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Brookdale's International Center announces scholarship recipients

LINCROFT — Scholarships make study abroad dreams come true. Brookdale's International Center is pleased to announce scholarship recipients for spring and summer 2012 programs.

Freeman-ASIA supports American undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to

Scholarship program makes international studies abroad possible.

study overseas in East or Southeast Asia. Matthew Papania, of Middletown, will be studying Intensive Japanese at KCP International in Tokyo, Japan during spring 2012. He is pursuing an associate's degree in social sciences and looks forward to gaining first-hand exposure to and understanding Asia, its peoples and cultures.

Two Brookdale students are recipients of Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships for spring 2012 study abroad. Jeffrey Lara, Howell, will study at Edgehill University, Ormskirk, England. He is an English major with interests in script and screen writing. Holly McKay, Howell, will study at the Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, Lima, Peru. She is a business major and will be taking courses in business and Spanish. The Gilman Scholarship Program enable US citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to bet-

ter prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.

The Elaine Baran Scholarship for Study Abroad was established to honor the life and achievements of Elaine Baran, a former faculty member of languages who was dedicated to both Brookdale and global communities. Her passion and motivation for sharing international experiences was instrumental in the development of Brookdale's international programs.

Two students will receive funding to study to participate in Brookdale short-term, faculty-led programs during summer 2012. Erin McHale, Morganville, will participate in Brookdale's service learning program to Kigali, Rwanda during May and June. She is pursuing an associate's degree in sciences. Raelene Wehner, Port Monmouth, will travel to Paris as part of a World Literature course. She is majoring in business administration.

Brookdale's summer 2012 short term study programs are currently accepting applications for travel to Paris, Prague and Vienna or Rwanda in May. An India program is offered during July.

The programs are open to both students and community members aged 18 and older. Visiting students — those from colleges and universities other than Brookdale — are also welcome. Early application is encouraged as some programs fill quickly.

Brookdale faculty will lead students outside the traditional classroom and show a first-hand look at history and culture. Students earn three to four hours of academic credit or service learning credit for successful completion of the course and related requirements.

The application deadline for programs departing in May is Jan. 31. The deadline for the July India program is March 1 with a special "early bird" discount for applications received by March 1. Contact the International Center at 732-224-2799 for more information including detailed itineraries and programs costs.