Dear EAPers,

Greetings from the International Center! We've been thinking about you and realized that it's time for more news from home. Since you'll be coming home soon, this will be our last newsletter (and the only newsletter for those of you on the Spring semester programs). This is very late this year – we apologize.

EAP UPDATES:

Molly Ann is retiring! After 27 years of EAP advising, it is with a heavy heart that Molly Ann is retiring June 29th. She started at Warren College in 1978 (probably none of you were even born!). Her email will continue to be the same if you want/need to contact her.

Jinous Kasravi, the UCSD EAP Director, who started last June, is also leaving, returning to Los Angeles.

EAP program closures/changes/additions:

During the Egypt uprising, our students were safely evacuated with a short stop in Barcelona. One stayed at UCSD, two switched to Turkey and one to Israel. After the Japan earthquake/tsunami, the EAP Japan programs were also closed. Most came home for Spring quarter. The travel advisory for Japan has been lifted, so the 2011/12 programs are good to go. Students will be attending the new programs in Florence, Italy and, hopefully, Tanzania, Africa.

PAO UPDATE: Summer 2012 will launch the 5th year of UCSD’s Global Seminars, led by UCSD faculty. Stay tuned for more details and the new destinations.

Welcome Cash Preston Tarbell. Advisor Eric Tarbell and his wife have a new baby boy, born April 13th.

UCSD UPDATE: See newsletter from Student Assistants

EAP NUMBERS: We have just completed the selection of those aspiring to follow in your footsteps. The application count (up for some countries and down for others - do any of you want to extend?) is as follows: Australia-21 Barbados-2, Brazil-4, Canada-2, Chile –3, China-45, Costa Rica Trop Bio-6, Denmark-6, Egypt-1, France-40, Ghana-5, Germany-6 Hong Kong-27, India-1, Ireland-8, Italy-46, Japan-26, Korea-60, Mexico-3, Netherlands-9, Russia-0, Singapore-10, South Africa-2, Spain-53, Sweden-18, Taiwan-9, Thailand-6, Turkey-8, UK-80, Vietnam-3. We're exhausted!!

RECIPIROCITY STUDENTS: The applications from Reciprocity Students (EAP is a two-way exchange) have been coming in from Chile, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Italy, Korea, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey and the UK. PLEASE find out who might be going to any UC from your host institution and get to know them. Maybe you can relieve some of their anxieties - remember how you were feeling last year?

SHIP: The University Student Health Insurance Program was waived for you while you were abroad. It will automatically be reinstated at the beginning of Fall Quarter. However, since the EAP health insurance stops at the end of the program, you need to purchase additional coverage for the gap between the time the EAP coverage ends and your next quarter begins (if you did not sign up for the EAP GAP Insurance or if you are not covered through your parents).

FINANCIAL AID: You should have already submitted online your 2011/12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms. The FAFSA deadline was March 2nd in order to be considered "on time." If you haven't already done so, you can access the web-based version of the FAFSA at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/. The Financial Aid Office is flexible with EAP students. If you have any problem with this deadline, contact Julie Ta (taj@ucsd.edu), Financial Aid Office, 0013, 9500 Gilman Drive; La Jolla, CA 92093-0013, fax# 858-534-5459, ph# 858-534-3808.

REGISTERING FOR FALL CLASSES: Our first piece of advice is DON'T PANIC! The Fall Schedule of Classes are available on Tritonlink (http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu). WebReg began May 5th (Sorry this is old news). If you don't have access, hopefully

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you have already commissioned a friend to register for you. Be sure you give them your PAC# and PID#. If you have no other recourse, call/fax/email our office 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (ph# 858/534-1123, fax# 858/822-5726, email abroad@ucsd.edu) and we'll try to assist you. At minimum, you should be enrolled in some classes, which you can modify during open enrollment. Since only a few grades have come in (mostly ILPs), you will probably have the same status (Jr/Sr) as when you departed.

UCSD Summer Session, 0179, 9500 Gilman Drive., La Jolla, CA 92093-0179, USA, ph# (858) 534-5258, fax# (858) 534-8271. First Session – June 27 to July 30; Second Session - Aug. 1 to Sept. 3. Click here for courses http://summersession.ucsd.edu/.

**GRADUATION CEREMONIES**: June 11 & 12th

**ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR COURSES TAKEN ABROAD**: For the final time, please make sure you have checked your course lists for accuracy (course #, unit value, grading options, etc.) BEFORE YOU LEAVE. You should keep a copy of your study list. If you don’t have one, get one and make sure any changes are properly recorded. Also, bring back as much documentation of your coursework as possible (papers, syllabi, exams, etc.). Make copies of your papers before you turn them in. If you are having trouble with a class, are worried about a grade, etc, please talk to your professor and Study Center Director before you leave. These problems need to be resolved while on site, NOT upon your return. You will have to petition classes you want to count towards college, major/minor requirements. The more documentation of your work you can furnish, the easier this process will be! Warning - some host universities will not release grades until all financial responsibilities (rent, phone bills, returned library books, etc) in the host country are cleared. Take care of these responsibilities BEFORE leaving your host country.

**SENIORS**: If you are taking new courses, be sure all the necessary information has been submitted to your study center director. Remember, grades are generally reported to the Registrar’s Office within 90 days of the end of the program. In some cases, however, grades may still not be available from the host university after the 90-day period.

**HOUSING**: Let us know if you are looking for an apartment or need a roommate. If you are interested in I-House, the website is http://ihouse.ucsd.edu/. Also, there is a California Housing Board http://eap.ucop.edu/reciprocal_exchanges/housing_board.shtm, which provides a forum for all EAP participants to share information about housing for rent and housing wanted in California. Students are encouraged to post messages about housing sublets, shared housing, rooms for rent, etc. Do not post personal information, just email addresses. The off-campus housing website is http://offcampushousing.ucsd.edu.

**RE-ENTRY**: It's not too early to think about your return home! People usually anticipate a certain amount of culture shock coming to a foreign country, but what they often don't realize is that returning home can also be a "shock" (usually bigger). Having been abroad, you have been accustomed to another way of life - different ways of socializing, learning, and spending free time. Many of the things that initially seemed strange to you might now seem comfortable, sensible and familiar. You have adopted at least part of what used to be a foreign culture, and so the United States may well feel a little "foreign" to you on your return, particularly in this climate of fervent patriotism.

You'll come home full of excitement about your time abroad and eager to share your experiences. You'll feel matured and changed. Be prepared for some disappointment when you find family and friends are less changed than you are, and less than enthusiastic about hearing in minute detail about everything you experienced and learned. Many people find these unexpected aspects of the return home a bit of a challenge. Some returnees have actually cut back on their academic and extracurricular activities upon return to give themselves time to successfully readjust. As you return to the U.S., try to approach your home culture with the same sort of appreciation and patience with which you approached your host culture.

**STAYING INVOLVED INTERNATIONALLY - OPPORTUNITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER**: There are many ways to stay involved in international activities upon your return - through jobs, volunteering and social activities. Opportunities include International House, International Club, Friday International Cafés, and the Language Exchange program. Get involved and keep up your "international perspective!"

**SEEKING VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION ASSISTANTS**: FALL 2011 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

The UC San Diego International Center invites applications for the Fall 2011 Orientation Assistant Program. As a volunteer Orientation Assistant, you will play an integral role during the New International Student Orientation held every September to welcome hundreds of international students, researchers, faculty, and family members to the UC San Diego
If you want to make a difference, meet new international students and scholars, or learn about different cultures, we strongly encourage you to apply. We are seeking to fill 35-45 Orientation Assistant positions by June 30, 2011.

- Welcome new international students, researchers, faculty, and their families
- Help students and scholars complete check-in forms
- Make campus and community referrals as needed
- Assist with Welcome Events, such as Bonfire, Welcome Dinner/Square Dance, International Mixer
- …and much, much more!

TO APPLY: For more information and to apply, click on Orientation Assistant (OA) Program at http://iprograms.ucsd.edu

CONTACT: iprograms@ucsd.edu or 858-534-0603

“STUDY ABROAD BROUGHT HOME” SEMINAR:
Mon & Tues, Oct 10 & 11, Mondays – Oct 17, 24,31, 4-5:50PM International Center Oceanids Pavilion
In Fall, you can enroll in a 1-credit seminar titled “Study Abroad Brought Home” (ERC 192). Taught by Ann Craig, Provost Emeritus of Eleanor Roosevelt College, the seminar will meet for 5 weeks Monday afternoons (one Tuesday). Each week the group will discuss the impact of crossing borders, how this shaped your identity and notion of global citizenship, and how your experiences can be applied here at UC San Diego and in the future. For more information about ERC 192, contact ERC Advising at *858) 534-9864 to request enrollment authorization. Register early, as this seminar is sure to fill up.

New Global Leadership Certificate launching Fall, 2011!
Be one of the first UC San Diego students to earn our newly developed Global Leadership Certificate. The certificate will help you represent how you have developed the skills, knowledge, sensitivities, and understanding to be an engaged leader in our interdependent world.

The program is structured to include international experience (being an international student, completing an education abroad experience, completing an international internship, or completing a domestic internship with an international focus), coursework, workshops, community engagement, lectures, cultural events, a capstone project, career tools, and final presentations. It’s designed to be completed at any pace before you graduate.

More information will be available mid summer on the PAO website.

WELCOME BACK/WELCOME FESTIVITIES and STUDENT ASSISTANT POSITIONS
Look for updates on these sometime during the summer.

CHECKING IN UPON YOUR RETURN: PLEASE come by our office as soon as you return. Besides the fact that we're anxious to see all of you, we need your addresses, emails, and phone numbers so you don't miss any events or special opportunities. One more thing - PLEASE give your new campus address to the Registrar's Office (directly via Tritonlink) after you get resettled.

One last reminder - if you haven't been keeping a journal, it is not too late to start and you'll be sorry if you don't. There is an old Chinese proverb which says the memory is paler than the palest ink. We want you to have a record of all your special moments so you can share them with us. Have a great Spring break, enjoy every minute you have left, and have a safe trip home.

A REAL "belated"

Sincerely,
Programs Abroad Staff