

Office of Global Opportunities

May 2023

Your Home Away From Home

ANTONIO THOMAS SPENT WINTER BREAK IN PARIS, FRANCE!

Antonio, senior and English major, dreamed of returning to Paris and strengthening his language skills. He practiced his French with EVERYONE! Fellow students, in shops, in restaurants, on the street, and now his confidence is soaring!



Top Five Packing Tips from Antonio—Just for you!

- Bring appropriate clothing for the season & climate where you are traveling, including layers, good walking shoes and good socks.
- Vests with hidden and interior zip pockets are key!
- Make a packing list to help with packing on your return home.
- Pack all the over-the-counter (OTC) items you may need.
- Invest in some sturdy luggage that won't fall apart, *the zippers!*
- Consider packing towels and washcloths.
- Check out replenishing toiletries there, often cheaper & good!

What I wish I knew before traveling:

- ◆ Be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- ◆ Do not wear jewelry or flashy items, especially at night.
- ◆ Keep copies of all your documents.
- ◆ Speak softly, do not draw attention to yourself.
- ◆ Focus on FUN!

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

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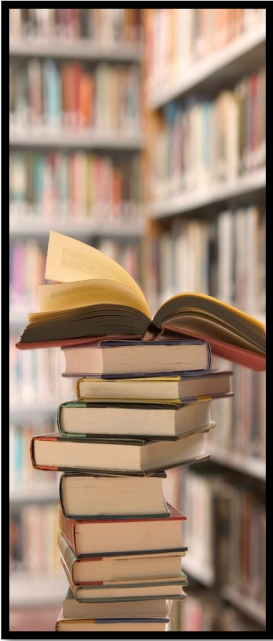
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FROM THE DIRECTOR...



Student quote of the Month:

“Study abroad was the single best experience of my undergraduate education!”

Antonio Thomas, Senior and English Major,
Class of 2023
ISA Study Abroad Alumnus
Paris, France
Winter Break 2023



Dear Hawk Family,

The warm weather is here, and we are approaching graduation. Many of us can see and feel a change in the air. Center for International Education (CIE) is also noticing a change—a positive one! While interest in study abroad has remained strong, more UMES students are once again poised to study abroad. As globalization is more and more a part of everyday life, study abroad is fast becoming the quintessential college experience.

Learning a new language and travel abroad involves a broad range of complex thinking and learning skills and demonstrates the importance of self-direction, and self-reflection. A capacity for responsible social interaction is a valuable component of human growth. While students travel overseas, they must navigate various socio-cultural norms, while encountering new ideas, learning new languages, and meeting people from different cultures.

This academic year we have had another win – an increase in the number of UMES students to apply for and receive prestigious scholarship awards. Research indicates that international education plays a key role in enriching students’ lives and overall student experience. Further, living abroad

encourages students to reflect on the norms and values of both our home and the host nation, allowing them better understand and define the values that reflect who they are. Students who study and live abroad benefit personally, culturally and professionally—notably that it can boost students’ employment prospects by 17%.

International education not only contributes to developing well-rounded students, but to the global economy. Employers, companies, and businesses look for employees with the capacity, skills, and talents to compete globally. In fact, many employers incentivize their employees to go abroad and acquire credentials elsewhere, recognizing and promoting the value of international education.

Center for International Education endeavors to lead students out of their comfort zones. College is the perfect time to start your journey abroad. Start planning now, and reach out to us at: ois@umes.edu

Let language and travel lead us to be good global citizens.

Have a great spring and summer!

Phillip Brasseur

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Become a Mango Languages Student Ambassador




We want you on our team.

You're a bold learner who wants to explore the world and live life to the fullest. You can help us to promote cross-cultural connections through language-learning resources on your campus as a **Mango Languages Student Ambassador**.

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- ▶ Distribute language resource promotional materials
- ▶ Work with multiple departments across campus



It's a rewarding experience:

- ▶ Earn up to \$200 per semester by completing promotional activities
- ▶ Receive special Mango Languages gear
- ▶ Gain marketing and leadership experience
- ▶ Boost your language skills and cultural understanding
- ▶ Collect LinkedIn endorsements



Apply Now

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INTERNATIONAL HAWK NEWS

Dear International Hawks,

Summer is coming! Did you know? The Office of Global Opportunities is here for you all summer. Whether you are taking summer courses, working, continuing to live in the area, applying for CPT or OPT, we are open and ready to serve you! Feel free to stop by, call or email us, or set a virtual appointment to discuss matters of concern, or to explore study abroad options. We have had international students study abroad in such destinations as South Korea, Dominican Republic, Italy & more.

You can also see us about learning or brushing up on a language with Mango.



2023 Calendar of World and Language Holidays

May 2023

Mon. May 1st – Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (begins)
Mon. May 1st – Teacher Appreciation Week (begins)
Fri. May 5th – Cinco de Mayo
Spanish (Latin American)
Sun. May 14th – Mother's Day
Thurs. May 25th – National Wine Day

June 2023

Fri. June 2nd – Festa della Repubblica (Italy) **Italian**
Sun. June 11th – National German Chocolate Cake Day
German
Wed. June 14th – National Flag Day (USA)
Sat. June 17th – Icelandic National Day **Icelandic**
Sun. June 18th – International Sushi Day **Japanese**
Sun. June 18th – Father's Day
Tues. June 20th – World Refugee Day
Thurs. June 22nd – ALA Annual Conference (begins)

July 2023

Sat. July 1st – Fête du Canada/Canada Day
Tues. July 4th – Independence Day
Fri. July 14th – Bastille Day (France) **French**
Thurs. July 20th – Colombian Independence Day

INTERNATIONAL GROCERY RETAILERS

Asian Food Center
2505 N Salisbury Blvd (410) 749-9570

Caribbean Express Market
222 Florida Ave. Salisbury MD (410) 860-0448

Delmarva Mediterranean Market
1305 S Division St #19, (410) 341-7171

Halal Market
261 Canal Park Dr (410) 677-0777

India Bazaar
2417 S. Salisbury Blvd (443) 736-3017
(by Harbor Freight)

La Mixtequita (Mexican Market)
705 Roland St (410) 219-3595

Sanchez Butcher Shop*
(Mexican Market)
719 Roland St (443) 978-8421
*with small selection of groceries

We are here to assist you with concerns you may have as they relate to your learning environment. This includes your health, safety, and traveling practices. 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. We will share important immigration and regulation information in our newsletter as information becomes available.

FLAGS! FLAGS! FLAGS!
Featured in March & April:

March

Bulgaria
Ghana
Pakistan
Bangladesh

April

Iran
Ireland
The Netherlands
Senegal
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Tanzania
Togo
Zimbabwe

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

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INTERNATIONAL HAWK NEWS

VISITORS TO CIE

Bilal Syed stops by CIE for his visa request letters, and to get caught up. A Hospitality & Tourism Management major, from Saudi Arabia & Pakistan, Bilal has been attending job fairs, including one at VSU, and the Jacob Javits Center NYC Hospitality Conference. This year, the Javits Center Conference seemed focused more on vendors. “There were less students there than last year”, Bilal observed. “But I still networked and made some valuable contacts, and even had a little time to explore the city with my classmates.” Bilal is choosing between job offers. Way to soar!

Yeganeh Mansourian

It was a bittersweet visit with this senior and premed student who has been a friend to the Center since her first semester freshman year. Yeganeh stops by to share about her last few months here and reflect on what the future holds. A few weeks later, Yeganeh was recognized at Honors Convocation with Departmental Honors AND the Award of Excellence. Way to soar!

We'll be watching this international Hawk!

We celebrate her Iranian heritage with the flying of the flag at CIE.



Anuradha Punchihewage Don, known as Anu, is in his last semester here, and will achieve his PhD in Food & Agricultural Sciences. We look forward to watching you cross the stage!

CIE Celebrates *Ashane Beckford*,

Honors Convocation

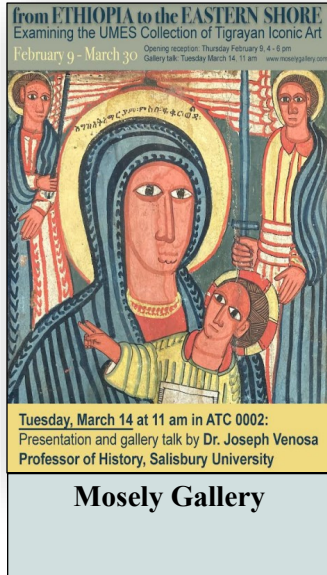
Departmental Honors

Department of the Built Environment,

Ashane is seen here proudly waving the flag of Jamaica at CIE

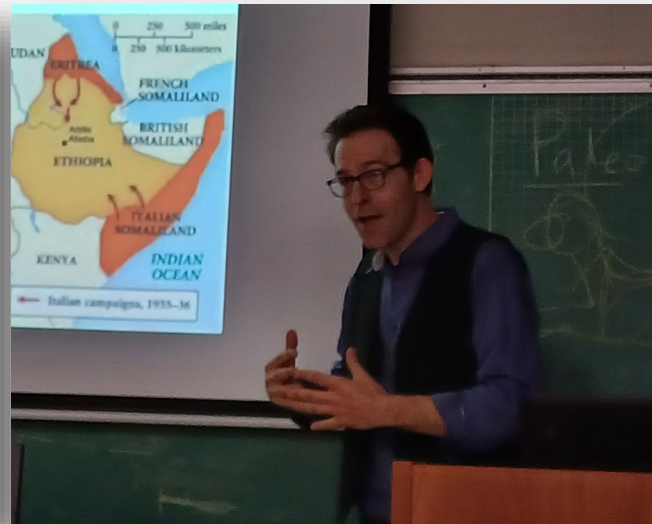


DID YOU SEE THE ETHIOPIAN ART EXHIBIT AT MOSELY GALLERY?



CIE met some of UMES of Ethiopian heritage at Mosely Art Gallery: study abroad enthusiast and pre-med freshman Loza Kebede, and UMES graduate and now a Certified Flight Instructor here at UMES Leul Fekadu to check out the UMES collection of Ethiopian art. Both visitors expressed that they were expecting an exhibit of contemporary art pieces, local art, or craft pieces. They were stunned to find original works from the 12th to the 18th centuries, and icons and representations of familiar figures and history. Loza shared that Ethiopian hymns are distinctly their own, not derived from Christianity, also reflected in their musical instruments, clothing, and their holidays. As we walked around the exhibit, Leul translated some of the messages etched on the pieces, and shared that he grew up with experiences or images of churches carved into mountains, or set into the ground. Loza echoed the prevalence of that common image, and praised the country's resiliency, even through 500-600 years of military rule.

Did you know? Ethiopia has over 80 languages!



SENIORS!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING AFTER GRADUATION?

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING GLOBAL OPTIONS? MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH CIE NOW!

Stop by! CIE is located across from the Student Housing Office. Or email oiss@umes.edu.

Check out Caleb Clark's study abroad story, page 12! Summer '22 Ghana! Summer '23 Spain!



AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR 2024:

HONORS PROGRAM GOES TO GHANA! CONTACT DR. BRIDDELL FOR MORE INFORMATION AT JDBRIDDELL@UMES.EDU OR CALL 410-651-6082

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UMES HONORS GOES GHANA

January 3 – 13, 2024

The UMES Richard A. Henson Honors Program is offering an international experiential learning opportunity to Ghana during the winter 2024. We are partnering with Sunyani Technical University to collaborate in this learning environment to understand the issues facing the Ghanaian community.

Cost: \$2,500*

Deposit: \$250

Enrollment Deadline:

May 5, 2023

*\$1,000 Richard A. Henson Scholarship available

Contact: Dr. Jocelyn Briddell
jbriddell@umes.edu
410.651.6082



NEW Info Sessions Dates

Tuesday, April 11 - 6:30 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/itf-pbmq-ukh>

Thursday, April 20 - 6:30 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/axc-fahy-pvi>

Friday, April 21 - 3:00 – 3:30pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/rqz-dfap-osi>

Monday, April 24 - 6:30 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jpa-dsny-wrs>

Wednesday, April 26 - 8:00 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/krp-gpqc-xbc>

Tuesday, May 2 - 6:30 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/cyz-mcfz-bon>

***SPOTLIGHT ON:* INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES PRESENTS NATIONS DAY!

EASC ATRIUM APRIL 18, 2023



Left to Right: Mary Twumasi, Ghana, Pharmaceutical Science, Wele Elengwe, Cameroon, Director of Graduate Student Services, Mouaye Atchimon. Côte D'Ivoire, Aviation Sciences, Tahira Johnson, 3rd year PhD student in Food Safety, Food & Agricultural Sciences, Albert Ofosu, Ghana, Toxicology, Priscilla Kini, Ghana, Toxicology, Harry Godwin, Nigeria, Applied Computer Science, Rupo Lagat, Kenya, Applied Computer Science, Uchenna Nwonye, Masters, Student Rehabilitation counseling, and Chinedu Ahuchaogu, Nigeria, Graduate student, Food & Agricultural Sciences .



DID YOU GET TO ANY OF THESE EVENTS?

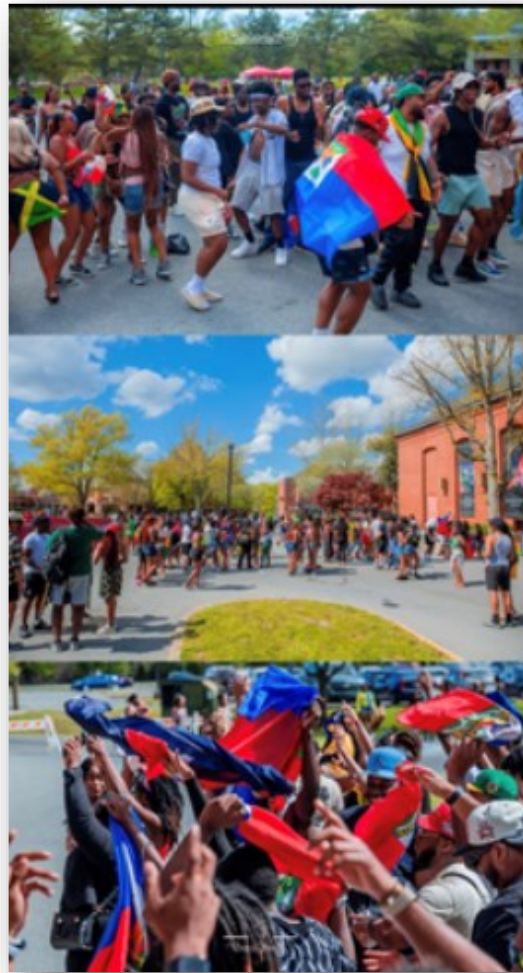
MISS A DAY, MISS A LOT! CHECK IT OUT.

SWING PHI SWING FLAG DAY FRIDAY APRIL 7

CIC CARNIVAL FRIDAY APRIL 14, 2023

NATIONS DAY SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

TUESDAY APRIL 18



Above: left: 2 students hold flag of The Bahamas

Right: students enjoying CIC's Carnival!



Left: Mercy Faniyi poses with flag of Nigeria as she stops by CIE to pick up international flags for *Swing Phi Swing's* Flag Day on Friday April 7, 2023

NATIONS DAY SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES, EASC TUESDAY 4/18



Above: Chinedu Ahuchaogu wears head to toe dashiki, and Priscilla Kini kente cloth, Rupo Lagat in an overall Kenyan print, and Harry Godwin wearing some traditional princely beads.

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THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES PRESENTS...

THE NATIONS AT UMES
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
10:00am - 1:00pm EASC Atrium

ONLINE IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Google Meet
<https://meet.google.com/ncv-hjxb-ahy>

An illustration of a globe with various hands holding flags from different countries, including Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and the USA. A cartoon character is standing on the globe.

Below left: the Ghana display table

Below right: Dancing in their seats, and clapping to the music, Uchenna Nwonye (L) and Chinedu Ahuchaogu Above (R).



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



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PAID INTERNSHIP
May/June 2023 - August/September 2023
WASHINGTON D.C.

OPEN TO HBCU STUDENTS & RECENT GRADUATES

Mercy Corps is one of the largest relief and development non-profit organizations (NGO) in the U.S. Mercy Corps has programs in over 40 countries to assist communities in recovery from disaster, conflict, or economic collapse.

Interested in humanitarian and development issues?

About the position:
https://jobs.jobvite.com/careers/mercycorps/job/oqOJmfw3?_jvst=Employee&_jvsd=sX5RZkwH&_jvsc=Website&bid=n9UNd5wD

For questions about this opportunity or application assistance and review, contact The Office of Global Opportunities at oiss@umes.edu or call 410-651-8385.

SPECIAL INTEREST!

START A VIRTUAL JOURNEY TODAY! Visit sites on the Google Arts and Culture link:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/category/place>

CIEE VIRTUAL VISIT

FRIDAY, MAY 5

ATTEND A VIRTUAL INFO SESSION: 11:00—11:30 A.M.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a5cb88ef-1a3a-4c58-8663-30c364bba519@84ff6d6e-bfbf-4f95-a0c7-bfaaf8017af2>.

BOOK YOUR ONE-ON-ONE VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT WITH CIEE! ASK YOUR STUDY ABROAD QUESTIONS!

START PLANNING NOW!

FIND OUT ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCING!

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/>

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ENDPAPER: CALEB CLARK TALKS ABOUT STUDY ABROAD

GHANA SUMMER 2022



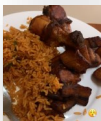
Caleb Clark applied to the Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship as part of a History class assignment in his freshman course with Dr. Barrett-Gaines. He was awarded with a is Global Scholars scholarship in the amount of \$1500, with a match from UMES! He then got to work on prospecting for other resources, including maintaining his grades to join the Honors Program and take advantage of their study abroad grants.

In a conversation at CIE, Caleb described the feeling of being a man of color in Ghana, of feeling at home, of being with people in the streets, in the classrooms who were like him, a feeling of acceptance and belonging that he doesn't experience all the time.

He walked—a lot! He appreciated the way the cities were built around the greenery, that the ecosystem does not seem disturbed, even in the city. He was amazed to find the difference in the classroom - the stability that the students had in learning from the Nigerian Ebo culture, and the directness of the discussions about the transatlantic crossing fostered a greater understanding of their history.

What Caleb carries with him from his study abroad experience:

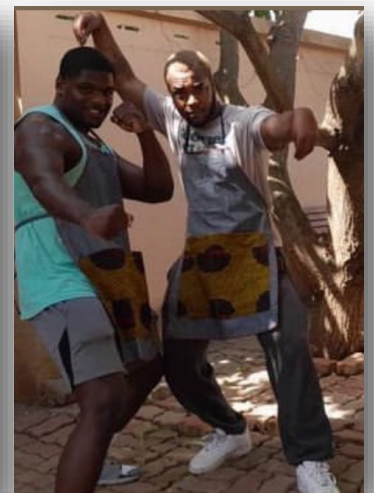
- ◆ The sense of importance and pride, seeing how people carried themselves in Ghana had a very powerful and positive effect on him.
- ◆ Also there is a lot of sharing of food!



- ◆ Be prepared to discuss American issues, current events, and to tackle some misconceptions. He would have thought about clearer ways to explain.
- ◆ Travel! Travel again soon, and keep exploring!

Caleb's top packing tips?

- ⇒ Comfortable, low care clothes, good shoes, & items you won't mind giving away.
- ⇒ Plus something for going out.
- ⇒ Cargo pants, and vented items— it's hot! Bring a lot of bug repellent!



What's next for this global citizen?

Seville, Spain in Summer 2023.

Caleb is available to any student interested in study abroad. You can reach him at ciclark@umes.edu



Slave dungeon in Jamestown, used for illegal transportation of enslaved Africans to the New World.
Photos by Caleb Clark.