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UCEAP Recognized by Córdoba City Officials

On Feb. 7, in recognition of the importance of the UCEAP program to the community of [Córdoba, Spain](#), the city's highest authorities--Vice Mayor, Education Councillor, and President of the Tourism Consortium--welcomed UCEAP students at City Hall and presented them with small gifts.

This photo appeared in the local newspaper, *Diario Córdoba*, the following morning.



Student Cooking Class in Paris Featured on French news

One of the French instructors in the UCEAP French and European Studies program last fall invited students in her class to participate in a cooking class on "flavored pizza crusts". The class was filmed by M6, a national French TV channel, for their 100% Mag show (a television magazine show focusing on light news and entertainment). The segment aired February 17th and can be viewed [here](#) (forward to the 3'10 min mark reach the relevant segment).



In addition to kneading spices into pizza dough, chopping onions and making a mess of their workstations, the students were exposed to extensive culinary vocabulary as well as film production vocab, and free food. The program Academic Coordinator, Dr. Carole Viers-Andronico, was interviewed in the segment and plans to include a cooking class at the school as a regular excursion for the [Paris Summer Language and Culture](#)

[Program](#).

Officials from Osaka University visit UCEAP

The UC Education Abroad Program Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director Jean-Xavier Guinard enjoyed a visit from Dr. Ryoichi Kuboi, Executive Director of the [Osaka University](#) San Francisco Office on Monday February 10th. Dr. Kuboi was accompanied by Dr. John Ino, former UCEAP Study Center Director in Japan and faculty emeritus from UCSF.



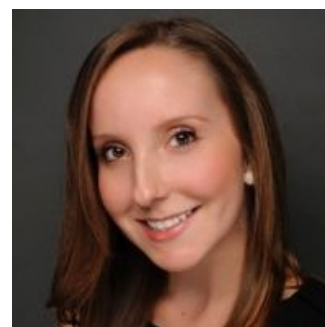
Dr. Ryoichi Kuboi, Dr. John Ino and AVP&ED Jean-Xavier Guinard

Since the celebration of UCEAP's 50 years of engagement with Japanese universities last June, Osaka University has been engaged in conversations with UCEAP about expansion of their exchange relationship in various ways. This visit continued those developments. Ideas under consideration will become part of the UCEAP program proposal process and upcoming UCIE review of the Japan program.

Dr. Kuboi will be leaving his San Francisco position at the end of March 2014, with Dr. Kabasawa assuming responsibility for the post. UCEAP looks forward to continued discussions and development.

UCEAP Alumna returns to Germany as Fulbright Scholar

UC Berkeley and [Free University in Berlin](#) alumna (2008-09), Victoria Shure, received a Fulbright scholarship to Germany following graduation. She then returned to Germany as a German Chancellor Fellow Researcher through the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.



"My decision to study abroad for my junior year in Berlin, Germany was the best possible choice I made throughout my time at Cal. I would now be on a completely different life trajectory had I not decided to go out of my comfort zone and live in a different country. Studying in Berlin provided me with important professional, academic, and social skills that I could not have acquired if I had not ventured out of the wonderful, yet small bubble that is Berkeley.

Studying abroad helped significantly with my professional development. While in Berlin I interned at a high school, which helped enhance my leadership skills and later helped to make connections for fellowships and jobs. Academically, I was challenged and pushed to think and argue in a different language and environment. Gaining this practice in German also helped me to be quicker to reflect and react in English. Socially, I made life-long friends from all over the world. Interacting with students from

so many different places also taught me new forms of socio-cultural sensitivity that would not have been possible had I stayed in Berkeley for all four years. I was also able to show a different side of the U.S. that went beyond typical stereotypes. All of the skills I acquired in my study abroad year not only helped me to become more independent, but also helped to prepare me for any work environment. Employers like to see someone who can think outside the box and work in a variety of settings and under different circumstances.

After graduating from Cal, I received a Fulbright to go to Germany, which I would not have gotten without my experiences during my study abroad year. Now I am back in Germany for an additional year as a German Chancellor Fellow Researcher through the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. A plethora of scholarships and fellowships exist that enable students, researchers, and professionals to experience life outside of the U.S. Without my study abroad experience I never would have known that these possibilities exist, and I would not have felt comfortable enough to apply for them. Go outside of your comfort zone and study abroad. You will thank yourself down the road."

US Consul General in Barcelona Visits Students

On Tuesday, January 14th, students from UCEAP and University of Illinois welcomed Mr. Ramon Menéndez-Carreira, US Consul General in [Barcelona](#). Along with David Montserrat, "caporal" of Mossos d'Esquadra, Barcelona Local Police, the students learned about safety and security issues regarding their stay in the city. They also received tips on how to better enjoy their time in Barcelona, as well as information on their rights and responsibilities. They also learned about emergency assistance, customs regulations and travel warnings. The visit concluded with a discussion about career opportunities with US Department of State.



UC Merced Student Discovers Passion for Teaching in Japan

Kevin Voloira, a UC Merced Political Science major studying for a year in Japan at [International Christian University](#), has discovered his hidden passion for teaching.



"Up until that time, I had never really considered pursuing a career in teaching. So when my seven colleagues and I entered the room that day, I wasn't sure what to expect. The eight of us--all international students, with one full-time English teacher--were assigned to lead discussions in English with 35 Japanese middle school students at Mitaka High School in Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. We were working through ISA, an organization that focuses on helping students participate in homestays and study abroad programs in foreign countries as well as create English language workshops. For three days we were to assist 35 students in a variety of activities meant to help them feel confident in speaking, writing, and reading English.

My experiences with ISA inspired me to continue teaching as much as I can. I am eternally grateful to ISA for allowing me to participate in those three days at Mitaka High School. Without them, I never would have learned about the joys and rewards of teaching. I look forward to working with them again, maybe someday becoming a full-fledged teacher myself."

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