Resident Directors Conference

Bi-annual Resident Directors Conference June 2017

K hosted a week long cross campus learning colloquium. President Gonzalez, faculty and staff also helped to celebrated over 50 years of partnerships with the programs in Kenya, France, Germany and Japan.

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What’s New

The Center for International Programs would like to introduce Tony Nelson, Assistant Director of Student Engagement. Tony has worked as a study abroad program director, community organizer, teacher, and human rights educator and has studied abroad in Mexico, Costa Rica, and China. He holds a BA in Communications from Grand Valley State University and an MA in Communication and Rhetorical Studies from Syracuse University. Before coming to K College, he spent almost 8 years running the Mexico study abroad program for the Autonomous University of Social Movements. He has accompanied Mexican activists on dozens of university speaking tours across the US, providing consecutive Spanish-English interpretation. His areas of interest include immigrant rights, political economy, social movements, ethical international education, and Latin American politics. Some of Tony’s primary responsibilities include; student scholarships, accessibility and support. Advising, orientation, reintegration as well as the Peer Advisor program.

The Center for International Programs aided more than 160 participants who engaged in experiential education during the 2016-2017 academic year.

The ICRP in Cáceres is an incredible way to meet new people and make new friends. I volunteered at a program for people with special needs and it was one of the best experiences I have ever had.

'16-'17 participant

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Volunteer at a local organization, become a regular at a locally-owned cafe or restaurant, explore the city, it has so much to offer! '16-'17 participant

**International Students**

21 new visiting (one-year), 26 new degree-seekers and 75 continuing degree-seeking international students arrived to campus with a warm K College greeting. In addition to a comprehensive orientation, students are encouraged to participate in and supported with a variety of activities and events outside the classroom.

- Weekly check-ins
- Campus community lunches
- Host family program
- Employment workshops
- World night
- Community reflections
- Study abroad
- Study away
- Title IX training
- Civic engagement
- Social justice
- Student organization groups

**Domestic Study Away**

The Center for International Programs supported nearly 20 domestic study away students during the 2016-2017 academic year. Domestic study away allows students to experience learning in a new environment while staying in the U.S.. Students were able to study programs that focused on the arts, entrepreneurship, internships, social justice and much more.

**Grants & Subsidies**

The Beeler Fellowship: Typically funds up to half the projected cost of a S.I.P.* overseas.
- 5 Beeler Fellowships $4800

The Beeler Project Grant: Typically provides up to five awards of $600 each.
- 1 Beeler Project Grant $600

The David H. Riley Fund: Typically provides up to five awards of $1000 each.
- 1 Riley Award $1500

Travel Subsidies: Typically awarded to students to aid in the roundtrip fare to program sites.
- Over $133,078 in funds

The Student Projects Abroad (SPA) grant and fellowship program is designed to help defray the costs of a Senior Individualized Project* or other College-related activity internationally. To facilitate a deeper understanding of another language and culture, these fellowships and grants are designed to provide additional funding to allow recipients to undertake a project that they could not otherwise afford. These projects covered a range of topics from Human Rights to language transformation.

**Peer Advisors**

Peer Advisors are seniors who have participated in any of our study abroad/away programs. They are selected to help promote international education among their peers at K. Comprehensive training and well-developed interpersonal communication skills allow them to help students match program sites with their academic, career, and individual goals. Throughout the academic year, the PAs coordinate a variety of outreach events that encourage students to utilize all the tools available in the CIP in order to take full advantage of the opportunities offered. These efforts include: The study abroad fair, application writing workshops, facilitating conversations on identity abroad, first-year forums & smorgasbords, reunions and other reintegration events.