



International Horizons

Fulbright Chinese and Arabic FLTAs wrap up successful first year

The Office of Global Programs (OGP) was honored to host the first Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants at Alcorn State University. Zhufen (Jane) Chen, from Beijing China, taught Chinese and Hassnaa Salama, from El-Arish, Egypt, taught Arabic in the Foreign Language Institute during the 2011-2012 academic year.



Zhufen (Jane) Chen and Hassnaa Salama, our 2011-2012 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching

Jane and Hassnaa involved themselves in all aspects of life on the Alcorn campus and became an integral part of the Alcorn family. Jane and Hassnaa both lived in the dorm, took classes, participated in Alcorn activities and events, such as football games, visited the surrounding

areas on study trips, and frequently gave presentations to classes and at the Diversity Dialogues, and performed in the 2012 Multicultural Festival. They were very hands-on when it came to teaching students and other members of the Alcorn family about not only their lan-

guage, but also their homeland and their culture. They formed culture clubs to share even more aspects of their culture and country, such as songs, movies and food.

Jane and Hassnaa contributed richly to the diversity and global awareness of Alcorn State University and we were very lucky to have them here. We wish them both great success in the future.

OGP will again host Chinese and Arabic Fulbright FLTAs for the 2012-2013 academic year. We are excited and looking forward to having them.

2012 Multicultural Festival provides "International Sensations"

This year the 2012 Multicultural Festival, held April 17 as part of the Unity Through Diversity week activities, had a change in venue and format, with the theme "International Sensations". The event was held in the James L. Bolden Campus Union Ballroom.

A Flag Parade was accompanied by the national anthems from each of the countries represented at Alcorn. After welcoming remarks by Dr. Dovi Alipoe, Director of OGP, and Dr. Cheryl Pon-

der, Vice President for Student Affairs, the keynote speaker, Deo Mwano from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, spoke of his experiences in the Congo during the long civil war fought there. After the keynote address, there were song, dance and poetry performances and a Fashion Show, which included children from the Alcorn Child Development Center. There were also posters and exhibits about the various represented countries. After the per-



Alcorn participants in the Flag Parade at the 2012 Multicultural Festival.

formances, all attendees were invited to sample the various international snacks and appetizers prepared especially for the Festival. International and educational fun was had by all!

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Special points of interest:

International RFAs:

◆ *Armenia: Women's Leadership Program (2012) **Deadline for application: 06-25-12***

<http://hedprogram.org/funding/rfa/WLP-Armenia2012.cfm>

◆ *South America: The Initiative for Conservation in the Andean Amazon II (ICAA II) Higher Education Partnership Program (2012) **Deadline for Application: 06-28-12***

<http://www.hedproram.org/funding/rfa/ICAAIL-HEPP2012.cfm>

Alcorn Students Receive Gilman Scholarships

The 2011-2012 academic year was a banner one for Global Programs and Study Abroad. Through more classroom presentations, Study Abroad and Passport drives, and the addition of the Fulbright FLTAs, more students have become aware of Study Abroad and the opportunities it presents. And they are beginning to take advantage of that.

In January 2012, there were 11 students who applied for the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship, which provides between \$4,000 to \$8,000 to students to help pay for a semester of Study

Abroad at an international university. This is the highest number of applicants at one time Alcorn has ever had. And, what's even better, 6 of those applicants were selected to receive the Gilman Scholarship! The students who were chosen for the Gilman were Errolyn Gray, Johnesha Hawkins, Justin Johnson, Jasmine Myers, Pandora White, and Ariel Williams. The 4 students who have accepted the scholarship will attend either Al-Akhawayn University in Morocco or Universidad Veritas in Costa Rica for the Fall 2012 semester. We're sure they will have the experience of a lifetime.



Rica Mitchell, a 2011 Gilman Scholarship recipient in Morocco where she attended Al-Akhawayn University in Fall 2011.

Chinese and Russian 2012 Summer Language Institute

We are very pleased to announce that we are once again offering the Chinese and Russian Summer Language Institute (SLI) for Summer 2012. The SLI runs from June 4 through July 27, 2012.

The Summer Language Institute is designed to enhance the language skills of students who wish to take advantage of study/travel abroad opportunities and those who just wish to learn a new language and a little more about the Chinese and Russian cultures.

The 8-week program will provide intensive training in writing and speaking Chinese or Russian and is



Mrs. Konecky, left, teaches Chinese and Mrs. Dobrynina, right, teaches Russian in the Summer Language Institute held in the OGP Building

free of charge and open to Alcorn students, staff, faculty and the surrounding community.

The Chinese and Russian courses are taught by professors whose na-

tive language is Chinese and Russian, respectively.

Application for the Chinese and Russian Summer Language Institutes is available on the Alcorn Office of Global Programs website, <http://www.alcorn.edu/offices/global/default.aspx?id=233> and click on Services.

If additional information is needed, please call the Office of Pre-Professional and Honors Curriculum Programs at 601-877-6138 or the Office of Global Programs at 601-877-6533.

About The Office of Global Programs

The mission of the Office of Global Programs (OGP) is to facilitate global engagement through the infusion of relevant international content, activities and knowledge to advance internationalization. OGP coordinates and spearheads activities related to five major unit goals in support of the university's mission. (for more information visit www.alcorn.edu/offices/global/default.aspx?id=233).

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World Current Event Question

Hosni Mubarak, the longtime former leader of ..?, received a life sentence in prison on charges of having protesters killed during last year's revolution.

- Tunisia
- Syria
- Egypt
- Saudi Arabia

Correct Answer: Egypt