

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Passport
Cinema:
Monsoon
Wedding, 11/14
My Beautiful
Launderette,
12/5**
- **Global Citizen-
ship Seminar:
11/17**
- **International
Holiday Chance
Auction:
12/8**

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Director's Corner by Janice Thomas, Ph. D.

Welcome to the new academic year. In this first edition, I would like to highlight some of the successes of 2010-2011 and tell you about some initiatives for 2011-2012. In our Educational Services Master Plan 2020, we define internationalization as "the process of integrating an international/global, or inter-cultural dimension into all the teaching, learning, student affairs, research and service functions of Brookdale" (adapted J. Knight, 2003).

To that end some highlights from the past year include:

- Held the inaugural Greece faculty-led honors program hosted by American College of Thessaloniki, in which we sent 8 students and 2 faculty members
- sent 25 students abroad on semester and Greece faculty led programs
- launched the Global Citizenship Project, which provides a framework for integrating a global perspective across disciplines and through co-curricular activities
- launched two Newsletters: GlobalNews and Global Citizenship Newsletter
- sponsored, co-sponsored/co-promoted 40 events with

over 1230 in attendance, including Tibetan Monks, a Cultural Attaché from Ecuador and Scott Beale, a prominent Social Entrepreneur

- participated as a founding member in official launch of StudyNewJersey with representation from a Brookdale student and prominent alumni providing speeches
- maintained enrollment of new F-1 students at same level as in previous year (54 in AY2011 compared to 53 in AY 2010)
- awarded seven Elaine Baran Scholarships
- had four Gilman Scholarship recipients and one enrollee
- gave a webinar on Student Life in Community Colleges for U.S. Department of State

We also had some challenges, particularly with the departure of our coordinator and subsequent hiring freeze. At the present time, we have been given a part-time position and are thrilled to welcome Lucyna Wadych-Ketley as a part-time coordinator. Lucy will be focusing primarily on international student services. We are also excited to have Howard Miller join the staff as our new faculty-liaison. Many of you have

already heard from Howard in one form or another either in connection with GCP or in promoting IEC programs in general. Finally, Sherri West is spending a significant portion of her transitional sabbatical sourcing grant and funding opportunities to support study abroad and international students and she's already found some interesting projects for us to pursue

Looking forward, we are excited that Dr. Dianna Phillips has joined Brookdale. My first meeting with her confirmed my initial impression that she is hugely supportive of international education. She plans to join us at one of our International Education Advisory Committee meetings.

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Director’s Corner, continued...(from pg 1)

As you have noticed from the fliers, posters, plasma screens, and campus calendars, we are offering four faculty-led programs to Paris, Prague and Vienna, Rwanda and India. Hopefully you’ve seen posters for our Brookdale 5K. The center has been busy advising students on study abroad scholarship opportunities and orienting new international students. We’ve also been looking for tactical ways to achieve goals identified in our ESMP 2020. These include:

- Looking into partnership opportunities and opportunities to host students from Brazil
- Exploring the Obama-Singh Initiative vis-à-vis partnership opportunities in India
- The College Board’s China Connect program for linkages with overseas educational advisors

All in all, I’m excited about the year and the possibilities it brings. And, I’m especially excited to work with and have the support of the IEAC and its various committees. Congratulations to everyone for a job well-done last year.

The Elaine Vertucci Baran International Scholarship for Study Abroad

by Susan Bove

Elaine Vertucci Baran was a 24-year veteran professor of Italian, French, Spanish and ESL, and served for 10 years as Coordinator of the International Center at Brookdale, before passing away at the untimely age of 50 in 1995. Her many friends and colleagues deemed that a fitting tribute to this dynamic devotee of all things international would be the establishment of a scholarship fund in her name.

Over the last 15 years, more than 100 BCC students have benefitted from the scholarship named in her honor. For many, it meant the difference between being able to afford this life-changing experi-

ence or not. Scholarships range from \$500 for short-term/summer programs to \$1000 for semester-abroad programs and are awarded each year to 5 to 10 deserving students.

International education brings a wealth of benefits and gives students a definitive edge in the marketplace. Unfortunately, in the current economical situation, many students find it difficult to pay for a study abroad experience.

As faculty and staff, we can foster awareness of the opportunity that studying in a foreign country can mean. While the IEC staff is eager to talk to students interested in study abroad, many may not know that the op-

portunity exists. Faculty can weave discussions of studying abroad into the fabric of their courses; all staff who come into contact with students can broach the subject when the opportunity arises. Just suggesting that a student visit the IEC for more information would be a good start, but even more so, students would benefit from learning that scholarship opportunities exist to place this opportunity within reach. Let’s do all we can to broaden students’ horizons so that they will develop into well-informed citizens of the world.

Welcome from the new Faculty Liaison by Howard Miller

I begin my time as Faculty Liaison to the International Education Center (IEC) with a great deal of enthusiasm and optimism. Two priorities this year are to increase faculty and staff awareness of the IEC and to develop and implement initiatives to internationalize the Brookdale curriculum. With those things in mind, Dr. Janice Thomas and I have spent the early weeks of the semester going from department to department and talking to as many people on campus as we can.

We've discussed the incredibly rich opportunities that international education can offer. Our students can gain through short-term or semester-long study abroad; our faculty can gain through Fulbright programs. The more people who know about these programs, the better the IEC can serve the Brookdale community. And with the idea of increasing your knowledge in mind, let me suggest that anyone reading this article find your way to one of the many events during this year's International Education Week. From November 14-18,

whether it's dinner and a screening of Monsoon Wedding in Asbury Park, applying for your U.S. Passport on campus, or coming to hear one of our many speakers, there's something in it for everyone.

Inside the classroom, I'm working to develop the Global Citizenship Project that Tom Berke, Terry Konn, Janice Thomas, and I began a year ago. Internationalizing the curriculum is something that faculty from across the College have embraced once they've been introduced to it. And it's something that can have a tremendous effect on our students. We talk about the magical, yet simple, idea of "saving the world one assignment at a time." Once our students gain awareness of some global issues, they're more likely to act. Not only that, they also improve their critical thinking skills once they see themselves as part of a larger world.

I'm really looking forward to my three years in this position, all of the Brookdalians who I'll meet, all of the students who I might be able to help, and all of the amazing cultural events



that I'll be able to attend. If you have any ideas about how you might internationalize your curriculum, or if you'd like some suggestions, please get in touch with me at hmliller@brookdalecc.edu or 732-224-2312.

About the Global Citizenship Project

The "Global Citizenship Project" aims to educate and engage students and the college community in global issues to improve the world we live in and to foster a life-long commitment to global citizenship.

Faculty and staff can get involved in meaningful discussions on global issues with students in class, at student club meetings and, of course, in private or group conversations. Students can get involved in community service and volunteerism through student clubs, aiding an existing non-profit with its mission, volunteerism, experiential learning, and a host of other means.

The Global Citizenship Council (BCC volunteers) has put together resources for faculty, staff and students. The many resources will enable faculty and staff to engage in meaningful discussions about global issues with students and the BCC community and will aid students to seek out ways to get actively involved at a global level and become a global citizen. For more information, look at the Global Citizenship project resources at <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/3878.asp>

A Greek Odyssey

By Laura Neitzel, Ph. D., Assistant Professor, History Department

Between May 18 and 31, Professors Barbara Jones (Anthropology) and Laura Neitzel (History) accompanied eight Brookdale students to Greece. They began in the northern part of the country, establishing their base in Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki, and taking weekend and day trips to the beaches and historical sites of Chalkidiki and to Vergina, capital of ancient Macedonia. They spent their final three days in southern Greece, specifically Athens and the island of Aegina.

Students studied "World Civilizations

I" with related visits to ancient Stagira -- birthplace of Aristotle, the birthplace of Alexander the Great, the tomb of King Phillip II, classical and Roman ruins in Thessaloniki, Byzantine monasteries on Mt. Athos, the Parthenon on the Acropolis, the Agora, and other sites. One popular destination was the new Acropolis Museum in Athens where students and professors engaged in a spirited debate on the proper home for the controversial "Elgin Marbles."

This was our inaugural trip to the American College of Thessaloniki

(ACT). We hope to continue our relationship with ACT and create more exchange programs in the future, particularly for Brookdale Honors students. While in Thessaloniki, the group lived in ACT housing, took classes on campus, and were capably guided around the city by ACT faculty and students. This tiny taste of college life, especially the opportunity to socialize with Greek college students, was the highlight of the trip. We hope to return to Thessaloniki with another group of students in the summer of 2013.



Students and Faculty on the World Civilizations I trip to Greece, Summer 2011

Did You Know....

- Students can use their financial aid including Pell Grants and student loans to pay for study abroad experiences?
- Scholarships are available to make study abroad even more affordable?
- International experiences make students more employable and expand problem-solving and cross-cultural communication skills?
- Students can study abroad for a short period (such as an a faculty-led program) or for a full semester?



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The World is Our Community!

The International Education Center fosters a learning community in which students, faculty and staff, and community members develop global literacy, cultural empathy, and cultural self-awareness. Our program offerings include international student services, study abroad, and professional development including faculty/staff exchanges, international grant-funded initiatives,

The International Education Center's first 5K!

On October 30th at Thompson Park, the International Education Center will host its first 5k. On site registration for the race begins at 7:30 and the race begins at 9am.

Registration is \$25
Preregistration is due by October 14 and these early registrants will also receive a race T-shirt.

Tim McLoone is the Race Master and the race is

sponsored by The Two River Times.

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