

# Engaged Students



## Three Fulbright Award Winners

Three SU seniors earned prestigious Fulbright awards – the most winners the campus has ever had at one time.

Hannah Ennerfelt will conduct research at a neuroscience lab in her family's homeland of Sweden. Katherine Potvin and Matthew Jones will teach English to students in Asia.

Ennerfelt, a biology and psychology double major, will be based at Sweden's Uppsala University, working with a lab mentor who is conducting ALS stem cell research.

Potvin and Jones both won Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships. Potvin heads to Erdenet, Mongolia, for the Otgonbileg School of Technology at the Mongolian University of Science and Technology. Jones will be based in Bangkok, Thailand. Both hope to gain experience outside the American school system.



## Three Gilman Scholars

Asia: That's where the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship took SU's latest student recipients. Molly Miller went to Shanghai, China; Martina Maya-Callen studied in Bangalore, India; and Darian Mullikin studied in South Korea.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education, the Gilman aims to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the places they travel. Awardees do follow-up service projects to promote international education at their home institution.

Dr. Kristen Walton, director of SU's Nationally Competitive Fellowships Office, said the Gilman is the perfect scholarship for SU students who want to study abroad. Remarkably, she added, some 24 of them have earned the award since 2008.



## Studying Peace At The Hague

M.A. in conflict analysis and dispute resolution student Brittany Foutz earned a summer internship at the International Peace and Security Institute (IPSI) at The Hague in the Netherlands.

During her month at The Hague, she met other IPSI nominees from around the world and learned about diplomacy and peacemaking through the program, overseen by the United Nations and its International Institute for Peace.

They studied together at Clingendael Academy, in a house once used as a headquarters for Nazi forces, and heard from representatives of the United Nations, U.S. State Department and U.S. Foreign Aid, among others. Students sat in on trials at the International Criminal Court, as accused heads of state and military leaders were brought before the court to answer for war crimes. They also followed legal proceedings at The Hague's Peace Palace.



## SU Is A Leader In Study Abroad

SU is a national leader in its class for study abroad programming, according to the 2016 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange, which includes SU among the Top 40 master's-level colleges and universities for the number of students studying abroad.

SU's total of 418 study abroad students was a record high for the institution, raising it into the nationally eminent list. (Data in the 2016 report reflects enrollments for the 2014-15 academic year.)

During 2014-15, 20 percent of the SU students who studied abroad earned credits overseas during programs lasting a semester or year. The rest studied on short-term programs of eight weeks or less. Ninety percent of the students' programs were managed by SU; 10 percent participated in others run by affiliated third-party providers.



### Being Good Neighbors All Year

SU students committed to building good neighborhood relationships started the semester placing door hangers at campus area homes and talking with residents. On the hangers were tips for students about how to be good neighbors and useful suggestions to residents on how to reach out to young people, many on their own for the first time. The good will continued throughout the year with two annual community service projects.

Some 900 students from 60 campus organizations helped spruce up public, private and nonprofit properties during the fall Student Government Association's ninth annual "I Love Salisbury" community cleanup event. They fulfilled requests for yardwork and more at nearly 50 Salisbury sites.

In the spring, some 500 students united to help the community during the 13th annual Big Event cleanup day, also sponsored by the Student Government Association. They helped 80 campus neighbors with yard work and other outdoor household chores.

