

# STUDY ABROAD NEWSLETTER

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### Women's Choir in China

The Women's Choir traveled to China over spring break. During their trip, they sang several concerts with other Chinese college choirs. They made many new friends with people in the other choirs. They had fun discussing their favorite American singers and similarities between their college experiences. Despite the language barrier, they were able to connect with one another. When words failed, they were able to communicate through music. The choir members got to do some sight-seeing in China and were able to try their hand at bargaining for souvenirs. There was some culture shock with the eastern toilets (dubbed "squatty potties" by the choir). Despite the many challenges presented by such a different culture, the choir had a great time in China.



Picture by Angie Schott

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Learn more about their adventures by checking out the blog by Joy Viceroy at <http://smcwocho.livejournal.com/>



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### Reflections on Honduras Spring Break Trip

By Gabrielle Hussey

Visiting and serving in Honduras was a privilege for me. It was a great experience. Those at Hogar Diamante made it a very personal experience. Everyone was welcoming and I felt truly appreciated. Being able to serve them and to establish a connection with each of the boys who live there was a unique opportunity. I felt like I left with 41 younger brothers. I really was part of the family at Hogar Diamante.



Picture by Gabrielle Hussey

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### 2011 China Night Recap

On Saturday, February 19th, China Night was held in O’Laughlin auditorium. The night was in celebration of the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the Rabbit. The night consisted of many performances by Saint Mary’s students, Clay High School Students, and members of the South Bend community. The Saint Mary’s Women’s choir performed two songs in Chinese. The choir also performed these songs during their trip to China over spring break. Saint Mary’s Chinese students Chen Chen and Jingqiu Guan performed on a traditional instrument and a dance. The Chinese Granger Dance Company, made up of children of Chinese descent in the South Bend community, performed four Chinese dance numbers. The Chinese class at Clay High School performed their rendition of a Peking Opera. There were also members of the South Bend community who performed a sword dance and a Kung Fu demonstration. A group of Chinese South Bend women performed a fan dance. To end the night, the SMC Chinese class sang “You and Me” in Chinese and English.



Picture by Gang Li

### Care Packages for Students Abroad

Before Spring Break, care packages were sent by the Global Education Office to those students who are currently studying abroad. Every semester, care packages including personalized letters, prayer cards, and small gifts are sent to people studying abroad. We hope these parcels will let students know that we are still thinking about them even though they are not on campus.



### 100,000 Strong Initiative

The 100,000 Strong Initiative is a national effort to increase the number of U.S. students who study abroad in China. This initiative encourages students to learn more about Chinese culture and build ties between the U.S. and China.

[www.state.gov/p/eap/regional/100000\\_strong](http://www.state.gov/p/eap/regional/100000_strong)

### Interested in Studying Abroad in China?

Saint Mary’s offers a three week trip to China at the beginning of the summer. The trip includes stops in many major Chinese cities, lots of tourist attractions, and talks with Chinese college students. Keep an eye out for information about next summer’s trip. SMC also hopes to begin a China semester program in Shanghai/Nanjing starting in spring 2012 (pending approval).

Have any questions? Contact Caroline Proulx (China peer advisor, [cproul01@saintmarys.edu](mailto:cproul01@saintmarys.edu)) or Alice Yang (Program Coordinator, [syang@saintmarys.edu](mailto:syang@saintmarys.edu))

### List of Study Abroad Programs

For more info on studying abroad and specific programs go to [www.saintmarys.edu/~cwil/global-education/study-abroad](http://www.saintmarys.edu/~cwil/global-education/study-abroad)

#### Year-Long/Semester Programs

Rome, Italy  
 Maynooth, Ireland  
 Cordoba, Argentina  
 Seville, Spain  
 Dijon, France  
 Innsbruck, Austria  
 Fremantle, Australia  
 Pietermaritzburg, South Africa  
 Seoul, South Korea  
 Women’s Studies in Europe

#### Summer Programs

Internship in London  
 Internship in Seville  
 Greece  
 European Study  
 Ecuador  
 South Korea  
 Honduras  
 China  
 Argentina  
 Spain  
 France  
 Uganda

#### Spring Break

El Salvador  
 Honduras



## 2011-2012 Student Travel Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded student travel grants.

Briana Stanbrough-China	Katelyn Tondo-Steele-Australia	Caitlin McCarthy-Rome
Jane Kamau-China	Internship	Lindsay Payne-Rome
Jennifer Putman-Greece	Remi White-Uganda	Partricia Prucknic-Rome
Celeste Norris-Greece	Alexandra Mauro-London In-	Sylvia Rojas-Mayorga-Rome
Meghan O'Rourke-Greece	ternship	Malea Schulte-Rome
Katherine Thompsen-Greece	Kelly Jo Clune-Rome	Jennifer Simaz-Rome
Lindsey Bisch-Greece	Landess Kearns-Rome	
Arielle Bahena-Greece	Jennifer Klejeski-Rome	

### Study Abroad Scholarships

<http://www.saintmarvs.edu/~cwil/global-education-/study-abroad/financing-study-abroad>

#### Gilman International Scholarship

up to \$5000 for students with limited financial means. Must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant at time of application.

[www.iie.org/programs/gilman](http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman)

#### Boren Scholarship -National Security Education Program

Up to \$10000/semester to study abroad in areas that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad. One year of service to government is required after graduation. [www.nsep.gov](http://www.nsep.gov)

#### Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Full grant for study for a year in a foreign country after graduation and full grants for teaching English . Includes round-trip airfare, stipend, insurance, or tuition. [www.iie.org/en/Fulbright](http://www.iie.org/en/Fulbright)

#### Davies-Jackson Scholarships

For first generation of college grads in family. Accepted students will be admitted to Cambridge as an Affiliated Student and work for the Cambridge B.A. degree. [http://cic.edu/projects\\_services/grants/daviesjackson/guidelines.asp](http://cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson/guidelines.asp)

#### Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship

Up to \$26,000/year. Apply through local Rotary club. Deadlines are extremely early.

[www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

#### Freeman-ASIA Scholarship Program

\$3000-7000 for summer, semester, or year programs for students with a demonstrated financial need to study in East and Southeast Asia. [www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia](http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia)

#### National Critical Language Scholarship Program

For students studying 13 critical need foreign languages (such as Russian, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, etc.). 7-10 weeks fully-funded group-based intensive language instruction. [www.clscholarship.org/](http://www.clscholarship.org/)

#### Bridging Scholarship

50 scholarships to American students in study abroad programs in Japan. \$2,500-4,000. [www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html](http://www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html)

#### National Italian American Foundation

Scholarships for students of Italian American heritage or majoring/minoring in Italian. [niaf.org/scholarships/index.asp](http://niaf.org/scholarships/index.asp)

#### Scholarships for students of color

<http://studyabroad.msu.edu/people/studentsofcolor/scholarships.html>

#### Institute for International Education

List of different study abroad scholarships, grants, etc. [www.studyabroadfunding.org/](http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/)



#### More Information:

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<http://www.iefaf.org/>

<http://www.iie.org/>

<http://scholarships.goabroad.com/>

<http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/>

<http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/>

### Study Abroad Peer Advisors

Are you interested in studying abroad? Want to know what it was really like to be in that country? Have any questions? Feel free to contact a peer advisor. Or check out our Facebook page “Saint Mary’s College Study Abroad” and post a question on the discussion page, and get a response from one of our peer advisors. We’re here to help you!  
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### Peer Advisor Retreat

On Saturday, April 2, the study abroad peer advisors met for a retreat. During the retreat, the peer advisors discussed how to improve students’ study abroad experience and their intercultural competence. We are working to make study abroad information more accessible and pertinent. We hope to make it easier to find information for those looking to study abroad. We discussed including more

relevant and helpful information in the pre-departure orientation, on-site guidance, and re-entry support. We hope to do a better job communicating with those who are abroad and keeping them up to date on events on the SMC campus. We hope to provide more opportunities for returnees to share their study abroad experience.



Peer Advisors playing an icebreaker at the retreat