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Chancellor DiStefano and Larry Bell at the Chancellor's Welcome for New International Students



Office of International Education

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

Record number of international students

It is looking like there will be 1491 international students on campus this semester! Have you noticed? This is an increase of 8.6% over the 1371 international students who were enrolled here last fall.

International Students and Scholar Services staff checked in 511 new students in the weeks leading up to the start of the semester (and slightly after the start – some new students had travel delays in trying to get to Boulder). This is a 10% increase over the 463 new students who checked in last fall! And last fall was a banner year itself. In the last

10 years or so, we've more typically enrolled 250-350 new students each fall.

On September 6, Chancellor DiStefano welcomed the new students to campus and to Boulder by hosting the "Chancellor's Welcome for New International Students." Despite some rain at this outdoor event, everyone had an enjoyable time. It was a very nice opportunity for the international students to meet each other and to meet representatives of our campus.

We hope you, also, will welcome these new international students to your

departments and communities and reach out to get to know them. Our international students come from over 80 different countries. They have a lot to share about their homelands and home cultures while they are here learning about ours and taking classes alongside U.S. students.

One really great way to meet international students, and U.S. students interested in other cultures, is to come to International Coffee Hour (ICH). ICH is held every Friday of the fall and spring semester, in the UMC (across from Baby Doe's), from 4 pm to 5:30. We hope to see you there!

Nominate Internationalists for Awards

The Office of International Education (OIE) is interested in receiving your nominations for the **OIE Global Citizen Awards**. These awards recognize outstanding contributions to international understanding by members of the CU-Boulder community.

- **Campus Global Citizen of the Year 2011**
- **Muneeb Kamal International Student of the Year 2011**
- **Study Abroad Student of the Year 2011**

Application deadline: Applications and supporting material for the OIE Global Citizen Awards are due by 5 p.m. on **October 3, 2011**.

We also host two additional awards: CU-Boulder Champions of International Education, selected by students. International students will select a faculty member, academic advisor, or staff member who has been especially welcoming or helpful. Study abroad students will select a faculty member, academic advisor, or staff member who through their teaching or guidance was key in their decision to

pursue international education. **The recipients of all awards will be honored during International Education Week at a special awards ceremony in the JD Abrams Student Cultural Center in the Center for Community on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

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/GlobalCitizenAwards.html> or call (303) 492-7604



Visit us on the web:

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Alum Marius Klee's 'Movement Bikes'



CU-Boulder alum Marius Klee is making a difference abroad through his organization Movement Bikes – providing bicycles for Boulder's sister city Kisumu, Kenya!

Marius Klee studied economics, English and leadership as an international student at CU-Boulder from 2005-2010. Marius's role as a scholar of the Presidents Leadership Class, co-founder of a Red Cross Chapter at CU, and membership in many other clubs and organizations, presented him with vast travel and volunteer experiences during summer and winter breaks. Such experiences greatly influenced Marius's ambitions abroad, for according to Marius, "One of the beauties of international exposure is being able to

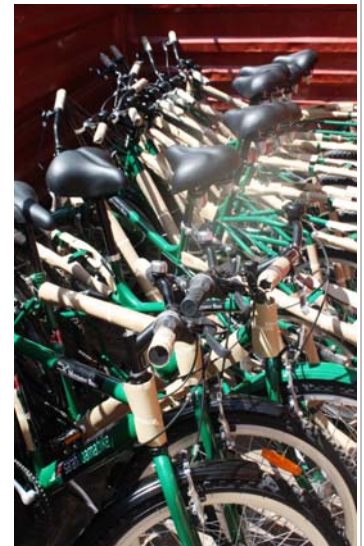
compare different values in different cultures. Immersing in different cultures is an opportunity to grow, because it is within differences that we find space to learn and reflect".

Marius discovered the idea of helping developing countries with high-quality, low-cost bicycles during the Global Leadership Institute summer program in Boulder in 2008. Seventeen students from fourteen different countries studied leadership in a global sense and pledged to tackle some of the world's greatest challenges. Marius researched economic development and the empowerment that can be achieved through bicycles.

After years of research and

forging partnerships, Marius's organization, Movement Bikes, is building and distributing bicycles in Kisumu, Western Kenya. The high quality cargo bicycles are rated for a weight of over 200kg, allowing owners to transport more cargo in much less time. This extra time can now be used for more farming, studying in school, or simply quality time with family. Bicycles are the fundamental way of transportation, wherever you are in the world, but Movement Bikes is not just bringing in any bicycles; they are especially designed for the developing world, with some of the best bicycle technologies available.

Marius will be returning to Colorado in the fall as an incoming law student.



For more information on Movement Bikes or to contact Marius please visit <http://www.movement-bikes.com/>

Introducing Chris Hertel – new advisor

The Office of International Education is pleased to welcome Chris Hertel, international student advisor, to our office. Chris joins us after working in similar capacities both at Regis University and the University of Colorado Denver. Here is a short interview with Chris, so you can get to know her.

What does your position entail at OIE?

I advise international students and scholars on their immigration needs as well as helping them succeed on campus.

What international experience do you bring to this position?

I've been in the field since Jan 2003. I haven't had a chance to travel much outside of the US and never got the chance to study abroad. I have taken some great trips to the UK, China and Latin

America.

How did you get into the field of international education?

Actually, I just kinda fell into it. I was working at Regis University when I had the opportunity to take a job doing working with Veterans Affairs and International Students. I did my best there to juggle both duties, each completely different. I loved the international advising part of my job so much I decided to take a dedicated position in ISSS at the University of Colorado Denver at the end of 2007. I've learned so much about immigration law and love it. I held a position in the NAFSA: Association of International Educator's Trainer Corps teaching others in my field about F-1 regulations. But the students I meet from all over the world motivate me the most!

What about this position most excites you?

The students by far.

There's a moment that we have once in a while when we make a big impact on a student's life here in the US. It's moments when a student shares his or her appreciation that really remind me that I'm in the right field.

Do you have any amazing/terrifying/hilarious travel stories?

Hmmm... not really. I'm always so worried that I'll end up in an episode of "Locked Up Abroad" because I'll joke around with immigration officials, but so far I haven't been annoying enough! ☺

What do you like most about working with international students?

Learning about all kinds of cultures around the world. I love hearing the stories from our students or just having the chance to learn more about where they come from. It's my little way of traveling the whole world.

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

Kara Gordon
Study Abroad Peer Advisor

Sarah Grimsdale
Study Abroad Peer Advisor

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Study Abroad Peer Advisor

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ISSS Assistant

Kevin Peters
Study Abroad Peer Advisor

Jennifer Phillips
ISSS Graduate Intern

We'd also like to thank Elizabeth Knox who was a graduate student assistant in our office this past summer. Elizabeth helped put together some of the stories in this newsletter.

Russian play with Russians

This past summer the Colorado Shakespeare Festival (CSF) carried on its tradition of producing international plays for the Colorado audience. (Shakespeare, of course, was an international playwright from our perspective.) This time however, the international focus was on 19th century Russia, instead of Shakespeare's world.

If you were lucky enough to see one of CSF's performance of *The Inspector General* by Maxim Gorky, you experienced a truly

intercultural production. Russian staff from the Maxim Gorky Theatre in Vladivostok, Russia collaborated on the production with CSF staff. We were very happy to be able to host renowned Director, Efim Zvenyatsky, and scenic and costume designer, Vladimir Koltunov, on our campus, along with other staff and actors. There were even two bilingual performances where the Russian actors spoke their parts in Russian and the other actors spoke their parts in English!

The Office of International Education is here to help you give your programs an international dimension. CSF has provided a great model for international collaboration in the arts. The project was very rewarding for acting company and artistic staff, but was also a treat for the general public as a whole. Well done!



Photo from *The Inspector General* by Patrick Campbell for CU Communications

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We welcome your involvement

Please send us your international news. We would 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 kreutzer@colorado.edu.

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.

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