Throughout its 50 years as the flagship study abroad program for the University of California system, UCEAP has meant different things to different people. It has provided life-changing and career-changing opportunities for some, given once-in-a-lifetime memories to others, all while taking students out of their comfort zones and challenging them to grow and think differently.

UCEAP strives for academic excellence, study abroad for all through scholarships and diverse programming, and is committed to best business practices so that it can not only continue its work for another 50 years, but so it can THRIVE and offer opportunities to as many UC students as possible.

If you have ever wondered how UCEAP supports students, or why students choose to participate in UCEAP, I invite you to read through the following success stories, student testimonials, awards, and unique opportunities from the past quarter. We thank you for your continued support and encourage you to share how UCEAP can improve the education and career opportunities for UC students on your campus and beyond.

Jean-Xavier Guinard
Associate Vice-Provost & Executive Director
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UCEAP is proud to announce an exciting new video series. The series features life-changing stories from UCEAP participants and will be aired in November and December on the UCTV Prime Network (www.uctv.tv/prime).

Produced by Communications at UC Office of the President, the 3-part series will begin with a trailer on Nov. 29, followed by new episodes - featuring two segments each - every Tuesday for three weeks. Each video will explore how UC study abroad students are influencing the world-and how the world is influencing them.

Features include a student from the first UCEAP class who was on hand for John F. Kennedy's speech at the Berlin Wall, a recent graduate who is building a life-saving medical clinic in West Africa, a student who has risen out of poverty and gang life to realize the dream of studying abroad in Italy, and another who is helping youth in India and back home in the U.S. gain leadership skills.

**Going Places: UC Education Abroad Program**

Nov. 29 - Series Trailer

Dec. 4: *Witnessing History*
Cold War Europe: UC Santa Barbara alumnus Leslie Zomalt
Arab Spring: UC Berkeley graduate Justin Hinton

Dec. 11: *Changing the World*
Building a Clinic, Bridging Worlds: UC Santa Cruz graduate Jeremy Kirshbaum
Growing Young Leaders: UC Riverside graduates Samantha Wilson and Cheng Ung

Dec. 18: *Changing Lives*
Renaissance Man: UC Merced senior Mario TrejoBack to the Farm: UC Santa Barbara graduates Greg Massa and Raquel Krach

**CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES UCEAP'S CONTRIBUTION TO STATE WITH CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**
The California State Legislature has passed a concurrent resolution acknowledging the unique contributions UCEAP has made to the academic, economic, and cultural life of California and its citizens. Enacted on the occasion of UCEAP's 50th Anniversary, the bill, known as ACR-168 on the legislative calendar, was introduced by Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez and was approved without a single "no" vote by both the Assembly and Senate.

"We're delighted that the California Legislature has chosen our 50th Anniversary to give UCEAP this recognition," said Jean-Xavier Guinard, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of the University of California Education Abroad Program. "At a time when our state faces many challenges, this Resolution serves as a reminder that UCEAP is a program that's proven its value for 50 years. The demographic changes in California and our increasingly globalized economy will make the international perspective provided by UCEAP that much more valuable in the future." Read more

UCSB EAP AWARDED $76,950 FOR INTERNSHIPS IN ASIA

The UCSB Education Abroad Program received a $76,950 grant from the Freeman Foundation to fund students studying abroad in Korea, Thailand, and China next year. The Freeman Foundation is a private foundation whose major objectives include strengthening the bonds of friendship between the United States and the countries of East Asia.

The grant, which the Freeman Foundation offered to 11 schools nationally, will provide funding for internships offered to students studying in these countries. UCSB EAP students will receive amounts between $3,000 and $5,000, while students with financial need will be awarded $10,000 scholarships. Read more

UCB/UCEAP ALUMNA'S FILM HIGHLIGHTS CIRCUS THAT HELPS AT-RISK YOUTH IN BRAZIL

In 2004, UCB alumna Kelly Richardson studied abroad in Madrid through UCEAP, an experience which changed her life forever.

"When I arrived in Spain, I decided I wanted to have a full immersion experience outside of the university"
Michelle and top representatives of the Republican and Democratic parties setting. So I did a little exploring and found a stationary, fully operational circus in Casa de Campo park. I began learning acrobatics and trapeze as well as improving my Spanish [outside of] the University setting. In 2005, I graduated from UCB with a BA in Spanish, and then moved to Brazil where I again started practicing (and then performing) with a local circus. I was impressed by a social project the circus offered to nearby children and teenagers at-risk for joining the drug trade. It aimed at giving them an alternative to the cycle of drugs and crime through circus training and performance.

I had the opportunity to get to know the young participants, and hear the stories of their day-to-day lives, and then watched them perform their art in the circus shows. The strong parallels I noticed between the way they faced their precarious lives and the way they performed the inherently risky circus stunts, created the initial spark that made me want to make the film, Without a Net. In 2008, I returned to Brazil with a Fulbright scholarship to begin work on the film."

Kelly's film has been critically acclaimed by the Los Angeles Times and is currently touring the film festival circuit.

UCLA/UCEAP STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN "ROCK THE VOTE" MADRID

A "Rock the Vote" event was hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Madrid and others to encourage overseas voters to participate in the U.S. elections. Over 1,500 U.S. citizens attended the event at Kapital Theater, which was the first Rock the Vote event to be celebrated abroad. UCLA/UCEAP student Michelle Razavi, currently studying at Carlos III University of Madrid, was selected to ask the candidates a question.

"I had the wonderful pleasure of asking a question LIVE at the Rock the Vote Madrid event! Upon registering online, I was asked which topics I was interested in hearing about at the debate. I mentioned student debt, health care, the economy, the environment, and election spending. A week later, I received an e-mail from the American Club of Madrid asking me to submit a question to potentially be selected to be asked live at the event. I sent a question about student debt because not only does it affect me personally, but I knew a lot of students in the audience could relate to that issue as well. I was selected to present my question to the
representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties live, on stage in front of 1,500 people.

The perks of being selected were also amazing-VIP seating in the front row of the event and a special invitation to a reception where I met the U.S. Ambassador to Spain, Alan D. Solomont. The reception felt surreal as I mingled with diplomats, journalists, and the three other selected students. I even met several UCLA alumni, so it was fun to see the Bruin family abroad! Once the reception finished, I registered for my absentee ballot to vote and the American Club of Madrid offered me an internship. I will always cherish this experience, not only because I met the U.S. Ambassador, but because I had the wonderful honor of representing my peers by asking a question that affected college students nationwide."

**U.S. CONSUL GENERAL MEETS WITH UCEAP STUDENTS IN BARCELONA**

Newly appointed U.S. Consul General Tanya C. Anderson and Consular Officer Justin Williamson gave a safety, security, and absentee voting presentation to 37 UCEAP and University of Illinois students currently studying at the University of Barcelona.

Following the presentation, the students were able to ask several questions including inquiries about Foreign Service careers and internship opportunities within the Department of State.

**UCEAP BORDEAUX STUDENTS HELP COMMEMORATE BORDEAUX-LOS ANGELES TWIN CITY AGREEMENT**

On the evening of October 26, UCEAP students studying at the University of Bordeaux participated in a ceremony dedicating one of the Bordeaux trams to the city of Los Angeles. 2014 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the twin city agreement between Bordeaux and Los Angeles. The tram dedication is just one element in the list of activities celebrating this important relationship established to foster increased collaboration between France and the U.S. The event was attended by the Los Angeles
delegation headed by Councilman Tom Labonge, the president of the Bordeaux city public transportation network, Mr. Vincent Feltesse, the vice-mayor of Bordeaux, Mr. Didier Cazabonne, the U.S. Ambassador in France, Mr. Charles H. Rivkin, and the American Consul in Bordeaux, Mr. Joel Maybury, all of whom spoke on this occasion regarding the history of the twin city agreement and hopes for increased interaction in the future in terms of tourism, technology, and trade.

UCEAP students attending the University of Bordeaux were invited to the tram dedication ceremony, and several of them had the pleasure of meeting Ambassador Rivkin, Councilman Labonge, and Consul Maybury. The dedication ceremony was followed by a tour of the tram, of the maintenance yard, and most impressively of the computerized control system that allows tram personnel to see at any given moment exactly where all the Bordeaux trams are and to control the flow of traffic.

**UCSC/UCEAP STUDENT REFLECTS ON PARIS & LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

Vanessa De Lappe, a recent UCSC graduate and UCEAP participant in the French & European Studies, UC Center Paris program, recently contacted Carole Viers-Andronico, Ph.D., Academic Coordinator, and agreed to share her reflections on study abroad.

"I am writing to you from New York, Brooklyn to be exact, where I now live. Today I went for a walk along the river and for the first time since returning state-side, I felt, with eyes closed, that I was back in Paris. Naturally, it was the perfect time to write to you. Last time I wrote, I was in the trenches of my senior project, working on a topic inspired by your class (Parisian Voices in Literature). Guess what, it was well received with an A! I feel I owe you a debt of gratitude for sparking the flame of my project - I really felt how I imagine a dancer or artist must feel when they are pouring themselves onto canvas or a stage.

Back in California, I became the unofficial spokesperson for study abroad! I met my best friends in Paris and when I returned home, I moved into a house with a student studying abroad from Berlin - she turned out to be the sister I never had. Who would have thought so much could come from filling out a few forms?

You can share this e-mail with everyone if it helps! In fact, tell them that I was surly and stubborn, but given the chance, I would reread every newsletter, cheerfully attend orientation, and double/triple/quadruple staple every document. Such is hindsight. When the last of the documents were in, and meetings were over, it was as if UCEAP opened a secret compartment to ourselves and the world. Imagine if rather than stumbling around the dorms for a year as Freshman, half or all of that time was spent abroad."
ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND: UCLA STUDENT SHARES UNIQUE TRADITION

William Schoellkopf, a Senior at UCLA majoring in Computer Science, is currently spending fall quarter at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He is enjoying his immersion into Scottish culture and fully embracing new traditions. Recently, he participated in Raisin Monday, a centuries-old tradition where new students thank senior students for helping them to adapt to university life by giving their senior student (referred to as an academic parent) a pound of raisins, considered to be an expensive treat when the tradition began in 1410!

William shared his experience, "Raisin Monday is a huge tradition at St. Andrews! You wake up early in the morning to go to your academic mum's flat so she can dress you and your siblings up in fancy dress. My mum was Goldilocks and my siblings and I were the three bears! Then your academic parents give you a raisin receipt, which for me and my siblings was porridge we had to carry all morning in our "bear" hands. Then we went into the St. Andrews quad with all the freshers for a massive shaving foam fight. It was so much fun! It's traditions like these that are the highlights of the immersion program. There's nothing that makes you feel more immersed in St. Andrews culture than spraying shaving foam all over your Scottish friends, just for them to then grab the shaving foam you just sprayed on them to throw back at you!"