GLOBALIZING A LEEDS EDUCATION

Every Leeds student needs well-developed global knowledge so they can be business leaders who are open to foreign cultures as well as sources of ideas, innovation, and inspiration.

In support of this global mindset, Professor Manuel Laguna has been selected as the director of global initiatives, a new position leading the development and execution of a plan to more thoroughly globalize the educational experience and outlook at Leeds.

Laguna will leverage past efforts on globalization and identify new types of international experiences for Leeds students. His charge includes issues related to curriculum and faculty development, and covers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

“This is a great opportunity to enhance the educational experience of our students,” Laguna says. “I am glad that I am part of this effort. Our approach will be one of coordination of existing programs; collaboration with administrative departments, academic divisions and student groups; and innovation to create meaningful global experiences. Our plans include broader dissemination of international opportunities as well as a higher level of support for faculty and staff who develop and promote global business programs that increase student participation.”

Separately, the Leeds School will start new partnerships with international business schools to cultivate both research and curricular opportunities. In addition to globalizing our curriculum and student experience, Laguna will help to create a plan for managing the expected increase in the number of CU students from abroad. This surge presents both great opportunity and responsibility for the Leeds community.

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Tanner Ryan ('14 management) designed a global experience for himself, incorporating his business education with a semester abroad, including work experience with a nonprofit founded by a Leeds School alumnus. Ryan is a Boettcher Scholarship winner, part of the Presidents Leadership Class, vice president of the International Business Club and a Leeds Ambassador.

See Tanner prepare for his trip and talk about the importance of a global experience as a business student.

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Follow his journeys to China, Ireland, and Italy on his blog at tannerstravels.wordpress.com.