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Your Home Away From Home!

RISING SOPHOMORE SPENT SUMMER SESSION ON STUDY ABROAD IN GHANA

Caleb Clark was thinking about study abroad, and dreaming of going to Ghana. He learned more about study abroad and scholarships in Dr. Barrett-Gaines' World History 101 class, where the Center for International Education arranged for a virtual webinar with CIEE representatives to learn about the Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship (FDGF). Dr. Barrett-Gaines then made the application to the scholarship a class assignment.

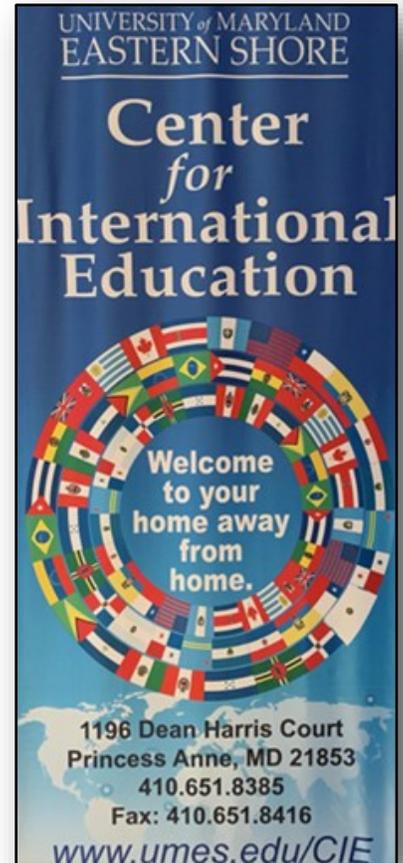
The full scholarship is for a summer program in Dublin, Ireland. All eligible applicants to the program are awarded \$1,500 to use on a CIEE program during the indicated semesters. Currently, UMES is matching the CIEE scholarship, and providing an additional \$1,500 toward UMES students' CIEE study abroad program.



DID YOU KNOW?

FUN FACTS ABOUT GHANA

- English and Akan are the official language, but over 40 other languages are spoken in Ghana!
- Ghana is the second largest cocoa producers in the world (after Ivory Coast!)
- Ghana has the largest Open Air Market in West Africa
- Ghana has an ethnic diversity with over 70 ethnic groups
- Ghana's Lake Volta is the world's biggest man-made lake



What flag would you like to see flown at CIE? Let us know!

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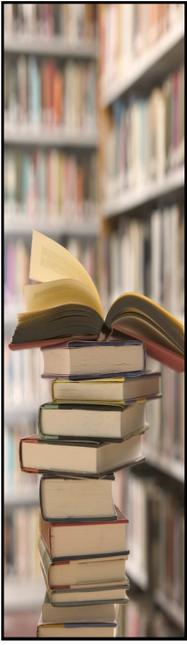
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FROM THE DIRECTOR...



The Center for International Education (CIE) is excited to kick off another academic year on the beautiful Eastern Shore. I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some milestones CIE has reached over the past academic year. After two long years of COVID, it finally feels like a more "normal," pre-COVID college atmosphere on campus. Last academic year we had students study abroad for the first time since the start of the pandemic. The Honors Program resumed its annual service-learning trip to the Dominican Republic, we had one student study abroad in Europe for one academic semester and another student in Africa for the Summer term. We also had our first Middlebury HBCU Summer Language Scholarship recipient to learn Arabic. International travel and study abroad are certainly picking back up and we hope we see more study abroad interested students taking

that first step and contacting us here at the Center for International Education.

I am truly proud of all the international education accomplishments students have made in 2021, and I am excited for what lies ahead. After such an eventful year and such strange times, I hope you are able to take some time to rest, reflect, and connect with family and friends and think about the world at large and what places or regions you might like to discover. This new academic year holds so much promise and excitement; remember that the University of Maryland Eastern Shore is a gateway to not only your education, but also to the world. Email us any time at: oiss@umes.edu to start the conversation about your international journey.

J. Philip Broussard
FLIC & CIE Acting Director

"I'm going to collect samples for my project and help out in the environmental school. In reality, I was to build unlikely but meaningful relationships..." - Amal Sulieman Adamu '22



Doria Wheeler '25, Amal Sulieman Adamu '22, Bertrand Akuche PH '22 (kneeling), Memunatu Conteh '25, Jessica Collins PH, Michelle Yang PH, Juan the bus driver, Himali Gujrati PH '23 (kneeling), Kalin Toogood '25, Dr. Yen Dang, Jaidyn McCullough '25, Elise Johnson '25 (kneeling), Dr. Michael Lane, Dr. Jocelyn Briddell, Jumole Akinola PH (kneeling)



HONORS AND PHARMACY TAKE ON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By: Dr. Briddell

The UMES Richard A. Henson Honors Program and the School of Pharmacy travelled to the Dominican Republic for Spring Break! 11 students and 3 faculty/staff (Drs. Briddell, Dang & Lane) embarked on a journey that provided an international experiential learning opportunity from March 19 – 26, 2022.

After landing in Santo Domingo and touring the city, students and faculty travelled to the National Environmental School in Jarabacoa where we helped with a variety of tasks such as planting sweet potatoes, gardening, painting garbage cans, and even building a lean-to!

Our students were also required to complete a research project as a part of receiving funding from the Richard A. Henson Foundation. Some of these projects included a comparative study of water samples in the DR and at UMES, beliefs about risks for COVID-19, institutional branding and marketing, and the awareness of prostate cancer or cervical cancer risks and screening. Students will be presenting their work on Thursday, April 28 from 5 – 7pm in the Henson Center Ballroom.

It was an amazing trip for all of us. One of our students, graduating senior **Amal Adamu Sulieman** shared her reflections regarding the trip:

My trip to the Dominican Republic was such an eye-opening experience. I have travelled a lot previously but none of (the) trips has influenced me to this extent. I think what made this experience stand out was I didn't expect much from it. I just thought, "I'm going to collect samples for my project and help out in the environmental school." In reality, I was able to build unlikely but meaningful relationships with the students from UMES and the National Environmental School and also immerse myself into a different culture. The purpose of experiential learning is to provide immersion opportunities to think, reflect and to become exemplary global citizens.

This trip most certainly helped UMES students begin their journey to become impactful not only here at UMES but in their future communities. GO HAWKS!

INTERNATIONAL HAWK NEWS



Dear International Hawks,

I would like to introduce myself as the Director of the Center for International Education (CIE). I have been an instructor at UMES since 2016. I am pleased to welcome our new and returning international students to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) for the Fall 2022 semester. As someone who has spent a great deal of time overseas, I understand what it means to live in a new place, and I look forward to getting to know you.

At UMES we pride ourselves on being a unique and diverse campus family, and to that end always look out for your well-being while you are studying at UMES. You have chosen the best institution for an all-round great academic, professional, and personal experience!

In these pandemic times, UMES continues to work hard on providing you with a safe and healthy learning environment. Your UMES continues to be vigilant in their steps to offer the best atmosphere possible for as complete a campus experience as possible. Be on the lookout for UMES News in your email on Mondays, a letter from President Anderson on Fridays, and bi-weekly newsletters from the Center for International Education to keep you updated on international and study abroad news of interest to you.

Please be informed that we are here to assist you with concerns you may have as they relate to your learning environment, health and safety practices and finding ways to keep safe and healthy during this COVID19 pandemic. Equally of concern is the need to be compliant with all immigration policies as they regulate international students while studying at UMES. We also need you to be aware of campus resources that include student services such as:

- ❖ Admissions, Registrar, and Student Accounts – assistance with your admissions, registration, and financial requirements.
- ❖ The Health Center - a resource to help students achieve and maintain wellness, convenient, affordable and accessible within a pleasant, professional atmosphere.
- ❖ UMES Counseling Services – to address individual, group, and couples counseling, psychiatric and referral services and consultation.
- ❖ The Writing Center - assistance to provide you with writing, revising, and editing skills.
- ❖ CAAS - *Center for Access and Academic Success* tutoring, mentoring, coaches.

As a reminder, please be sure to check with your respective departments on appointment requirements and university updates that may affect students. The link provides the latest information <https://umes.edu/covid19/>. **Be sure to follow all requests and protocols for COVID19 testing, and any upcoming health instructions.**

Should you have questions about your student visa and related information, please contact the Center for International Education at oiss@umes.edu, or phone 410-651-8385; Ms. Denitta Gladding at 410-651-6416 in the Student Development Center, room 1147; Counseling Services Student Development Center at 410-651-6449 and Ms. Angela Young (Graduate Studies) at 410-651-7966 in the Engineering and Aviation Science Complex room 3050.

Your Center is always open to you as your home away from home. Welcome and we look forward to seeing you virtually. An appointment is just an email and call away! Center email: oiss@umes.edu or call 410-651-8385.

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CIE is here to assist you with concerns you may have as they relate to your learning environment. This includes your health, safety, and traveling practices during this COVID19 pandemic, and in general. Please be sure that you are checking email and other notices for updates and instructions from UMES and other sources to be compliant with all immigration policies as they regulate international students while studying at UMES. CIE will share important immigration and regulation information in our newsletter as information becomes available.

FLAGS! FLAGS! FLAGS!

Featured in September:

Slovakia

Vietnam

Brazil

Chile

Nepal

St. Kitts

Guinea-Bissau

Botswana

Coming up in October:

China, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Guinea, Croatia, Hungary, Turkey & more!

El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua will be celebrating their independence day on September 15.

Have a country you would like to celebrate? Let CIE know! If we have the flag, we can fly it in your honor!

STUDY ABROAD HAWK NEWS

BOREN FELLOWSHIP AWARDEE PREPARES TO HEAD TO JAPAN!

PhD candidate in Marine Estuary studies and Boren Scholarship Awardee Nylah McClain stops by CIE for a visit and to meet with CIE about her upcoming research trip to Japan. The COVID19 pandemic delayed this opportunity. Departure will be in September 2022!



Nylah McClain at CIE with flag of Japan

Chioma Nkpuechina, pictured below, was a former study abroad student that visited South Korea during her UMES Summer session of 2019. She has since graduated as a math major, honors member,



TOP 5 KNOW BEFORE YOU GO ABROAD TIPS

From former study abroad student Chioma Nkpuechina, Math Major, international student, athlete:

- **Language** - try to learn some of the language before you go.
- **Start looking into study abroad as a freshman.** Give yourself time to plan.
- **Local Transportation** - try to learn about use and cost in destination country.
- **Budget** – Don't forget daily expenses like meals and bus fare, as well as special side trips or occasions.
- **Be open to other cultures** - know that you will have an experience you will never forget.

STUDY ABROAD IS FOR EVERYONE! CHECK OUT THESE STATS & BE THE CHANGE!

According to the IIE Generation Abroad Center for Academic Mobility Research and Impact survey:

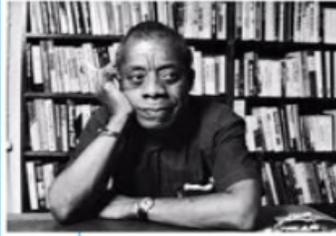
Fewer than 10 percent of US undergraduates participate in a study abroad program and only **25 percent** of those are racial/ethnic minority students.

According to goabroad.com, only 5.6% are African American—that's up from 5.5 % in 2017

DID YOU KNOW? UMES has had students study abroad, do service-learning, medical missions, and faculty-led study abroad in these Countries:

Amsterdam, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, England, Estonia, France, Ghana, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Nicaragua, Peru, South Korea, Spain, and Vietnam.

"I met a lot of people in Europe. I even encountered myself."
- James Baldwin



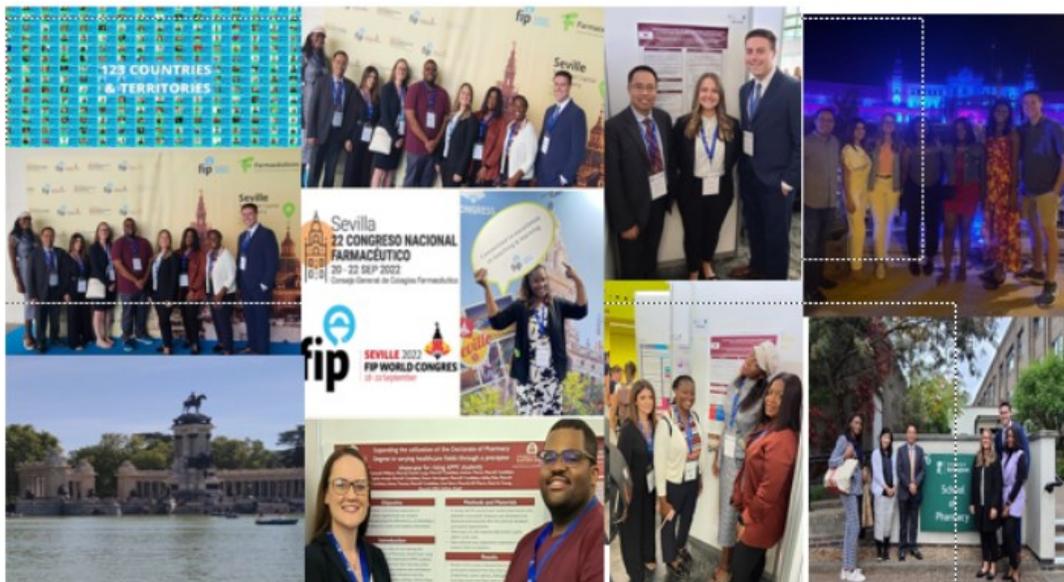
PHARMACY STUDENTS & FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL CONFERENCE IN SPAIN

During the week of September 19, 2022, three UMES faculty preceptor/advisors selected two students each to participate in the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Pharmacy Congress conference in Seville, Spain. As part of their coursework and field study, students worked with faculty on an abstract for submission to participate in a poster presentation at the conference. All three abstracts were selected, and all students had not only a chance to engage with pharmacists from 104 countries, but they also gained a publication and presentation on a global platform.

Participants:

Faculty: Dr. Hoai-an Troung, Dr. Kawanda McCarthy- Williams, Dr. Lana Sherr

Students: Trevor Harrington, Ashley Pete; Andrew Martin, Rachel Thornton, Sophia Amoah and Ummu Thomas



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DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING AFTER GRADUATION?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING GLOBAL OPTIONS? YES? THEN MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH CIE NOW!

FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS

CRITICAL LANGUAGE

GRAD SCHOOL BOREN FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Stop by! CIE is located across from the Student Housing Office.

TRAVEL FUN FACT!

The most visited city in the world is Bangkok, Thailand, with over 20.2 million international visitors.!

#2 is London with 20 million

#3 is Paris with 16.1 million

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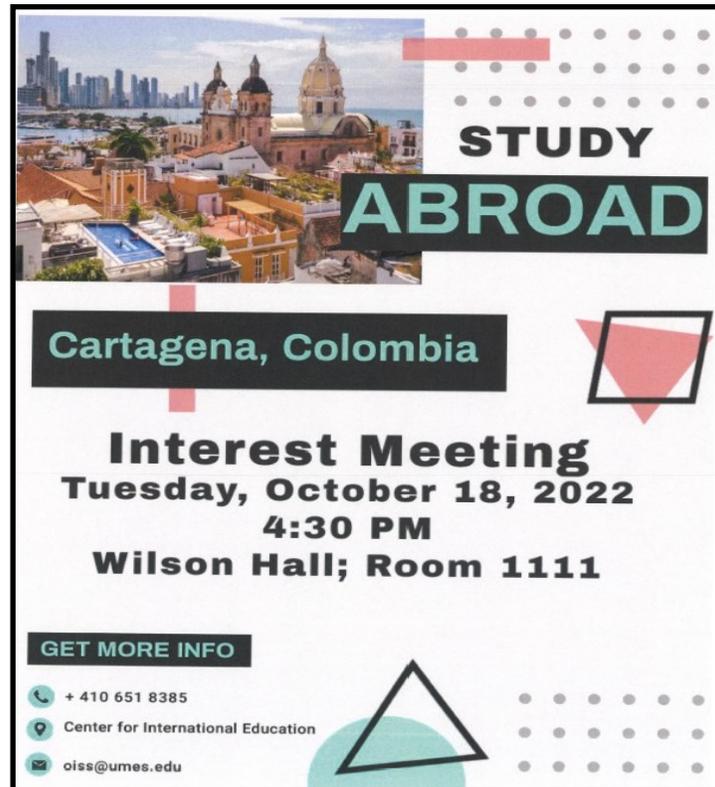
Phone: 410.651.8385

In-person, phone, and virtual appointments available!

Explore study abroad opportunities and scholarships, stop by to talk about adjusting to campus life, the Eastern Shore, find out about CIE events and activities!



STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES! CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING INTEREST MEETINGS!



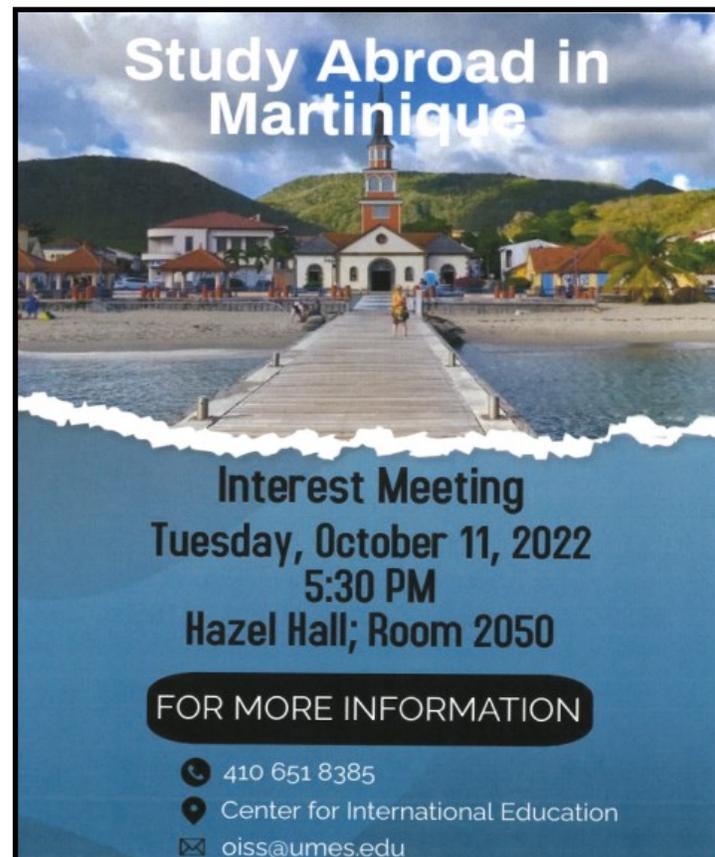
STUDY ABROAD

Cartagena, Colombia

Interest Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
4:30 PM
Wilson Hall; Room 1111

GET MORE INFO

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Study Abroad in Martinique

Interest Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
5:30 PM
Hazel Hall; Room 2050

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