

Alcorn State University Office of Global Programs International Horizons



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2019 Russian SLI Concludes

The Office of Global Programs was pleased to host the Russian Summer Language Institute (SLI) during its summer 2019 session with Mrs. Liudmila Dobrynina returning as the instructor. Mrs. Dobrynina has taught the Russian SLI for several years and we were happy to have her back. Upon completion of the SLI, seven students received Certificates of Attestation for the course. They

were: Michael Okeabia, Assanti Miller, Malaja Eanochs, Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, Praise Ola, Daniel Azubuike, and Mieyah Garrett.

The certificates were awarded during a luncheon featuring Russian food made by Ms. Dobrynina and her husband Dr. Nikolai Dobrynin and her daughter Dr. Elena Kostyleva, an assistant professor of biology at Alcorn State University.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ The Fall 2019 Study Abroad Fair was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 11:30 am in the Dr. Clinton Bristow Jr. Dining Facility Front Entrance Area.
- ◆ Several Gilman scholarship workshops were held in September 2019.
- ◆ September 2019, he IMSO held a Mixer and IMSO Recruiting event.
- ◆ In October 2019, the Links, Inc. organization had a presentation on Mental Health given by representatives from Bruce Counseling Services.
- ◆ In November 2019, the NAAHP Conference was held in New Orleans. Alcorn State University won 1st place in the Model African United Nations.
- ◆ January 2020, Alisa Jackson from the The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) gave several presentations on the Frederick Douglass Fellowship for students.
- ◆ In February 2020, the Links, Inc. organization sponsored a Prayer Breakfast in Wesson, MS for the international students. The program included songs, dances, poems, and testimonials given by the students.



United Nations Lecture Series - H.E. Rudolph Michael Ten-Pow

The Office of Global Programs presented another in the United Nations Lecture Series in October 2019. The speaker was His Excellency Rudolph Michael Ten-Pow, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations. He was at Alcorn in conjunction with a 100K Strong in the Americas grant for Study Abroad in Engineering, Physics, Geology, and Geophysics, which was supported by the ExxonMobil Corporation. Alcorn partnered with the University of Guyana (UOG) for this grant. Students participating in this bilateral



Rudolph Michael Ten-Pow, center, with the Assistant Dean of Engineering from University of Guyana, Dione Holder, left of center, and Engineering students at University of Guyana

exchange study abroad course were engaged in research experience within the areas of Electrical and Electronics Engineering; Electromechanical Engineering Technology; Robotics and Automation; and Applied Physics (Health Physics). Mr. Ten-Pow gave a very interesting presentation on

GUYANA: History, Economic Development, and Involvement at the United Nations. The project was implemented in the Department of Advanced Technologies, where assistant professor and interim chair, Dr. Jermiah Billa, served as the chairperson.

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LINKS, Inc. Continues International Student Support; COVID-19 Impact on OGP Events

In September of 2019, The Natchez (MS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated organization continued their strong support of the international students who attend Alcorn State University. One of the main contributions the Links, Inc. made was to install a pantry in the Office of Global Programs for use by the international students. The pantry includes various items, including food, toiletries, school supplies, linens, and sundry other items. The students could come on Friday and pick up what they need from the pantry. As the items were depleted, the Links, Inc. would resupply the cabinet. It was very popular with the students. The Links also held several meetings with the students for presentations that were of



The ladies of the Links, Inc. organization in MS. The membership consists of professional women of color and it is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

interest to them and sponsored a trip to Wesson, MS for a Prayer Breakfast, where the students read essays about themselves, several of the students also sang songs, read poems, and performed dance

routines. The Links, Inc. organization has proven to be very helpful to and appreciated by the international students.

In January 2020, news of a new and dangerous respiratory virus called coronavirus 19

(COVID 19) was announced. Due to COVID 19, all campus events, including the 2019 Multicultural Festival held by OGP, were cancelled.