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From Left: Isabella Schmid, Germany; Bhawish, Pakistan; Nathalia Cetertick, Brazil; Ana Belen Croston, Panama; Katherina Costarangos, Panama; Ramy Noseir, Egypt; Parth Vakil, Kenya.

Global Ambassadors Bring Cultural Awareness to Tallahassee Community

International students who participated in the Global Ambassadors Program (GAP) this semester were recognized for their service to the Tallahassee community in a reception at the Center for Global Engagement.

GAP gives international students, faculty, and scholars the opportunity to be cultural ambassadors of their countries by engaging in speaking opportunities throughout Tallahassee at community organizations, K-12 schools, and FSU classes.

Over the 2016-2017 academic year, the CGE provided training to 23 international students seeking opportunities to present about their home country and/or culture through GAP, which offered 43 presentations on countries such as Brazil, India, Panama, Iraq, Egypt, China, Germany, South Korea, Nigeria and more. These presentations were given to 13 different school groups and community organizations in the Tallahassee community, from elementary schools to Kiwanis clubs to rehabilitation centers.

“GAP has been one of the most supportive and exciting additions to our International Protocol course offered through the Dedman School of Hospitality,” said Dr. Kim Harris, FSU Professor in Hospitality Management. “We have enjoyed the presentations on international opportunities, students visiting our class representing their home countries, and the engagement offered through the many activities that the Center for Global Engagement sponsors. What a gem on FSU's Campus!”

Not only does GAP benefit the Tallahassee community and students taking FSU classes, but it also benefits international students by helping them to become more familiar with American culture, practice English speaking and presentation skills, and meet new people.

“Through my experience with GAP I got to present at a lot of schools and community organizations,” said Ramy Noseir, international student from Egypt. “GAP helped me improve my presentation skills and use different techniques depending on the audience. I loved going to the schools and teaching the kids about my country. The questions were always fun because sometimes they ask questions that I had never thought of before. Sometimes you even get to learn more about your country through their questions or while you are preparing the presentation. It was an amazing experience being a Global Ambassador, and I would recommend everyone give it a try. I guarantee you will never stop being a Global Ambassador.”

Learn more about our program here: cge.fsu.edu/gap.

Global Connections Weekly Newsletter Resumes in Fall

This is the last issue of Global Connections until the Fall semester. We will resume with our newsletter on August 31, 2017.

During the summer, we will continue to host International Coffee Hour every Friday from 5-6:30 p.m. with the exception of May 12 and May 26.

[Check our website](#) and our [Facebook page](#) for updates about what's going on at the CGE over the summer.

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 Hour on May 12 or May 26.** 🌍

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 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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