

## Xavier Welcomes 9 Visiting International Students



Visiting International Students **front row: (l to r)** Nayara Lopes (Brazil), Gabriela Barbarini (Brazil), Lorena Fernandes (Brazil), Melissa Belet (France), Sara Rodrigues (Brazil) **back row: (l to r)** Hidayatullah Jamote (Pakistan), Claudio Duarte (Brazil), Murilo Perez (Brazil), Raphael Pinheiro (Brazil)

In the fall of 2013, Xavier proudly welcomed international visiting students from France, Pakistan, and Brazil. The visiting students will study at Xavier from a semester to a year before heading back to their home universities abroad. The students are excited to be at Xavier and look forward to becoming part of the Xavier community. Additional international students, under similar programs, are set to join us at Xavier in January of 2014. Getting to know these students and a little about their home country is one of many ways Xavier students can increase their global awareness. Likewise, this initiative gives Xavier students the opportunity to engage the international students on topics of U.S. culture. The increased mutual understanding of our various cultures promotes the Xavier University Mission: "Promoting a More Just and Humane Society and Preparing Students for Leadership and Service in a Global Society".

For more information on Xavier's international student initiatives or study abroad opportunities for Xavier students, contact the Center for Intercultural and International Programs (CIIP), at (504) 520-5491 or visit our website at [www.xula.edu/ciip](http://www.xula.edu/ciip).



Students on campus with President Norman C. Francis (r)



Students with CIIP Associate Director, Karen Lee (c)

# A Life-Changing Semester in Paris

By Thomas Walker



Thomas, a Xavier Political Science Major, with other students behind the Chateau of Versailles.

My semester in Paris was everything for me, except long enough! The opportunity to leap out of my comfort zone and embrace unknown cultures, to examine priceless masterpieces with my own eyes, to struggle in speaking a language out of utter necessity, to have a ruthless snowball fight with my cousin and his friends in Germany, was incredibly life-enhancing for the 19 year old me. The experiences that I have acquired have made me a better young man. I have learned to listen to my inner voice and trust my own judgment in times of uncertainty. Because of this adventure, I have realized my dream to travel the world and affect global change. I now feel as though the possibilities are endless for me, and in my reality, they are.

## Dr. Awad Visits Egypt and the American University in Cairo

Dr. Mohamed Awad, a Xavier Biology Professor received the "Xavier Internationalizes the Curriculum" grant (XIC) grant from the Center for Intercultural and International Programs (CIIP). Dr. Awad traveled to Egypt during the summer of 2013 to explore the possibility of academic links between Xavier and the American University in Cairo (AUC). AUC, in turn, visited Xavier in October 2013 for further discussion on partnership.

The objective of the XIC grant is to support faculty development toward internationalizing the university curriculum.



Dr. Awad (far left) and three Xavier Students (1st, 2nd, and 3rd from the right) welcome the American University in Cairo representatives to Xavier



The American University in Cairo welcomes Dr. Awad (l) to Egypt

# Dr. Helm in Brazil

Dr. Amanda Helm traveled to Brazil this summer, under a “XIC” grant, to explore partnerships with the Brazil office of the John Deere corporation, the University of Campinas (UNICAMP), and Zumbi Dos Palmares (ZUMBI). Zumbi is Brazil’s only black higher education institution.

Xavier is exploring a student exchange program with (UNICAMP) and seminar initiatives in the area of international business. The hope is to enlist private industry support to host an international seminar in Brazil composed of students from XAVIER, UNICAMP, and ZUMBI.

While visiting Zumbi, Dr. Helm participated in a symposium discussing sustainable energy issues along with students and faculty from Florida A&M University. “It was a packed room, and it was exciting to see the African-American and the Afro-Brazilian students connecting with each other around such a critical topic,” Helm said.

“I was surprised to see large photos of Obama and other American black leaders displayed prominently at Zumbi. I had never thought before how the election of a U.S. black president could be so meaningful for people of African descent worldwide.” Helm said.

Zumbi President, Jose Vicente credited a previous exchange program with Xavier University with inspiring Zumbi’s expanding international exchange program.



*Dr. Amanda Helm points out a photo of Zumbi students and faculty visiting the Xavier campus in 2009.*



*Dr. Amanda Helm chats with fellow symposium participants at Zumbi Dos Palmares in Sao Paulo, Brazil.*



# A Fruitful Trip - Xavier Confucius Institute



*Xavier's Confucius Institute students, faculty and staff tour the Great Wall of China.*

The first year of the Confucius Institute Summer Camp in China turned out to be a very successful one. A group of 9 students, who all studied Chinese at Xavier, from various areas of studies, including chemistry, biology, pharmacy, education, music, and political science as well as a faculty from the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Lori Crawford, attended the camp from May 15 to May 29. Everyone returned with package of an eye opening experience and fun memories to cherish for life.

The team at the College of International Education and Exchange of Hebei University created a busy schedule with rich programs including language lessons in the mornings and various cultural activities and excursions in the afternoons. Students learned paper cutting, Chinese calligraphy and painting, tea culture, Peking opera, Chinese folk music, and Taichi. They also visited local hospitals and pharmacies, a Han Dynasty royal tomb in Hebei, a historic Zhili Provincial Governor's Office and a famous solar power manufacturer. Some students participated in the Baoding International Diabolo Festival. Avion Bailey, a student from the Biology department was videoed by a local TV reporter. Avion loved playing diabolo (a Chinese yoyo) and practiced for days prior to the festival. Sheridan Trepagnier IV, a graduate student from the Division of Education, was also interviewed by the reporter. Xavier students were actively engaged in student exchange activities and had formed partners from their respective departments. During our stay, there happened to be an English Week organized by the English Department and International English & Cultural Studies. We actively participated some of their activities including the opening ceremony, English Night, and English Corner. Dr. Crawford and two pharmacy students visited the Traditional Chinese Medicine hospital and the herb market.

The group left Hebei on May 26 and spent 3 days in Beijing. They visited the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, Beijing Zoo, and the Confucius Institute Headquarter. At the Confucius Institute Headquarters, students were able to experience Chinese Learning high technology equipment and tour the exhibits of Chinese learning materials, Confucius Institutes of the year, and some cultural displays. They also met Mr. Feng Chao, the official in charge of North American Confucius Institutes, and asked him about Confucius Institute scholarships.

The trip was an eye opening experience for all the students. Every one enjoyed the whole trip and learned quite a lot of China and Chinese culture. A'Vanti Glenn, a student from the Music Department, said "Being in China was an experience worth having and one that will always be remembered. I wouldn't be able to forgive myself if I did pass it up." Ahmeena Anderson, a Chemical student, wrote to her friend: "One of my most memorable moments was when I was playing recreational volleyball with some students and professors from Hebei University. It showed me how different our two cultures are, yet how similar we as people are. I had an amazing experience, and I can't wait to share stories with other students. "

Overall, this was a fruitful trip and unveiled a successful beginning of summer cultural camps in the years to come.

# Xavier University of Louisiana International Education Week

October 28—November 3, 2013

## Monday, Oct. 28, 2013

**11am-1pm**

Student Org. International Week Kickoff

African Student Union  
XULA Vietnamese Association  
Muslim Student Association  
Student Government Association  
Caribbean Student Association  
Pan Vibrations Steel Band  
Pan Hellenic Council  
Foreign Language Society

**University Center, Yard**



## Wed. Oct. 30 2013

**12pm-1:15pm**

Study Abroad with Xavier

-China  
-Italy  
-Costa Rica  
-Spain

**University Center, 1st Floor**

**6pm-8pm**

International Movie Night

Film: Selena



## Tuesday, October 29, 2013

**9:00am-1:00pm**

Passport Fair

**University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Gallery**



## Thursday, October 31, 2013

**12:15pm-1:15pm**

Xavier student forum on Study Abroad

***Pizza and Soda will be served!!!!***

**University Center Room 205**

## Friday, November 1, 2013

**6pm-7:30pm**

Xavier Cultural Night & Show

College of Pharmacy

College of Arts & Sciences

Xavier Student Organizations

Experience Brazil - Capoeira and Samba

Luther Gray-Bamboola 2000

Faculty & Staff

Friends of Xavier University

Piki Mendizabal, Cuban Artist

**University Center Ballroom**



## Sunday, November 3, 2013

**12:30pm-2pm**

International Education Week Mass

**University Chapel**

## Melissa Nguyen and Alexis Parker Conduct Research in Israel with Dr. Michael Homan

During the summer of 2013, two Xavier students, Melissa Nguyen and Alexis Parker accompanied Dr. Michael Homan (Theology) to participate in the Marj Rabba excavation in Israel. They excavated a Chalcolithic village in the Galilee, a site dating to approximately 4200 BCE.

They will be presenting their research in Dallas at an archaeology conference.



*Melissa and Alexis in Israel*

## 2014 Passport Fair

Xavier University of Louisiana

University Center 1st floor

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00p.m.**

What's Needed to Apply?

Birth Certificate

(or certified copy)

Valid Photo ID

Passport Photo

(Size: 2"x 2")

(Photo service will be available)

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**Passport Application Fee (\$110)**

**Execution Fee (\$25.00)**

**Photo Fee (\$15.00)**

***\*Fees paid by check  
or money order\****



# Summer Pre-Medicine Study in Cyprus

By Jasmine Geathers



Hello all. My name is Jasmine Geathers, I am a Chemistry Pre-Medicine major, a sophomore and I studied abroad in Cyprus for the summer of 2013.

The program that I participated in was called Global Learning Semesters. This program had classes for many different majors and they also had a pre-medicine program, which is the part that I participated in. In the classes I took I got the opportunity to work with cadavers as well as visit the hospitals and learned about the Cypriot health care system in contrast to the system in the United States of America. The class load was not very heavy but the information covered will be very helpful in my future career. I also got the chance to learn some basic clinical skills in the class. Although I spent a lot of time in classes, there was also time for exploration and fun.

The program also planned an excursion for every weekend so I got the chance to explore the island and learn its history and culture. During these excursions I went to museums, churches and the beaches. I was also allowed to participate in a festival that was being held. It was a lot of fun because I got to meet new people from all over the world and see beautiful things. I would encourage anyone to study abroad in a heartbeat and I plan on going abroad again very soon.



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# STUDY ABROAD FAIR

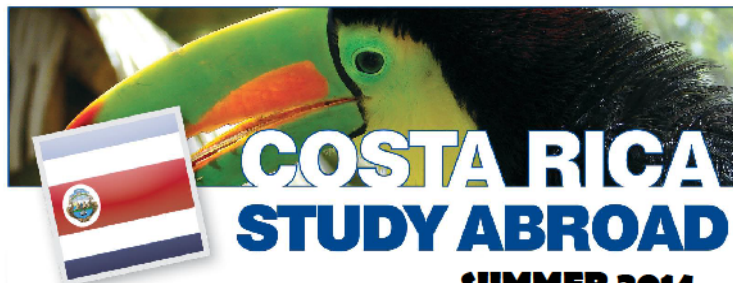
Wednesday, February 5, 2014



## University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

For More Information:  
Xavier University Center for Intercultural and International Programs  
St. Joseph Student Resource Center  
Room 312  
(504) 520-5491



Study in San José, Costa Rica with  
Xavier University of Louisiana!

Xavier University of Louisiana has partnered with CEA to offer our students the opportunity to study abroad in Costa Rica while earning Xavier credits. In this program you will experience Costa Rican culture while strengthening your Spanish language skills. This is sure to be a summer study program like no other!

Guarded by majestic volcanoes and green hills honoring the natural beauty that exists throughout the nation's terrain, San José is a city that takes pride in its rich traditions and democratic freedom. World class museums, parks, theaters, and historic buildings are only a few reasons why this city is worth seeing.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- 18 years old
- Minimum 2.6 GPA

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mwagner@ceaStudyAbroad.com

## SUMMER 2014

### Program Details

Program Dates: May 31, 2014-June 28, 2014

Credits: 3-8

Price: \$2820-3920\* (plus airfare)

\* Program price depends on course load

Your Choice of Courses:

- SPAN 1090: Conversation & Culture
- Independent Study
- Spanish for Health Professionals through Veritas University

### What's Included

- Excursions to Poas Volcano and La Paz Waterfall Garden
- Airport Transportation on Arrival and Departure
- Housing
- Onsite Orientation & Walking City Tour
- Cultural Activities
- CEA Resident Support
- Medical Insurance
- Welcome & Farewell Group Meals



# ¡Pura Vida!

By Paul Joseph

Although only a month long, my studying abroad in Costa Rica was nevertheless an all-encompassing life experience. Through my program, Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA) I studied in San José, the capitol of Costa Rica. At Universidad Veritas, I took Medical Spanish which was entirely in Spanish. I had chosen to study there because of the opportunity to improve my Spanish speaking skills and also because people recommended traveling there for the beautiful display of wildlife.

Costa Rica exceeded my expectations of its natural wildlife (The travel agency will aid you in taking weekly excursions to many different national parks and historically-rich cities and villages). From Manuel Antonio on the Pacific Coast, to Puerto Viejo on the coast of the Caribbean Sea, to the top of Volcano Irazú—the highest point in Costa Rica—every square foot of nature was deserving of photography.

My time spent in San José was further enhanced by my very hospitable host family who cooked a different traditional meal with the freshest ingredients *every day* for breakfast and dinner. Another pleasantry I became accustomed to was the laid-back culture that afforded me time to walk around the city, always with a breathtaking view of the mountain ranges blanketed by wispy clouds that made the mountains indiscernible from the blue skies.

My time in Costa Rica proved I could be self-reliant in a foreign country, and that a memorable, constructive learning experience comprises little hardships that are overwhelmingly outnumbered by positive, educational experiences. Thank you, Costa Rica and as always, ¡Pura Vida!



## Study Theology in Rome, Italy with Xavier University of Louisiana

Xavier University of Louisiana and CEA have partnered together to offer you an opportunity to study theology in Rome, Italy during Summer 2014 while earning Xavier credits.

Known as the "Eternal City", Rome has enjoyed status as a global power and cultural leader for more than two millennia. Host to diverse religious cultures, Rome is home to the Vatican and the Pope, a remarkable Jewish quarter, and countless religious relics. Meanwhile you will experience the city's ancient history, delicious cuisine, and rich culture.

### Eligibility Requirements

- 18 years old
- Minimum 2.5 GPA

### For More Information, Contact:

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### Program Details

Program Dates: May 21-June 20, 2014

Credits: 3-6

Price: \$4770-5670\* (plus airfare)

\*Price depends on course load

Your Choice of Courses:

- Theology 4003: Directed Reading
- Theology 1120: Intro to Biblical Studies
- CEA: Art/Archaeology Ancient Rome
- CEA: International Marketing

### What's Included

- Excursions to Pompeii, Capri, Sorrento and Ostia Antica
- Housing
- Onsite Orientation
- Cultural Activities
- Guided tour of the Jewish quarter
- Visits to archaeological sites
- Welcome & Farewell Group Meals
- CEA Resident Support Staff
- Medical Insurance





### **The Center for Intercultural and International Programs:**

1. Advises students on study abroad, internships, & service learning
2. Promotes Internalization of the curriculum
3. Promotes Faculty International development
4. Organizes Campus Intercultural and International activities
5. Visa Support and advising for foreign students and scholars
6. Advises multicultural student organizations
7. Coordinates campus study abroad application process and procedure
8. Advising on International Education Scholarships & Awards
9. Serves as the clearinghouse for all Xavier International Activities

## **Center for Intercultural & International Programs Important Dates and Deadlines**

### **November 1, 2013**

Fall XIC Faculty Grant Application Deadline

### **November 15, 2013**

Critical Language Scholarship Deadline

### **November 21, 2013**

Luard Scholarship Deadline for Sophomores

### **November, 26, 2013**

The JET Program Deadline

(The Japan/English Teaching Program)

### **January 17, 2014**

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program  
(Graduate)

### **January 27, 2014**

Mount Sinai Int'l Program is a 12 week summer program for underrepresented students in the sciences.

### **January 2014 TBD**

Tulane-Xavier MHIRT Summer International Research Program

### **February 5, 2014**

Xavier Study Abroad Fair in the Univ. Center

### **February 10, 2014**

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program (Undergrad)



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