More than 75 students traveled abroad this past summer on faculty-escorted trips. The programs undertaken were as follows:

Montreal, Canada - Maymester - Global Discovery - Dr. Araceli Hernández-Laroche

Greece/Turkey - Maymester - Honors College - Dr. Catherine Canino

South Africa - June - Nursing - Dr. Julie Moss

England, France, Germany - June - History - Dr. Tammy Pike

Portugal, Spain, Morocco - June - Political Science - Dr. Allison Pingley

Germany - June - German language - Mr. Jay Coffman

England - July - International Youth Arts Festival - Mr. Jimm Cox

Ecuador - July - Nursing - Dr. Julie Moss

I enrolled to go Germany for one year to complete a dual degree program at the University of Applied Sciences Landshut in International Business. This year in Germany changed my life in ways that I cannot even begin to explain. I was able to learn a third language, visit amazing places, and meet unforgettable people... I made friendships that I’m sure will last a lifetime. I also gained valuable knowledge and cultural insights from attending school and completing an internship at BMW.

Karina A. Baez, Germany, 2014

USC Upstate now has direct exchange partnerships with a number of new universities including:

• Nairobi University, Kenya
• Strathmore University, Kenya
• Invertis University, India
• University of Alicante, Spain
• Università Carlo Cattaneo, Italy

Programs have expanded at our established universities:

• Zhejiang A&F University, China, now includes a 2+2 program in Math and Statistics
• Hochschule Landshut, Germany, now includes a Dual Degree program in Informatics and Computer Science
• Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS) now includes a 2+2 program

For more information, please visit www.uscupstate.edu/studyabroad.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRIPS

Every year our international students not only enjoy what Spartanburg has to offer, but also other cities in our area. Students from China, Germany, and beyond experienced the history and culture of Charleston by taking horse-drawn carriage rides through the heart of the city, touring the harbor by boat, eating local seafood, and setting foot in the Atlantic Ocean, many for the first time. The grandeur of the Bilmore Estate provided a Fall day-trip taken in the brightly colored foothills. A day around Centennial Park in Atlanta brought with it sights of whale sharks in the Georgia Aquarium, a behind-the-scenes look at CNN studios, and the tastes of soda from all around the globe at the World of Coca-Cola. Walt Disney World in Orlando is the perfect send-off for students before returning home after the semester’s end. Students appreciate the opportunities to take organized escorted trips during their studies at USC Upstate.

FACULTY, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY TRIP OFFERED IN 2016

SCOTLAND and IRELAND: In conjunction with Collette Vacations, the Center for International Studies (CIS) is offering a travel abroad experience for faculty, alumni, and friends of the University. The trip, entitled “Exploring Scotland and Ireland,” proposed for the University’s spring break of 2016, will depart from GSP on Wednesday, March 2, and include 12 days of touring Scotland and Ireland, returning on Sunday, March 13. Prices and registration can be accessed at the CIS website: www.uscupstate.edu/internationalstudies.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The USC Upstate International Club has seen a dramatic influx of new students over the last year! Under the leadership of Presidents Dipal Patel and Krista McMullen, as well as the rest of their Executive Committee, the Club held a variety of events including a welcome cookout, volunteering at the Spartanburg International Festival and Spartanburg Soaring, the Indian festival of Holi, and a variety of other international themed programs. The International Club is open to both international students and Americans with international interest. Visit the Center for International Studies (CIS) for information on how to join.

FAMILY FUND AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD

Please consider pledging some of your Family Fund donation to the International Education Fund. This money will assist our students with scholarships for study abroad.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECEPTION

The USC Upstate annual International Community reception took place on September 8, 2014 in the J.M. Smith Boardroom of the Health Education Complex. Chancellor Thomas F. Moore welcomed the USC Upstate international community including students and faculty. The Center for International Studies recognized faculty and students who participated in activities abroad during the summer of 2014. With over 50 international students from more than 15 countries, approximately 40 international-American students, and 87 faculty and staff with international connections, USC Upstate continue to broaden its international footprint.

UPSTATE INTERNATIONAL

The month of March has been designated by the mayors of Greenville and Spartanburg as a month to celebrate the international diversity among us through events that showcase the various cultures and ethnic communities residing in the Upstate of South Carolina. Upstate International is an initiative that began in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of designating each March as a special month for demonstrating that “the world is at home in the Upstate of SC.” A collaborative of educational, civic, non-profit, and business organization came together to plan more than 90 events open to the public across the Upstate during the month of March. USC Upstate will be having events again this March 2015. Please check the Upstate International link on our website to access events www.uscupstate.edu/internationalstudies.

SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD UPSTATE

A record number of USC Upstate students traveled abroad for a semester or longer study during the 2013-2014 academic year! Five students from The George Dean Johnson, Jr. School of Business and Economics traveled to Landshut, Germany, for a full year to take part in our special dual-degree program. Not only did they study, but they participated in a semester-long internship with BMW. One student traveled to Rome, Italy for the spring and studied at John Cabot University.

This record will soon be broken as the 2014-2015 academic year has already seen 10 students travel to Landshut, Germany with another student studying in Granada, Spain. During the spring of 2015, five students will study in Spain, Italy, and China!
**TWO 2 TRANSFORM COMPETITION**

Study abroad alumni represented USC Upstate at the Two 2 Transform photo-essay regional competition in Greenville during Upstate International last March. Tyler Evans who taught English in China, and Sandra Grant, who studied during the summer in Germany, both gave two minute dialogs during a six slide photo presentation. Tyler took home second place and was a winner of a $200 cash prize.

The regional competition will be held again in March of 2015 as part of Upstate International at the University Center on South Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville. Family members and the community are welcome to attend. Visit [www.upstateinternational.org](http://www.upstateinternational.org) for date and time announcements and for more information.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

The 7th annual World Peace Symposium, planned in conjunction with the United Nations Day of World Peace, was held on the USC Upstate campus on Friday, September 19. Keynote speaker for the event was Ms. Emelisa Callejas, former Consul General of the Honduran Consulate in Atlanta. Ms. Callejas spoke about the border crisis in the US and its connection with Honduras. Following her presentation, a student panel comprised of five international students and moderated by Dr. Mark Packer explored issues of peace in each of the respective countries represented. Student panelists were Niklas Bikowski, Germany; Fidahussein Fidahussein, Tanzania; Shujing Hu, China; Alessandra Ovchinnikova, Belarus; Cahit Sahin, Turkey.

**LANDSHUT UPDATE**

USC Upstate’s dual-degree program in business administration and computer science/informatics in conjunction with Hochschule Landshut in Germany continues to expand. This fall, five USC Upstate students returned from a year in Landshut where they engaged in German language instruction, academic courses in business, and a full-semester internship at BMW. Likewise, in September, ten additional USC Upstate students departed for a year abroad in Landshut, thus doubling the number of US participants. In late August, USC Upstate welcomed its first two German students in the dual degree program in computer science/informatics. Students receive degrees from both universities upon successful completion of all coursework.

**NEW CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES STAFF**

The Center for International Studies is happy to announce our new staff members: Ben Powers, Donna Edmonds, and Shujing Hu.

Ben Powers: Adjunct Chinese Instructor and China Coordinator at USC Upstate.

Donna Edmonds: English Language Tutor for our international students.

Shujing (aka Ashely) Hu: Student worker from Guangzhou China.

**FACULTY TEACHING IN CHINA**

The Chinese Culture and Education Center (CCEC), located on the USC Upstate campus and directed by Ms. Huaiying Kang, is sponsoring a “Teach and Travel” program in China with two date options: July 1 - August 1. The program targets professors and teachers and provides for teaching and travel opportunities in Hebei and Zhejiang provinces in China. Participants will teach English to Chinese students (elementary, middle, and high) or Chinese teachers of English. Interested candidates should contact Ms. Kang at (864) 503-7404.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UPDATE**

In May 2014, six students from China completed their 2+2 program in Business and Education at USC Upstate and graduated alongside their fellow classmates. Each of these students continued graduate studies at the following institutions: University of Sydney, Ohio State University, The College of William and Mary, Durham University (UK), Arizona State University, and Southern Methodist University. In addition, twelve Landshut, Germany students completed their dual degree requirements at USC Upstate. Congratulations to all graduates.
WORLD LANGUAGES INSTITUTE

The Institute, sponsored by the Center for International Studies, offers instruction to the community in a variety of languages, all taught by native speakers and emphasizing practical language training and cultural awareness. During spring and Maymester semesters, more than 60 students enrolled in Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish Gaelic, Italian, Latin, Polish, Portuguese for Spanish Speakers, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, and Ukrainian instruction. Classes, which are offered for six weeks in the spring and fall semesters, are scheduled for one hour per week and carry no academic credit. Maymester classes are offered for three weeks and scheduled two hours per week. Information on classes and registration is available at the following website: www.uscupstate.uscupstate.edu/internationalstudies.

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY PROFILE

Name: Jack Cheng

Originally from Hong Kong, Jack Cheng has lived in the United States for 12 years. Dr. Cheng earned an undergraduate degree from Western Carolina University in Mathematics and later a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After a 3-year teaching stint at Murray State University, Dr. Cheng accepted an assistant professorship at USC Upstate and is currently teaching Principles of Macroeconomics at the George in downtown Spartanburg. Dr. Cheng is married and has a three year old son. One reason for his family move back to the Carolinas was to be closer to his wife’s relatives in Greensboro, North Carolina. Not surprisingly, Dr. Cheng enjoys traveling and experiencing different cultures. We warmly welcome Dr. Cheng as a new member of the USC Upstate team!