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CGE Celebrates Graduating FSU International Students

The Center for Global Engagement held a graduation reception on Friday, April 21, to honor the more than 400 international students who completed degrees and programs during 2016-2017.

Mary B. Coburn, the Vice President for Student Affairs, spoke to students, faculty, and staff at the reception and shared the importance of having international students at FSU.

One hundred thirty-eight undergraduate students and 271 graduate students completed degree programs at FSU during 2016-2017. In addition, 17 Special Academic Program students and 43 exchange students from over 25 international partner institutions also completed their programs during this year.

You can view more photos from the graduation on our Facebook page [here](#).



Special Programs Alumna Returns for Internship

Holly Rae, 2014 Special Programs student from Canada, returned to FSU this semester to complete an internship with the CGE’s Special Programs department as part of her bachelor’s degree from the Limerick Institute of Technology in Ireland.

Through FSU’s Special Programs, students from international partners study hospitality management or intercultural communication, and they develop intercultural competencies through work-integrated learning at Walk Disney World Resort.

Rae applied for the Disney program during her first year at St. Lawrence College in Canada, and it was her first experience interacting with international students.

“If I had to choose one piece of advice to pass on to international students, it would be to step outside of your comfort zone,” said Rae. “Make an effort to meet the students you didn’t come with. You’ll get the most enriching experience by doing that. Also, food was a really great way to connect with people. It’s a fun way to try new things. When we were at Disney, we would have weekly potlucks. It was a great way to learn about other people and their cultures.”

During Rae’s six-month internship with the CGE, she will be preparing for international students from Canada; China, Macau; Korea; and Mexico to arrive at FSU this summer and will guide them through the same program she enjoyed in 2014.

More Upcoming Events

International Coffee Hour – Every Friday | 5-6:30 p.m. | The Globe Lounge & Dining Room

U.S. students, scholars, and faculty gather for coffee and snacks every Friday. It's a great place to meet new people from various parts of the world, see old friends, and make plans for the weekend. **Note: we will not have International Coffee Hhour on May 12.** 🍷

English Conversation Club – Every Monday-Friday | 4-5 p.m. | The Globe Lounge

International students, scholars, and their families at all levels of speaking English as a second/other language are invited to meet in a relaxed atmosphere to practice conversational English. Groups are led by experienced English tutors.

Global Citizenship Drop-In Advising – Tues. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Wed. 1-3 p.m. | Fri. 1-3 p.m. | The Globe Suite 1200

Drop-in advising hours are for any student who wants to learn about the Global Citizenship Certificate. This certificate prepares FSU students to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world. Learn more: cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen.

Global Exchanges Information Sessions – Every Tuesday 3:30 p.m. | Every Wednesday 12:30 p.m. | The Globe Room 2600

Find out how you can study at an international university while earning FSU credits, paying FSU tuition and using your financial aid! Topics covered include: selecting the right program, application process, and course selection and financial aid. See the complete list of FSU's global exchange programs at: global.fsu.edu/exchanges.



Denotes a **Global Citizenship Certificate** qualifying event.

*The Global Citizenship Certificate is designed to help undergraduate students maximize the rich cultural learning experiences available to them on campus, in the community, and abroad. Learn more: **cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen**.*

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