UCEAP 50th Anniversary Celebration in Germany & Italy - October 19, 2013, UC Berkeley

Please join us in celebration of 50 years of UCEAP programs in Germany and Italy and to honor our original program participants from 1963-64.

We're hosting a reception at the International House at UC Berkeley on Saturday, October 19, 2013, for the two hours preceding the Cal home football game. All UCEAP alumni from all UC campuses are welcome to attend with friends and family. This free event is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and colleagues.

Space is limited, please register now! For more information and to RSVP, please click here.

Sports Scholarship Lets UCB Student Discover London's Depths

Su Ann Teh, a UCB Mechanical Engineering major, studied at Imperial College London for the 2012-13 academic year.

"When I decided to study abroad in London, I anticipated the glittering lights of the West End, the horde of people on the Tube during peak hours, and the international diversity of a world-class city. I did not however, imagine that I would spend my time struggling with ropes and harnesses, scrambling over rocks, and covered in mud. But looking back, joining the Caving Club was one of the best decisions I made during my time abroad. It enriched my experience by giving me a more holistic view of England and its people. I came to appreciate both the serene, idyllic English countryside and the hustle and bustle of its cities. Also, I found the people welcoming, friendly, and more than willing to introduce me to the sport.

From the long car rides, the pub nights, and of course caving, this club gave me the
opportunity to become better friends with more British people than I would have otherwise. Furthermore, it took me out of my comfort zone and tested my limits physically and mentally. There were times in the cave when I was cold, soaking wet, and completely exhausted, yet looking up at the long climb to get out I pushed myself to go forward. It taught me that when I’m in a tight squeeze which seems hopeless, with patience, calm thinking, and sometimes a little help, I can always make it out. I am very thankful for the Melanie Woiwode scholarship, because it allowed me to engage more fully in the sport of caving. I would definitely recommend future study abroad students to apply and strongly encourage them to use the opportunity to try sports that are not as common in the United States." Su also made a short video clip about her caving expeditions that can be watched on YouTube.

Student Shuns Gangs, Flourishes in Merced & Italy

At 12 years old, Los Angeles resident Mario Trejo saw only one path for himself - to follow his brothers into gangs. In his senior year of high school, good grades and an interest in medicine led to him being encouraged to apply to the University of California, which changed the course of his life.

It wasn't until, as a UC Merced junior, Mario realized an impossible dream and spent a semester in Florence studying Italian that he was able to truly transcend his difficult history and realize the extent of what he was capable. To watch a video on how UCEAP changed Mario's future, click here.

Recent UCSC Grad Returns to Ghana to Volunteer with Children

Victoria Hunt participated in UCEAP during fall 2012 at the University of Ghana. As an Anthropology major from UC Santa Cruz, Victoria maximized her experience in Ghana through volunteering in a primary school where she mentored a pupil. She also took group and personal trips to various parts of the country and made lifelong contacts.
After graduating in June 2013, Victoria returned to Ghana to volunteer for one year at the Multikids Academy where she will be working with children with special needs as well as children who need to be challenged more in the classroom.

From the UC Ghana Study Center Staff: "We are so proud to have Victoria and four other California graduates back in Ghana this fall for continuing volunteer work. Their commitment truly makes us all look good."

**UC Staff Receive Fulbright International Education Administrators Awards**

The [US-UK Fulbright Commission](http://www.fulbright.org) awarded Jay Minert, Director of Outreach and Academic Integration for the Programs Abroad Office at UC San Diego, and Sharon Parks, Director of the Capital Internship Programs and Assistant Director of the Study Abroad Center at UC Irvine, with Fulbright International Education Administrators (IEA) Awards. Selected among hundreds of administrators from across the U.S., Sharon and Jay joined a delegation of 20 top U.S. administrators to visit various colleges and universities throughout the U.K. during the month of August 2013.

The IEA program aims to enhance U.S. administrators' ability to serve international students, promote multiculturalism and diversity, and encourage study abroad around the world. Created by a treaty in 1948, the US-UK Fulbright Commission is the only bi-lateral, transatlantic scholarship program, offering awards for study or research in any field, at any accredited US or UK university. The Commission is part of the Fulbright program conceived by Senator J. William Fulbright in the aftermath of World War II to promote leadership, learning and empathy between nations through educational exchange.

**UC Reciprocity Students in the News**

Two UCEAP UC Berkeley 2012-13 Reciprocity students have been featured as guest bloggers for the US New and World Report.

Emily Burt will graduate from the [University of East Anglia](http://www.uea.ac.uk) in 2014 with a bachelors degree in American Literature and Creative Writing. She offered tips on getting to
know the US educational system, tips on studying in the US, and why students should attend orientation! Read her stories here.

Daniel Cooke, a student from King's College London, published "I would definitely recommend a UC exchange to any students from around the world who are considering it. Although school life here has been more hectic than I was used to in the UK, the opportunities to travel and see some amazing parts of the world that were previously unavailable to me has been a wonderful opportunity." Read his stories here. Tips on how to make the best of your exchange in the US, and advises students to take courses that will not only look great on a transcript but also enhance personal exchange experiences. He will graduate from King's College London in 2014.