



International Horizons



Second Year of Fulbright FLTAs Wraps Up

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Well, the 2012-2013 academic year has finished up and the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTAs) who were here teaching Chinese and Arabic to Alcorn students, staff and faculty have completed their year as well. Zoe and Hanaa worked very hard to give their students flexible class times, cultural information about their countries, language classes, and encouragement to Study Abroad in order to broaden the students' horizons and enhance their future career opportunities.

There were 4 students who received Certificates of Completion for the Chinese class and 4 students who received Certificates of Completion for

the Arabic class. This was the 2nd year for some students.

During their time at Alcorn, Zoe and Hanaa made many friends and got the opportunity to travel around the area and enjoy events outside their classrooms. Thus, they not only taught us about their cultures, they also got a chance to experience the US southern culture.

We are happy and proud to have sponsored another successful term of the Chinese and Arabic Foreign Language Institutes and wish to thank Zoe and Hanaa for the time, effort and knowledge they gave to their students. And we wish them all success in their future endeavors.



Hongli "Zoe" Wen (top) during a presentation on China. Hanaa Al Sawafi (bottom on left) and one of her Arabic language students in Omani dress.

Special points of interest:

- There will be Study Abroad Advisory Sessions this Fall, every Wednesday, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, starting in September.
- UN Lecture Series Event on October 17, 2013 at 1:15pm in the Medgar Evers Auditorium in the JD Boyd Library
- International Education Week (IEW) is November 18 - 22, 2013. This year's theme is "Learning Matters Around the World".
- UN Mini-Conference scheduled for November 19, 2013 during IEW. Exact time and location to be announced.

2013 Multicultural Festival - Global Perspectives

On April 17, the Office of Global Programs (OGP) presented their annual Multicultural Festival with the theme, "Global Perspectives".

The Festival opened with an international flag and anthem presentation of the countries currently represented at Alcorn State, followed by welcoming and opening remarks by Ms. Cheryl Ponder, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dr. Dovi Alipo, Director of the Office of Global Pro-

grams respectively.

The special guest performer was Ms. Amanda White, a professional performer, from Colfax, Louisiana, who performed a slave monologue.

Also, appearing was a professional Indian dancer, Deepti Godbole, who performed an ancient Indian dance, the Bharatnatyam. There were other song and dance performances and an International Fashion Show by students,

staff and faculty of Alcorn, as well as international music videos, exhibits and posters and a wonderful selection of international food by not only Alcornites, but also individuals from the community.

Every year the Multicultural Festival strives to bring an international flavor to Alcorn by introducing the students to the importance of appreciating other countries and cultures.

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International Notes



Kaneez Fatima, an exchange student in biotechnology from Pakistan completed the Fall 2012 semester at Alcorn. She returned to Pakistan for the Spring 2013 semester.

There were a number of international events and newsworthy items during the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

- Kaneez Fatima, an undergraduate biotechnology exchange student from Pakistan, finished the Fall 2012 semester at Alcorn.
- Alcorn administrators and members of the Alcorn faculty visited Ghana and signed a new Cooperative Agreement with the University of Cape Coast.
- Two faculty members from Alcorn participated in a fact-finding mission to Taiwan sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. The overall goal of this on-going initiative is to strengthen the science, technology, engineering, agriculture and math (STEAM) disciplines at the HBCUs through collaboration with world-class Taiwanese universities.
- Students who studied abroad in the Fall of 2012 returned to Alcorn for the Spring 2013 semester. These students, and the countries they studied in, were: Pandora White (Ghana); John-

sha Hawkins, Jasmine Myers and Arielle Buchmann (Morocco); and Justin Johnson and Chansonique Rutherford (Costa Rica). The students gave presentations on their experiences abroad at a Global Programs Awards luncheon in May 2013.

- The Russian Summer Language Institute was offered again this Summer in OGP. Mrs. Liudmila Dobrynina from Voronezh, Russia was the instructor. Five students took and completed the class.

World Current Events Question

The 2014 Winter Olympics are starting in January 2014. What city and country will they be held in?

- Oslo, Norway
- Warsaw, Poland
- Sochi, Russia
- Copenhagen, Denmark

Correct Answer: Sochi, Russia

Upcoming Fall 2013

November 18 - 22, 2013

There are a number of activities planned to help celebrate International Education Week 2013. Be on the lookout for more information.

