

International @ CU-Boulder

*Highlighting
CU's
International People
and Activities*

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Heather Schultz (left), guide at Pres. Obama's town meeting in Strasbourg, France (see story on p. 2)



Kenya, Samburu Village - 'Drawing Time'

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ACE Internationalization Task Force

CU-Boulder is currently participating in the American Council on Education's (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory. The Laboratory consists of a small cohort of institutions that work closely with ACE to advance collective knowledge about the issues surrounding assessment and comprehensive internationalization.

The task force is conducting a review of CU-Boulder goals and internationalization strategies, assessing our current level of internationalization, and

determining how we can best contribute to Flagship 2030 internationalization goals. The task force will submit a report with findings and recommendations at the end of 2009.

You may be wondering - **what is comprehensive internationalization?** ACE describes it this way:

Although the term international education has a long history in the United States, ACE instead uses internationalization, a term that suggests an ongoing

process that includes many different approaches and strategies. The use of the verb form to internationalize suggests a move from description to action, a process rather than a set of activities. Knight (1999) defines it as the process of infusing an international or intercultural dimension into the teaching, learning, research, and service functions of higher education.¹

For some, internationalization means
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CU's Global Citizens

We have the pleasure of announcing the CU-Boulder community members who were selected to receive Global Citizen Awards and Champions of International Education Awards for 2008. They received their awards during International Education Week in November 2008.

These are people who enrich the campus with their presence and who serve as role models in the international arena.

- **Jeannine Bell** has been chosen as the Campus Global Citizen of the Year.
- **Kashyap Kaul** has been chosen as the Study Abroad Student of the Year.
- **Philipp Wetzler** has been chosen as the Muneeb Kamal International Student of the Year.

Our two **Champions of**

International Education are **Wayne Ambler** (chosen by study abroad students) and **Jose R. Santos** (chosen by international students).



For further information about the awards, applications, and information on how to nominate someone please see the Office of International Education website at <http://www.colorado.edu/OIE/GlobalCitizensAwards.html> or call (303) 492-2976.

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adding a few programs or courses, increasing the number of students going abroad, or recruiting additional international students. Such changes generally entail doing more of the same thing, or doing the same things in a slightly different way. But another view of internationalization, one that sees it as pervading the institution and affecting a broad spectrum of people, policies, and programs, leads to deeper and potentially more challenging change. Comprehensive internationalization is the ACE shorthand for this broad, deep, and integrative international

practice that enables campuses to become fully internationalized.

The CU-Boulder task force is looking at internationalization in this comprehensive sense. They recognize that many international connections already exist between CU faculty, staff, and students and overseas entities. Some goals of the task force are to see if more coordination of international efforts might help everyone in their endeavors.

To this end, the task force is exploring ways to decrease the silos of internationalization

at CU-Boulder and increase collaboration. In the end, they plan to provide a suggested strategic framework for internationalization of the campus - one that will mesh with Flagship 2030 goals.

The task force welcomes input from the whole campus community. Task force members are:

- **John Stevenson** (Task Force Co-Chair), Graduate School
- **Larry Bell** (Task Force Co-Chair), International Education
- **James Austin**, Music
- **Steve Chan**, Political Science
- **Clayton Lewis**, Computer Science
- **Polly McLean**, Journalism

- **Dennis McGilvray**, Anthropology
- **Laurel Rodd**, Asian Languages and Civilizations
- **Ann Schmiesing**, German and Slavic Languages and Literatures
- **Diane Sieber**, Herbst Humanities
- **Richard Wobbekind**, Business
- **Thomas Zeiler**, History

Please feel free to contact any task force member with your thoughts and comments.

¹ Knight, J. cited in Olson, C. L., Green, M. F., and Hill, B. A. (2005). *Building a Strategic Framework for Comprehensive Internationalization*. Washington, DC: American Council on Education.

Students enjoy front-row view to Obama's EU visits

CU study abroad students in Strasbourg were among the enthusiastic throngs of people who caught a glimpse of President and First Lady Obama this semester during the recent G20 and NATO summits. For some, it was an unforgettable opportunity to see the newly-elected American president in person, and for all, the historic events offered a window into American and world politics that would be impossible to duplicate back at home.

CU students, on our partner Syracuse University Abroad program, were invited by the U.S. government to act as guides during a Town Hall meeting that featured President Barack Obama.

Heather Schulz was one of the CU students selected to be a guide. Here are her thoughts on the experience:

Starting my day at 7:30 a.m., I joined a large handful of other French and American volunteers for President Obama's Strasbourg town hall meeting. We spent the morning organizing the 4,000 attendees from point A outside the restricted "red zone," through identity and security, on to a bus and into point B inside of the red zone. After maintaining a level of organization, answering questions and making sure people were properly shuttled into the red zone, the volunteers headed off the venue to join the attendees to see the president give a town hall meeting.

After much anticipation, President Obama came on stage around 2:15pm. He spoke for about 45 minutes then opened the floor for questions for an equal length of time. In the first part of his speech, the president

addressed many current concerns such as the role the US has with Europe (politically and the perception of each citizen towards the other continent), the role of the US in aiding other countries, plans for NATO, financial crisis and so on. Some of the points that I remember the most were his visions for a nuclear missile-free world as well as his daily life as president and how it changed from before when he was a senator.

Seeing President Obama speak in Strasbourg, France, my home town since September 2008, was one of the highlights of my study abroad experience. At times being an American abroad is a less than glorious situation as one sometimes senses that Americans are viewed, judged and grouped as a whole based on the policies of their government. However, after

seeing President Obama in Strasbourg I worried less about this disdain for Americans because I know that things were already changing. He believes in what he says and does and he has gotten this message across to people the world over. In fact, I was surprised by the reaction of the international community - how much interest and sincere faith they put in a man from across the Atlantic. I was also humbled as I remembered how small I, just one person, am in this world of billions of people, but how I can still make a difference. Like Obama said, the youth are leading the future because of the many advantages they possess - they are young, vibrant and energetic and they create new ideas and plans of action each day.

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Remembering Muneeb

Muneeb Kamal was a very well loved member of CU's community. He was born in Nigeria, held Pakistani citizenship and lived in Michigan and Brunei before coming to Boulder.

Muneeb was a mechanical engineering major and was in his final semester at CU when he was tragically killed in a car accident on October 6, 2008. He was a founding member of CU's International Coffee Hour and CU International, the club that organizes activities for new international students.

Here are some thoughts about Muneeb from Larry Monke, his advisor in Mechanical Engineering:

I was Muneeb's advisor in Mechanical Engineering. Some of our students I hardly know, but Muneeb was different. I think he was

everybody's friend, and I know he was my friend. Muneeb took time to visit. He was very gracious, never in a rush.

Thanks to his patience, I learned a lot about the geography of Brunei, a sultanate on the northern coast of the island of Borneo. Muneeb shared his thoughts about the people, the cultural climate, the politics, the flora and fauna. He had attended school with the children of the Sultan of Brunei. Muneeb died just a couple of months before he would have graduated, having already completed the courses for the Biomedical Engineering Option.

The College of Engineering & Applied Science posthumously declared Muneeb to be a graduate. I'll miss him!

A memorial fund in Muneeb's honor has been established at the CU Foundation. The goal for the fund is to purchase a bench with a memorial plaque in his memory. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort can do so by:

1. Sending a check payable to: University of Colorado Foundation (write on the check, in memory of Muneeb Kamal) to this address:

Muneeb Kamal Memorial Fund
University of Colorado Foundation
59 UCB, Suite 1B70 Regent Drive
Regent Administrative Center
Boulder, CO 80309

or

2. Make a gift on line (<http://www.cufund.org/giving-opportunities/fund-description/?id=3566>). Under comments on the gift, enter "Muneeb Kamal Memorial Fund." Under in Memory of, enter Muneeb Kamal.

For more information, call the University of Colorado Foundation at 303-492-3901.



Memorial Fund established for Muneeb Kamal, CU Class of 2008, Mechanical Engineering

The Office of International Education would like to recognize its student employees:

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International Coffee Hour Grows!

Attendance at International Coffee Hour has grown steadily since the fall of 2006 when there were 30 people attending. It has averaged 140 students, staff and faculty each Friday during spring 2009!

International Coffee Hour is sponsored by CU International, the student club, the Office of International Education and CU Parents Association. CU students, staff and faculty are welcome. Great people, great conversations and free refreshments! It all begins again in the fall on Friday, August 28, from 4 - 5:30 p.m., across from Baby Doe's in the UMC Grill (throughout the semester).

International Expertise Database

Have you entered your information into the CU-Boulder **International Expertise Database**?

<http://www.colorado.edu/OIE/admin/iedb/index.html>



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They also do not have the prejudices or bad memories of the past to hinder their honest efforts. One last note he said that hit home - people who give parts of their lives to serve other people, such as teachers, volunteers, parents, politicians, and so on, are some of the most honorable and respectable people that the world can have.

These are some of the "highlight" lessons that I took away from the president's speech. All in all, I had the opportunity to see the president address the people of Strasbourg, and others, and see

how he affects different people. I was further reminded of America's immeasurable role in world affairs, but I also took a renewed faith in this role. One could say that his speech reminded me of my interest in international affairs and my desire to understand the dynamic and relations between countries. As I mentioned before, it was quite an honor to see the American president on foreign soil and soak in the reactions of the natives and fellow Americans here in Strasbourg. One of my friends, only slightly jokingly, called that day "possibly the best day of my life, and I am including the day I was born."

OIE moving to the Center for Community in August 2010



OIE is very pleased to be part of the new Center for Community building. You can follow the progress of the building here:

<http://www.colorado.edu/CenterForCommunity/>

If you are interested in contributing to the Building Fund, you may do so here:

[Center for Community Building Fund](#)

We welcome your involvement

Please send us your international news. We'd love to know about the international activities in which CU-Boulder students, faculty, and staff are engaged. Please send items to the Office of International Education at Campus Box 123 UCB. Or you may email them to:

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If you are interested in being added to our email list to be notified about international items of interest, please send your name and email address to kreutzer@colorado.edu or call 303-492-2976.