



"This photo was taken during the rural home stay portion of my Nicaragua study abroad program. It shows my home stay mother Doña Salvadora looking out from the kitchen window of her home."

By Paul Holder

Connecting CU-Boulder to the World

The Office of International Education at CU-Boulder is celebrating International Education Week this year by highlighting some of our extraordinary student "ambassadors" that help to link the Boulder community with the rest of the world

This newsletter is dedicated to recognizing the impact that our study abroad students and our international students and scholars make both on the CU campus and in communities internationally.

In this newsletter, you will find the following stories involving CU-Boulder students:

- Spring 2006 Study Abroad Scholarships
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- CU International Festival
- Recognition for Senegal Alumna
- Raising Awareness for the Children in Gulu
- Assisting Earthquake Victims in Pakistan
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Students Link Boulder and Tibet

This summer, a group of ten CU-Boulder students visited Tibet as part of the CU-Boulder Anthropology of Tibet study abroad program, led by CU Professor Carole McGranahan. The program was part of a four-year grant that CU's Center for Asian Studies received from the Freeman Foundation.

Pre-departure activities such as a fundraiser for a Tibetan primary school and lectures from local Tibetan immigrants provided the students with a well-rounded

sense of the Tibetan community in the USA as well as general Tibetan cultural information. Students then traveled to various regions of Tibet where they did volunteer work in a primary school and studied for the 6-credit program course "Anthropology of Tibet: In Search of Shangri-La."

According to Dee Zucco, one of the participants, the highlight of the program

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Lindsay Weaver with students at Chungba Primary School

International Education Week

International Education Week is an initiative declared by the U.S. Departments of State and Education to promote international understanding, build support for international educational exchange, and focus on the positive effects of student mobility. It was first held in 2000 and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide.



The initiative promotes programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

This year's International Education Week is particularly important since it will include two national announcements – both of which have significance to the CU-Boulder Office of International Education. The first announcement will be from the Lincoln Commission (more on the Lincoln Commission on the back page). The second announcement is the annual report of international education statistics in the United States made by the Institute of International Education.

IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. Across the US, various groups, schools, and universities are promoting IEW in creative ways. Festivals, cultural ceremonies, lectures, and photo contests are sweeping the country; to learn more about IEW and these events visit the website (<http://iew.state.gov>). Please join CU's Office of International Education in recognizing this special event and celebrating the joy that internationalism brings to Boulder.

Raising Awareness for Children in Gulu, Uganda

Liza Hensleigh studied abroad in Nicaragua in spring 2003. Wanting to go abroad again, Liza participated in the School for International Training (SIT) (www.sit.edu/studyabroad/) Peace and Conflict Studies Program in Uganda and Rwanda this past summer. She returned with a passionate interest in promoting awareness about the war in Uganda.

In late October, she joined organizer and CU MCDB graduate student Donasian Ochala to promote the Gulu Walk Day in Boulder to bring attention specifically to the children affected by the conflict in Northern Uganda.

The Gulu Walk occurred internationally, bringing unprecedented attention to one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world. The Walk in Boulder featured a panel of guest speakers, including Donasian, a northern Ugandan who grew up during the war and recently relocated to the US.

Liza says about her experiences, "the more people that we can inform on pressing issues around the world the better. Sending students abroad is one way of ensuring that we can all become global citizens."

For more information on the Gulu Walk, go to:

www.ugandacan.org



On October 22, 2005, students marched through the CU-Boulder campus to bring attention to the children suffering through the conflict in Northern Uganda.

OIE to Offer Faculty Development Grants

Future development seminars include:

Ethiopia

France & The Netherlands:

Muslim Communities in Contemporary Europe

South Africa:

Building a Multiracial, Multicultural Society in South Africa

This year, the Office of International Education is going to develop a program to which CU-Boulder faculty can apply to participate in faculty development trips abroad or site visits to study abroad programs where CU-Boulder sends students.

OIE will award a limited number of grants to faculty who, in turn, agree to add an interna-

tional dimension to courses offered here at CU-Boulder.

A number of CU-Boulder Study Abroad partner organizations offer faculty development seminars and faculty site visits to study abroad locations. This year, OIE facilitated sending Spanish and Portuguese Professor Juan DaBove to Argentina and Chile, Geography Professor

Emily Yeh to Mongolia, and Italian Professor Pricilla Craven to Ferrara, Italy.

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Accolades for Senegal Alumna, Leah Rubinsky



Leah, on left, joins other students to learn how to do batik in Touba Dialaw, Senegal

Leah Rubinsky studied abroad in Dakar, Senegal in the fall of 2004. Her experience was so transformative that she decided to stay an extra semester to do an internship for an NGO called "10,000 Girls". The organization provides education and vocational skill training for Senegalese girls ages fourteen to thirty. Working for "10,000 Girls", Leah devised and implemented two projects: "Art Day" which included raising money for art supplies and organizing volunteers to give art lessons to the girls; and "Career

Day", which involved raising funds to bring the girls to Suffolk University's branch in Dakar, Senegal to meet professional Senegalese women and discuss career opportunities in their community.

An exciting development for CU-Boulder Study Abroad Programs and for Leah came recently when she was awarded the Student Recognition Award from Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) (www.ciee.org/), a partner organization for CU-Boulder Study Abroad Programs and the program provider that

runs the Senegal program she attended. Leah will be flying to Miami in mid-November to attend the annual CIEE conference and to be given her award in the presence of professionals in the field of international education.

Currently, Leah is finishing her degree at CU and interns at the Africa Centre (www.africacentre.org/) helping to promote education about Africa in the Boulder community via resources for teachers, fairs, and lectures.

Study Abroad Scholarship Recipients Spring 2006

"This study abroad experience will allow me to examine the complex nature of my relationship to our global community as an ethnic minority American citizen."

Lisa Xiong received a scholarship to study on the spring Semester at Sea program.

CU-Boulder Study Abroad Programs awarded \$225,000 in scholarships for spring 2006 students. Many of our students have remarkable stories or exceptional plans for study abroad.

Evan Judge and Thomas Hubbard will study in Perugia, Italy next spring. As members of the CU football team, Evan and Thomas had to wait until their last semester to study abroad due to their athletic commitments. Evan says, "after committing five years of [his] life to being a quality student-athlete on and off the football field, [he has] only been able to see the world from a certain viewpoint". His time in Perugia will help him fulfill his require-

ments for an International Business Certificate at CU.

Thomas is a senior majoring in accounting and finance with a minor in economics. Being from a family of five, he has worked hard to make financial ends meet through athletic and academic scholarships. A Colorado native, Thomas has never traveled abroad. He looks forward having "a chance to create memories that will last forever and see parts of the world that everyone should see if they get a chance."

Pia Peters will study in Oman next spring. Pia is a Sudanese refugee who was granted asylum in the US by the UN. She is work-

ing locally on fund-raising and educational activities and to sponsor nearly 40 Sudanese women to come to the US to study. She hopes to encourage these women to return to Sudan and educate others to bring about change in Sudan. In Oman, Pia is hoping to find out more about women rights' practices. She would like to use the knowledge she gains in Oman to go back to Sudan to implement what she has learned and work on women's rights and education.

For more stories about spring 2006 scholarship recipients:

www.colorado.edu/oie/studyabroad

Count Down to the CU-Boulder International Festival in April

Each year, a committee of international students at CU organizes the International Festival. The mission of the festival is:

- To promote and celebrate diversity among students and community members.
- To provide a platform for international student groups to represent their culture.
- To encourage a rediscovery of international students' own background.
- To provide a unity of international students in Boulder.

With nearly 2500 visitors, two dozen booths highlighting cultures and foods from all over the world and stunning performances from various international student groups, the 2005 International Festival was the perfect example of how CU students connect the campus and the Boulder community to the world.

A new committee is already working on the 2006 International Festival. Look for it in April!

For more information:

www.colorado.edu/oie/iss/programs.html



Backgammon by Nina Donner. Taken at the 2004 International Festival

New Initiatives by SHIP to Engage Locally & Internationally



SHIP students learn to prepare several international dishes under the guidance of Chef Lenny Martinelli, proprietor of the Boulder Dushambe Teahouse

The Smith Hall International Program (SHIP) is a CU-Boulder Residential Academic Program for first year students. SHIP seeks to further students' recognition of global interdependencies and promote international understanding.

All SHIP students take a course together with an international focus in the fall semester – either Introduction to Compar-

ative Politics or Introduction to International Relations. An optional class, Regional Cultures of Africa, is offered in the spring semester which includes a service learning project.

SHIP offers a monthly Dinner Series that features many of the renowned faculty at CU-Boulder discussing their international work.

This year's initiatives include

student participation in the Gulu walk (see related story in this newsletter), the Sudan Awareness Conference, language corners and an international photo contest. Recently SHIP students hosted visitors from 25 countries as part of a visit to CU-Boulder through The College Board and the U.S. Department of State.

For more information, go to: www.colorado.edu/oie/ship

Study Abroad Receives National Support

Two national initiatives will have significant impact on CU-Boulder Study Abroad.

On November 10, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution designating 2006 as the “Year of Study Abroad.”

The Year of Study Abroad will aim to encourage secondary schools, higher education institutions, businesses, and government programs to promote and expand study abroad opportunities. It is also intended to encourage Americans to support initiatives to promote and expand study abroad opportunities and observe the “Year of Study Abroad with appropriate ceremonies, programs and other activities.

A second important development will be announced during International Education Week when the **Lincoln Commission** reports to the President and Congress with recommendations on ways to greatly expand the opportunity for students at institutions of higher education in the United States to study abroad. The Commission, which was created in January 2004 by an act of Congress, will propose a new fellowship program to increase study abroad from the current annual participation rate of 175,000 to one million by 2017. For more info:

www.lincolncommission.org

<http://thomas.loc.gov> (S.RES. 308)

Assisting Earthquake Victims in Pakistan

Saqib bin Sohail is a CU Doctoral candidate and instructor in Computer Engineering from Lahore, Pakistan. Following the devastating earthquake in Pakistan, Saqib organized a fundraiser and gathered donations from the Boulder community. Saqib was able to secure airline space for the donations, which will hopefully help at least a few of those suffering from the earthquake's destruction.

Bringing Two Worlds Together: The Boulder-Tibet Connection



CU-Boulder Students at Tibetan Monastery in July 2005

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was the visit to the Chungba primary school.

Dee says, “Something I found most striking was the pure excitement that the children showed in playing simple games and just sitting together with us, even though our Tibetan language was very limited. They never got frustrated, and they never stopped smiling.”

The program continues to make a lasting impact as the students fulfill their program service requirements. Their current activities include, among others, pres-

entations about Tibet and the student experiences on the program to various local groups, an information and fundraising table at a performance and broadcast of E-Town, the creation of a student group on campus about Tibet, an upcoming photograph exhibition displaying photos taken by each of the students, a new Website for the non-profit Mechak Center for Contemporary Tibetan Art (www.mechak.org), and English language tutoring for a Tibetan monk in Boulder.

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