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## President of Xinhua College Visits SU

From March 10-12, 2014, President Tinghuai Wang of the Xinhua College of Sun Yat-sen University visited Salisbury University to further develop the partnership between the universities and sign an agreement for a program in interdisciplinary studies.

The agreement is for a three-plus-one program within which Xinhua College students will attend the university, located in Guangzhou, China, for three years, followed by a fourth year spent at Salisbury University. Xinhua students completing their fourth year at SU will earn a degree in interdisciplinary studies, combining two to three majors to form their own individualized program.

In addition, Xinhua College and SU are collaborating on Intensive-Language Study Abroad Program (ISAP) for Xinhua students. The program allows Xinhua students to learn English in four weeks during the summer, as well as learn about American culture through excursions to places such as New York City, Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg, VA.

Study Abroad Year In America is yet another program collaboration between Xinhua and SU, where Xinhua students attend SU for a full academic year through the English Language Institute (ELI) at SU. Students will be able to complete an all-intensive language program for an academic year or take part-time academic courses at SU while continuing the intensive language program.

the cultivation of this relationship. By introducing a growing number of students from the Guangzhou region to SU, the entire SU community will gain a more global perspective.

Dr. Jing Quan, associate professor in the Information and Decision Sciences Department of SU's Purdue School of Business, has been tireless in his effort to further this program after introducing

the Xinhua College to Salisbury University, keeping true to SU's core value of diversity. There is no doubt that the growth of diversity on

SU's campus has exponentially increased over the past five years, from the growth of the Mandarin Chinese language program to the increased visibility of foreign exchange students on campus. SU's engagements and collaborations with colleges such as Xinhua are changing the face of the campus to a global one, preparing all students for a more integrated world.



President Dudley-Eshbach meets with the Xinhua College delegation.

All three programs between Xinhua College and SU are designed to create an international experience for Xinhua College undergrads to improve their English, pursue their studies and grow globally.

"As an educator, I really want our students to develop their global view of the future with the Guangzhou region," said Dr. Sam Song, director of the English Language Institute and an instrumental leader in

## President Dudley-Eshbach Meets with University of Málaga Faculty



Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach enjoyed speaking Spanish with President Adelaida de la Calle Martín of the University of Málaga (UMA) during Dr. de la Calle Martín's visit to SU from March 25-27, 2014. During the visit, President Dudley-Eshbach

and President de la Calle Martín discussed deepening the relationship between their two universities. Some of the ideas discussed include internship opportunities for SU students in Spain, English language instruction at SU for Spanish students, the expansion of faculty collaborations and exchanges, and the increase in opportunities for SU students to take business classes in English at UMA. The UMA is nestled in the south of Spain in picturesque Costa del Sol and has been SU's most active partnership in Europe

since 2000.

"SU is proud of our almost 15 years of partnership with University of Málaga. They are one of our most trusted, oldest and active institutional partners around the world," said Dr. Brian Stiegler, SU assistant provost of international education, of the visit. He, like many, are thrilled to continue this partnership, as part of SU's commitment to promote the Spanish language and culture to its students.

Dr. Keith Brower, SU Fulton School of Liberal Arts associate dean, has been the faculty energy behind this partnership, first programming with UMA in 2000 and has been cultivating the relationship ever since. His cultivation has resulted in not only the exchange of students, but the exchange of faculty across multiple areas of research. Dr. Louise Detwiler, Modern Languages and Intercultural

Studies Department chair, hosted a dinner for the UMA delegation at Sobo's Bistro. During the delegation's visit, the UMA delegation was surprised by a lovely snow, providing a lot of excitement and a unique experience to these warm-weather travelers.

Five SU students will study in Spain during June 2014. Another six students will spend the fall 2014 semester at UMA. These students are the latest in the long line of SU students who have studied Spanish language and culture with UMA in the last 15 years.

The Spanish language is being spoken more and more in the United States, and as a college close to the nation's capital, SU's students will benefit from this global collaboration. The relationship with UMA will strengthen students in their abilities to learn Spanish and prepare them for entering a global market.

*"We travel not  
to escape life,  
but for life  
to not  
escape us."  
- Anonymous*

## SU Students Win Gilman Scholarships

Two Salisbury University students have won Gilman Scholarships to use toward their education abroad. The first student, William (Cody) Dennis, is currently attending Anqing Normal University through his Gilman Scholarship for spring 2014. The second student, Stephanie

(Gracie) Ferbur, is putting her scholarship to good use in Costa Rica.

Many other SU students have won Gilman Scholarships in the past. For fall 2013, Erin Knuth was awarded the prestigious award to study in Ghana, West Africa, and in the spring 2014 in Nairobi,

Kenya. Erin is one of the few SU students to commit to studying abroad for an academic year, displaying her commitment to global education. Congratulations to all of our bright scholars on such a celebrated award!

## SU Receives President of Anqing Normal

SU was happy to receive a delegation visit from its partner in China, Anqing Normal University (ANU). SU has been working closely ANU with since 2009 when Dr. Diane Allen, SU's provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, last visited Anqing. Since that time, the universities have been engaging in the exchange of students and faculty ever since. ANU President Zhu Shiqun was the latest faculty from ANU to visit SU from April 8-11, 2014.

for International Education. SU has been working closely to collaborate program with ANU, our most active Asian partner, on a three-plus-one program. ANU students will complete three years of schooling at ANU, followed by a senior year here at SU. ANU enrolled their first cohort of freshman students in fall 2012. These 57 students will be coming to SU in fall 2015. A second cohort of 53 students is currently finishing their freshman year at ANU.

"Since the Anhui Province and the State of Maryland are one of the early [Sister State] partnerships between China and the United States, we want to make a contribution to



*Pictured are Anqing Normal University students enrolled in the collaborative program with SU.*

deepen the relationship in the education area. We have a 30-year-long history between [our states]," said SU's Dr. Sam Song. The Anhui Province and the State of Maryland have been Sister States for 30 years, meaning that they have agreements in a variety of areas, including diplomatic relations, agriculture, economic development, trade, culture, science, technology and education.

"Salisbury University is committed to growing our program in China as a strategic destination for higher education," noted Dr. Brian Stiegler, assistant provost and director of the Center

SU (2015-2017) to finish their Bachelor of Arts in economics. Next year, a second cohort will be enrolled as freshmen at ANU. The main goal of these programs is to expand SU's relations to the Pacific Rim and to globalize the student body. Relationships like the one with Anqing Normal University diversify the student body and help to prepare SU students for success in an interdependent world. SU is honored to be a part of the University System of Maryland and the efforts to strengthen ties with our Sister State are a distinguished way to help our communities grow as one.

In addition, SU has made agreements for a two-plus-two program in economics with ANU. The 60 students enrolled in the inaugural cohort will complete two years of study at ANU (2013-2015), fol-

lowed by two years of study at



## So You Think You Can't Study Abroad: Nursing

For a select few majors at Salisbury University, studying abroad becomes increasingly more difficult to do as students advance through programs. Here's some ways the social work major can study abroad:

- There is a short-term winter study abroad program in Ecuador led by Dr. Voncelia Brown.
- Dr. Tina Reid leads a short-term January program in HIV prevention and education in Africa every other year.
- Nursing majors always have the options of attending summer or winter programs.
- Early planning usually leads to a smoother study abroad process. If you have General Education requirements to fulfill, you can do so while you study abroad!

# Where Civilizations Meet

By Brian Stiegler, Assistant Provost for International Education

This month I had the opportunity to represent Salisbury University on a diplomatic mission to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) led by Maryland Secretary of State John McDonough.

During the visit I met with SU alumnus Mike Fintel '07 who teaches English at the United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain; I met with a potential new Sea Gull freshman and his father in Dubai; and I visited a potential new university partner, the University of Sharjah.

Sharjah is the second largest of the seven emirates that make up the UAE. The slogan that the University of Sharjah uses to mark its identity is "Where Civilizations Meet." At SU, our motto is *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. I have to say that

I prefer the University of Sharjah's way of defining itself.

During my visit I met with two student workers in the Department of International Relations, led by University of Sharjah professor Dr. Hamdi Saleh. I was impressed by both students. Mohamed Limam had been an engineering major but changed his major to international relations. He is interning this year in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the UAE. Reem Al Dandashi is a sophomore international relations major and she is the administrative assistant to Dr. Saleh. He was a constant support for me before and during my visit to Sharjah.

I met a number of university leaders at the University of Sharjah. All



impressed me. None impressed me more than these two dedicated students.

During my visit to the UAE, the University of Sharjah truly lived up to its motto. I am so thankful to Mohamed and Reem for the roles they played in that meeting. I returned inspired to continue to work to make SU also a place "Where Civilizations Meet".

## Photo of the Month

Junior Michelle Clark took this photo studying abroad in London and France this past winter as part of her Global Seminar in Photography: London and Paris class. Her picture won the photo contest on the Center for International Education's Facebook page. The picture is of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

"In the fall, my mom had mentioned going to see the Arc almost every time we talked about this trip, so when I found myself in Paris, it reminded me of how fortunate

I was to have the support of my family and to pursue a study abroad program," said Clark of her three-week program. As part of a project called "Paris Nights," Clark and the other students were challenged to take night time photos.

"Taking photos at night was challenging for me," said Clark, "but this photo really captures the culminating excitement centered around my whole experience abroad!" Congratulations Michelle!



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