook. Check out the photos here during the month of April: www.facebook.com/ndsustudyabroad. For more information on these and other events planned for International Week 2016, please visit: https://www.ndsu.edu/international/programming/.
Speaker’s Fair

Speaker’s Fair is an annual event where NDSU international students volunteer their time during Spring Break to visit local elementary, middle, and high schools to give presentations and answer questions about their home country and experiences in the U.S. This year students will be visiting Discovery Middle School, Ellen Hopkins Elementary School, Westside Elementary School, Cheney Middle School, and student volunteers from United Arab Emirates, India, China, Bangladesh, Haiti, Chile, and Nepal. This partnership provides an excellent opportunity for local U.S. students to learn about different cultures and even think about studying abroad one day, while also giving college-age international students an insight into American primary and secondary schools, allowing them to share their culture and point of view with others.
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

If you would like to donate to the NDSU International Student & Study Abroad Services Office please use the following link with the designation Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

DONATE NOW

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: Amy Knudson – International Alumni Outreach Coordinator

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!