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by enhancing international
education programs,
and expanding campus diversity...
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“A Dynamic Experience!”

Mathew Luga  
Korea University, South Korea  
Major: Business Admin.

How can I explain my experience in Korea? Fun, interesting, exciting these words hardly do my experience in Korea justice. Studying at Korea University was somewhat life altering in that it has helped change my outlook on world business. It has also facilitated my business ambition and helped give me a clearer sense of where I want to be in the growing global economy. The first rate faculty is highly knowledgeable and their passion for business enables them to effectively facilitate student participation, learning and enjoyment. Schooling was challenging, but if thrive on competition and want to learn than this is a great place to increase your knowledge. However, all work and no play is just wrong, and I feel that the Korean cultural really knows how to emphasize work hard play hard. If you love to eat and socialize then Seoul is the right place for you. From Korean BBQ, to night clubs closing at 7am the nightlife definitely deserves the label of epic. Having traveled to different countries all over the world I can truly say that Korea is dynamic and its people have a zest for life. Combining that with a population of over 10 million people and a city that never sleeps and the possibilities are endless.
Semester at Sea is a pioneer and leader in global comparative studies—a critical educational component in an increasingly global world. We partner with the University of Virginia, the nation’s second-ranked public university, to select exemplary deans and faculty, create engaging course curricula, and explore the world with a unique, comparative studies focus. Semester at Sea is much more than another semester at school; it is a life-altering learning adventure. Our itineraries take us to the four corners of the world, making our campus truly global in scope.

**FIRST-CLASS GLOBAL EDUCATION**

**COUNTRIES VISITED**

1. A = Sand Diego, CA, USA
2. B = Halifax, Canada
3. C = Cadiz, Spain
4. D = Casablanca, Morocco
5. E = Takoradi, Ghana
6. F = Cape Town, South Africa
7. G = Port Louis, Mauritius
8. H = Chennai, India
9. I = Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
10. J = Hong Kong & Shanghai, China
11. K = Kobe & Yokohama, Japan

**FALL 2010 VOYAGE**
“Worthwhile Time at Sea!”

Rachel Cabanalla  
Semester at Sea—Worldwide  
Major: Marine Science

My Fall 2010 semester was and will always be the most amazing time of my life. I never thought that I would really be able to study abroad because of financial issues, but being given a scholarship from UHH so that I was able to travel the world on a ship to 11 different countries was way beyond what I could have ever imagined as part of my college years. I gained so many unique and unforgettable experiences, I met the most genuine and kind people, I opened my eyes and my heart to see so much I never thought I ever would. I immersed myself in a lot of volunteer work, which always were the most rewarding parts about being in the countries.

During my semester at sea I not only learned about the world, but I also learned a lot about myself. I realized there are a lot of things in life that we take for granted and I saw people who have absolutely nothing realize that the most important things in life are health, family, and a positive spirit. I think studying abroad is an amazing experience, but being able to literally go around the world is a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will be forever grateful for.

Being on a ship where the ages of passengers ranged from 6 months to 90 years old really made a remarkable community. I got advice and mentoring from people that have done things I always dreamed of and that could show me what I need to do in order to make those dreams come true. One of these people was Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who was basically our mascot for the semester. He gave the most incredible speeches that always made me feel a sense of hope and drive to make the world a better place. There are so many different aspects of Semester at Sea that really make it the best study abroad option. I am forever grateful for that experience and will remember all the places, people, and things that I encountered!
Growing up in a small rural town on the Big Island, the opportunity to study abroad wasn’t something that was emphasized while I was in high school; the main goal was to attend college. But just last year, the idea to study abroad was presented to me and I was inspired to expand my horizons and gain new perspectives. News articles, TV shows, magazines or pictures did not prepare me for what I encountered in the different countries we visited. The immense diversity in the mass amount of poverty in one place to the emerging skyscrapers and advanced technology in another left me astonished. It was the things I didn’t notice at home that stood out to me the most.

Something that I will never forget is seeing the genuine smiles of the children I met in the South Africa townships. Their happiness, despite living in poverty, humbled me and gave me a new insight that I would have never received if I didn’t study abroad.

This unique study abroad experience truly connected me to the ten countries we visited. Now when I hear about the town or see that town or country on TV or the web, it brings me back to the time I was there. The memories of that place are overwhelming and it feels like I was just there the other day.
Semester at Sea Scholarship

The University of Hawaii at Hilo Semester at Sea Scholarship Program is a co-operative partnership between the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Institute for Shipboard Education (ISE). This scholarship is to cover 60% of the total program fee for an economy priced cabin (price varies by semester); The UH-Hilo Financial Aid Office will assist students with financial aid options to cover the remaining 40% of the program cost.

Eligibility Requirements:

» Must have at least 3.0 UH-Hilo Cumulative GPA

» Student must be a classified full-time student semester before time abroad.

» Must have completed 24 UH-Hilo credits prior to intended study abroad term.

» Student must return to UH-Hilo after Semester at Sea voyage for at least a semester at UH-Hilo due to community service requirements.

Deadline:

» February 1st (for Fall)

» October 1st (Spring)

Selection Criteria:

» Student with diverse cultural background

» Preference to First-Generation students

» A well written personal statement

» Excellent recommendation letter
The IFSA Global Scholarship Program is an initiative created by the Center for Global Education and Exchange and funded by the IFSA Foundation. It is designed to allow semester and year-long study abroad opportunities for first-generation students with limited financial means by providing supplemental financial assistance. Overall, the program intends to create future leaders that will utilize their experiences abroad to contribute to the UH Hilo and global community. More information and the application can be found below. Review of applications will begin on the following dates and will continue until all selections are made: study abroad for Fall/Year-Long: Last Friday in February and Spring only: Last Friday in October.

**Eligibility:**
The IFSA Global Scholarship is available to all full-time and classified UH Hilo students who meet the following criteria:

- 3.0 UH Hilo GPA
- Completed 24 UH Hilo Credits
- Receive Federal Financial Aid
- First-Generation college student (as student whose parent(s) has not earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher)
- Scholarship recipient must return to UH Hilo upon completion of the study abroad program
- Duration of exchange must be at least one semester

**Selection Criteria:**
The following selection criteria is preferred, but not limited to:

- Hawai‘i high school graduates
- Students with high financial need
- Students with diverse ethnic backgrounds
- Students with no prior study abroad experience of more than six weeks.
The Audrey S. Furukawa Study Abroad Scholarship will enable eligible students to begin their global education journey, open infinite doors of opportunity and to promote world peace. The deadline is the last Friday in February. As a lifelong resident of Hilo, Audrey S. Furukawa values the opportunity to give back. With the support from her family & friends, Ms. Furukawa has established a scholarship which will enable students to study abroad & explore the endless horizon.

Ms. Furukawa spent over 30 years as a faculty member and administrator at UH-Hilo. She retired in 2008 from dual positions as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, and Director of the Center for Global Education and Exchange, which she established in 2005.

**Requirements:**

- Applicant must be enrolled as a full time classified student at UH-Hilo.
- Applicant must have 24 UH-Hilo credits at the time of departure.
- Applicant must show academic merit as demonstrated with a minimum 3.2 GPA.
- Applicant will study abroad for at least one semester.
- The applicant must not have studied, traveled, or lived abroad for more than one month.
- The selected student must return to UH Hilo upon completion of the study abroad program.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Academic achievement including honors and awards.
- Personal statement
- Service Project Proposal
- Letters of Recommendation
- Preference will be given to Hawai’i high school graduates
- Finalists will have an interview with the scholarship committee
Want to spend a Summer Abroad…
And NOT Pay For it????

The U.S Department of State is offering FULL scholarships for students who want to participate in beginning, intermediate, and advanced level intensive summer language programs at American Overseas Research Centers!

Programs offered include Arabic in Cairo, Chinese in Harbin, Korean in Suwon and Many More!!

Visit the website at http://clscholarship.org/index.html

Hanyang University International Summer School (HIIS)

HISS is open between late June to late July, and we offer more than 40 courses in diverse areas, all taught in English. The total number of participants in 2010 was 432 (approx. 200 from the U.S., 50 of whom were students at partner universities) and we are expecting around 600 participants in 2011.

Students who come as exchange students from our partner universities can take advantage of a full tuition waive and free lodging (totaling approx. US$3,000). These students must be recommended by their home university international offices. The number of exchange students and related matters can be open to further discussion.

Deadline for submission of completed applications is March 18, 2011.

Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program

A 9-week experience (June 15-August 13, 2011) arranged by IIE’s partner organization will take place in three cities: Bandung, Malang, and Yogyakarta. All program-related costs will be covered.

Interested American & Indonesian sophomores & juniors enrolled in U.S institutions are encouraged to apply, using the online application at http://www.iie.org/programs/finip.

Deadline for advisor nominations and submission of completed applications is March 1, 2011.
UHH Faculty-Lead Summer 2011 Programs

A) China

China: Chinese Culture Study Tour 2011

Chinese Culture Study Tour Summer Program 2011 at Peking University will take you across China from Shanghai to Xian and includes a trip to Lhasa, Tibet. You will have an opportunity to listen to lectures from distinguished professors and learn about Chinese philosophy and business.

B) Peru

Peru: Castellano en Peru 2011-business, language, & culture

Castellano en Perú 2011 business, language & culture, is a four-week summer program where students will have an opportunity to explore what has been called the "Peruvian economic miracle", to speak Spanish and to discover the fascinating and delicious Peruvian culture. Through visits to the Bolsa de Valores del Peru, micro enterprises, markets, museums, archeological sites, restaurants and artistic academies in Cusco and in Lima, students will be immersed in a unique linguistic and cultural experience. Students will also participate in Service Learning projects, alongside their Peruvian peers.

C) Australia

Australia: AUIP

This 3.5-week experiential program uses the theme of sustainable development to explore the relationship between people and their natural environment. Queensland is known as the Sunshine State, and is home to the Outback and Aboriginal communities, lush tropical rainforest, golden beaches, uniquely Australian marsupials, and the marine diversity of the magnificent and stunning Great Barrier Reef.
“Where in the World?”

Photo Contest Winners

"Streets of Beijing" (China)
Photo by Sui-Lan Hookano.
1st place winner voted by judges.

"Ordinary Day" (Benin, Africa)
Photo by Emily Lambert.
2nd place winner voted by judges.

"Mount Fuji’s Chimes" (Japan)
Photo by Chrissy Sugiyama.
3rd place winner voted by judges.
“Where in the World?”
Photo Contest Winners

Special Awards:

"Glancing Back at the City" (New Zealand)
Photo by Chiemi Nagle.
UH-Hilo popular vote photo.

"Ride to the Clouds" (New Zealand)
Photo by Karalyn Murphy.
Staff award voted by judges.
"Adventure is worthwhile." ~ Amelia Earhart

**UH Hilo’s Spring 2011 Global Vulcans**

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**Spring Semester 2011**
Scholarship Recipients for Spring 2011!

Semester at Sea Scholarship Recipients
(From left to right) Keith Miser, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for International Programs, Tiana Gillia (Junior, Business Administration major), Sydney Kashiwagi (Sophomore, Communications major), and Alexander Parra (Senior, Communications major with emphasis in media).

IFSA Scholarship Recipients
(From left to right) Sydeny Kashiwagi, Renee Bautista, Tiana Gillia, Robert Geis and Keith Miser. Each Student received a scholarship in the amount of $2,500. Eligible students are first-generation college students. Missing from photo is Serafina Gajate.
Contact a staff member from the Center for Global Education and Exchange to discuss your options for study abroad. Plan ahead so you have ample time to make sound decisions on your future.

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