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UCEAP 50th Anniversary Celebration Germany & Italy

On October 19th, UCEAP celebrated the 50th anniversary of study abroad partnerships with Germany and Italy with a special event for all UCEAP alumni. Co-hosted by UC Berkeley and UCEAP, over 250 people attended the lively celebration at the Berkeley International House. Eight of the 1963-1964 inaugural Göttingen alumni class attended and were honored at the event. Seeing their long lost friends and sharing stories from over 50 years ago was a highlight for many! The event was a wonderful mix of old and young alumni, current students, friends, and family. A special thank you to Dan Gordon of Gordon Biersch, Lisa Luceta from Torani and Saag Sausage for donating beer, Italian soda and sausages. For more pictures of the event, click [here](#).



Dan Gordon with students Lily Kley and Siyu Cai

UC Irvine International Education Week Movie Night - 11/14/13

Join the UCI Study Abroad Center Thursday, November 14th at 6:30pm for an adventure of cultural discovery! Watch the 2002 film, [Bend It Like Beckham](#), and enjoy a dessert reception with UCI students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Please register [here](#) by 11/7.

UCSC Student Fuels his Passion for Photography in Berlin

Edward Mauricio Ramirez, a Sociology major at UCSC, is currently studying at [Humboldt University in Berlin](#).

"Guten Tag! When I first began my studies in Santa Cruz, I had no intention of traveling abroad or learning another language. However, as I learned more about German history, I became much more fascinated with the social dynamics of the country and wanted to experience it first-hand. I have had plenty of fun in Berlin but I think some of the best times I have had here in this great city have been



exploring some of the abandoned places. The modern architecture of the city is unlike anything I have ever seen, but I am truly enticed by the abandoned buildings that still remain. There is so much history within these buildings and every time I go inside one of them I try to imagine its appearance prior to all of the destruction. It is quite exhilarating going through a building with not much visibility and discovering objects that one would not normally find outside of these places. I believe that through my utilization of photography, I am able to reach a greater population because others are able to see a direct representation of what I am experiencing inside one of these places. I have truly enjoyed my time here in Berlin and I hope to one day return after I am done with my studies." To see more of Edward's photography, visit his [blog](#).

UCSB Student Gets a Head Start on Spanish in Cadiz

Lauren Walson, a Global Studies major at UCSB participated in a [pre-Intensive Language Program \(ILP\) in Cadiz, Spain](#).

"Relaxing on Playa Victoria, watching Flamenco being sung on the balconies every week, day excursions to places like Tarifa where you can see Africa less than 15km away, and teachers that make you laugh and learn every day without having fear of speaking up and practicing your Spanish. These are merely a snippet of the many activities and experiences that I



had in the gorgeous city of Cadiz. There is no possible way to be bored or out of activities to do, whether they be planned by the program like a trip to nearby cities and kayaking along the coast, or something you and your friends find like exploring the night life and trying tapas with a nice glass of vino.

Participating in the pre-ILP not only helped me become accustomed to the language and make amazing friends who share the same love of travel, but I also learned a lot about the culture and history of Spain." If you'd like to see Lauren's blog about her travels in Spain, visit foreignlaurentravels.tumblr.com

UCB Student Wins Scholarship from University of Hong Kong

UC Berkeley student, Hannah Hole, received a [scholarship from HKU](#) for outstanding academic performance.

"Studying abroad at the [University of Hong Kong](#) has been the most incredible, unforgettable, and enriching experience I've had as a college student. I am very grateful for the opportunities that HKU provided for me through its rigorous academic environment, its diverse international exchange community, and ideal location for traveling.



Hannah (right) with a new friend at HKU

HKU is an amazing academic institution that takes tremendous effort to create a supportive community for foreign exchange students. I cannot adequately describe my gratitude for HKU and the enriching, life-changing experience that it offered me during my year abroad. Although I was a bit nervous before I hopped on the plane and traveled across the world and time zones away from my home in California. By the time I flew back to the US, I felt as though I created another home: Hong Kong."

UCD Student Wins \$2,500 Scholarship to Study in Australia

Jennifer Jones, a Psychology major at UC Davis, has been awarded an International Student Exchange Program Scholarship (ISEP) from the Australian Government. Currently studying in Perth at the [University of Western Australia](#), Jennifer will receive AU\$2,500 (US\$2,392).



Each year UWA is awarded funding for scholarships for a particular region. This semester there were 4 scholarships available for American students.

UCI Scholarship Recipient Interns in Robotic Lab in Bristol, UK

During her time abroad, UC Irvine student, Michelle Freret, participated in an internship at the Bristol Robotics Laboratory in the UK.



"The laboratory, focused on devices concerned with human-robot interaction, and allowed me to explore one of my main engineering interests as well as gain experience in robotics. I had browsed the Bristol Robotics

Laboratory's website, but thought that there would be little chance to gain an internship at the lab. Nevertheless, it was the deciding factor in choosing [Bristol University](#) as my host university abroad.

As a [Student Support Scholarship](#) recipient and through my university's connections, I was able to secure a summer internship with PhD student Maria Elena Giannaccini on her project in collision safety. Over the duration of the project, most of the work I was engaged in was hands-on and I had the chance to use engineering tools, parts, and CAD software to achieve my goals. Being a recipient of a grant from the Student Support Scholarship Fund was invaluable in enabling me to participate in my internship at the Bristol Robotics Laboratory. It was the perfect addition to my engineering studies abroad in Bristol, England. I am grateful that UCEAP decided to offer this scholarship and would recommend it to anyone interested in internships and research abroad." To watch a video of her internship,

visit: <http://youtu.be/ooQxw1a34JE>

UCD Student Receives Scholarship for Studies in Glasgow

Elizabeth Rael, a UC Davis Human Development major, was recently awarded a 500GBP (\$807) [BUTEX Scholarship award](#). Elizabeth, who is pictured to the right on the shores of the iconic Loch Lomond, is currently studying abroad through UCEAP at [the University of Glasgow in Scotland](#).



She chose to study at Glasgow after hearing many positive reviews of the city and the outgoing nature of its people. She is looking forward to studying different Psychology modules at the University and is intrigued to notice the difference in the approach to studying at a Scottish University. Apart from her studies, Elizabeth has immersed herself in Scottish culture and has already sampled traditional activities such as ceilidh (pronounced "kay-lee") dancing. She is looking to utilize the social side of University by joining the Volleyball and Potholing clubs.

HKU Student Makes New UCLA Friends Through Volunteering

Shing Kwan Chan, a reciprocity student studying Art History at UCLA from the [University of Hong Kong](#), talks about one of the many benefits beyond the classroom that the UC experience provides:



Shing Kwan Chang (first row, the second from the left) and his new UCLA friends.

"Besides academic studies, UCLA has also provided many opportunities for new students like me to find well-rounded development opportunities in different fields. I remember most the day when all newly admitted and exchange students were volunteering at different places around Los Angeles. My floor-mates and I went to an elementary school and renovated basketball courts. Despite the hot weather and hard work, I felt so relaxed and heart-warmed when I saw the genuine smiles from the kids at the elementary school. This is a very valuable experience to me. Being an exchange student from the University of Hong Kong, the volunteer day at UCLA provided me the chance to devote my power and strength to help the needy and the underprivileged in the United States."

