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International Welcome Celebration allows new and returned students to meet



New international students and returned study abroad students enjoyed games, conversation, and good food during the International Welcome Celebration on January 27.





**Win a \$500 Travel Award at the
Study Abroad Fair on February 10**



Friday, February 10

Corey Union Lower Lobby

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

- Enter to win a \$500 Travel Award
- Talk to program representatives from around the world
- Learn about SUNY Cortland and Other-SUNY study abroad programs

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Program Spotlight

Dingle Summer Art in Ireland

Earn 6 credits this summer on the beautiful southwest coast of County Kerry in Ireland. This unique faculty-led program offers students the opportunity to receive credit in Painting & Drawing or Printmaking & Photography. The town of Dingle is known for its magnificent scenery: mountains cascading into the ocean, lush green farmland, and charming fishing villages. The town of Dingle is colorful and lovely, with sandy beaches, seafood restaurants, art galleries, craft shops, summer theater, and pubs filled with fantastic musical performances. You do not need to be an art major to apply for this four week program.

This program is co-led by SUNY Cortland Assistant Professor of Painting, Stephen Clark, and Ithaca College Art Lecturer, Patricia Hunsinger.

For more information or to apply, visit cortland.edu/studyabroad or email studyabroad@cortland.edu.





Giving Thanks To All

Every year SUNY Cortland's faculty and staff welcome our international students to campus with open arms. The International Programs Office greatly appreciates their willingness to help acclimate them to the local area, open their homes for a meal, or expose them to local culture and customs. Our students often remark that these interactions are a highlight of their time at SUNY Cortland. We would specifically like to recognize the following Cortland community members for going above and beyond to make our students feel welcome during the fall 2022 semester.

***Thank
you!***

- **Mike and Rebecca Stone (Environmental Health & Safety Specialist)**
- **Marie and Bob Ponterio**
- **Gonda and Jeff Gebhardt**
- **John and Kathy Suarez (9 students for Thanksgiving)**
- **Nikki Thomas (HR Manager)**
- **Mark Dodds and his Family**
- **President Erik Bitterbaum and Ms. Ellen Howard Burton**



Giving Thanks To All

"SPRING IS A SEASON OF RENEWAL AND NEW BEGINNINGS, LET US EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL UNITY AND COOPERATION."



President Bitterbaum with international students Debbie Seipp (Germany) and Ya-Chu (Annie) Chang (Taiwan) at Thanksgiving Dinner.



John and Kathy Suarez hosted 9 students at their home for Thanksgiving. (L-R: Antonia Blanke, Lasse Beider, Katja Galle (Germany) Ozge Elmas (Turkey), Gloria Daillet (France), Kolja Grosse (Germany), Aly Flores (Honduras), Qian (Abby) Ming (China), and Lei Chen '18.



Giving Thanks To All



Marie and Bob Ponterio helped our French exchange students, Gloria Daillet and Louis DeJongh explore the local area and customs this semester,

International students had loads to do at the 25th Annual Great Cortland Pumpkinfest. Talented local performers rocked the stage all weekend long. The craft show showcased local crafters that represent the culture of Cortland.



Including trips to Treman Park, Iron Kettle Farm in Candor, and pumpkin carving at their home



Bon Voyage to our Fall 2022 Graduates and Exchange Students!

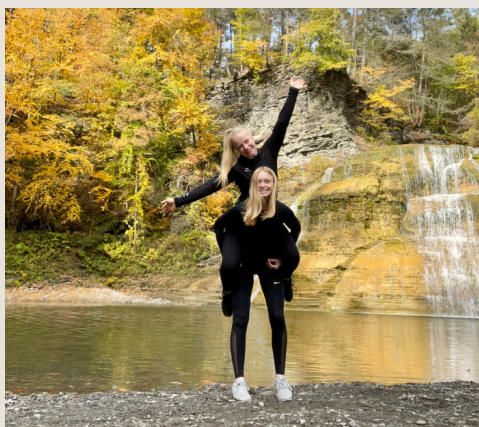


The conclusion of the fall 2022 semester saw several international exchange students wish the campus a fond farewell, returning to their home campuses. During the past semester we hosted students from the University of Ghana, German Sport University, Fulda University (Germany), Tamkang University (Taiwan), University of La Rochelle (France), American University of Cairo (Egypt), Qufu University (China), Babes-Bolyai University (Romania), London Metropolitan University (U.K.), and the UGRAD-IREX program (Pakistan).

These students had the opportunity to participate in an immersive bounty of American experiences. In addition to the academic culture, our international students tested themselves in American athletics. Intramural and club sports lent themselves to new participants seeking challenges, while international league athletes brought their style of play to our Division III sports. While studying at SUNY Cortland, our international students explored the greater Central New York area, and took advantage of travel break opportunities to visit various locations in the US.



Bon Voyage to our Fall 2022 Graduates and Exchange Students!



Most significantly, they shared their own cultural backgrounds, perspectives, and customs with the domestic SUNY Cortland family. This deeply enriched the experiences for the peers, faculty and staff who shared some time with them. In total 25+ fall 2022 study abroad participants made their way home from Australia, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, and the United Kingdom. They've already begun to share the life-changing experiences that they've had, but we look forward to hearing more of their stories at our International Welcome Celebration on Friday, January 27.

Another 60+ students have departed for winter and spring destinations, including Australia, Belize, Costa Rica, Egypt, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Singapore Spain, and the United Kingdom. We wish them safe journeys and look forward to hearing more about their experiences in the world. We hope they are able embrace these new opportunities to grow into more global citizens. It has been a pleasure having you as part of our community. Your presence has enriched our lives and we will forever cherish the memories we've shared. Farewell and all the best on your future endeavors.



Pre-Departure Orientation



Our Pre-Departure Orientation for Winter/Spring Study Abroad Programs. The orientation took place in Bowers, Room 1129. We provided breakfast for all. During the presentation, Maria Keeney And Yamelli Hernandez both shared their experiences on what it was like to study abroad. We talked with newly accepted students about the following:



- Billing**
- Registration**
- Course approvals**
- Scholarships**
- Financial Aid**
- Title IX**
- Counseling**
- Packing**
- Travel**
- Banking/Phones**
- Cultural Adjustment**
- Living with host families**
- Academic differences between abroad and the U.S.**
- Health and Safety**
- Reverse Culture Shock**
- And more!**



(Left) Nina Carnazza,
Studying abroad in Belize
(Right) Jennivie Wilson
Studying abroad in Egypt



Study Abroad 101



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