



GLOBAL AWARENESS! - The International e-Newsletter of Muskegon Community College

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***MCC's 8th Annual International Panel Discussion - Monday November 17, 2008
7 - 8:30pm in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100.***

Welcome back to MCC!



I hope you were able to enjoy the sunny skies, warm water and sandy beaches of Lake Michigan these past few months. But now it's time for journeys and enjoyments of a different kind ... an international kind.

A recent study (January 2008) by the American Council on Education, Art & Science Group LLC, and the College Board "*demonstrate(s) that the interest of college-bound students in international learning experiences is extraordinarily high. The nature of the*

international experiences they seek is expansive ..." (For the full report *College-Bound Students' Interests in Study Abroad and other International Learning Activities*, go to <http://www.acenet.edu/>.) MCC is pleased to offer you a study abroad program to Germany. Now in its twelfth year the program with Kaufmännische Schule Stuttgart Nord sends ten MCC students and faculty to Stuttgart in May and hosts ten Germans in June. In 2008 the thirteen day exchange visited Berlin and Stuttgart. One day of the trip can be seen through the eyes of Willy Korpi, MCC student, at http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_singlemediaplayer/0,,3607083_type_video_struct_9822,00.html?mytitle=The%2Breport%2Bas%2Bvideo%2Bon%2Bdemand. Are you interested? It's not too early to be thinking about the 2009 trip.

Here on campus plan to journey to Thailand with Steve Fiorenzo, Nancy Slater and Julie Weller on October 20, 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the **Travelogue**. In November during International Education Week Nov. 17-21, MCC's international students will share thoughts and insights about their native countries at the **International Students Panel** on November 17. **Go Global** on October 15 and November 18 offers more details about travel and study opportunities to Belize, Southeast Asia, Germany and more. **Global Awareness Festival**, February 9-13, will focus on Africa and bring the sights, sounds, tastes and stories of that area of the world to Muskegon. Watch your emails for the latest information.

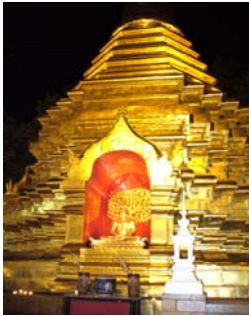
Have a great year and remember **Go Global!**

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UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Travelogue Thailand - A Cultural Journey



Join Steve Fiorenzo, Nancy Slater and Julie Weller on **Monday, October 20**, 7:00pm – 8:30 in room 1100 as they share amazing images and observations from their recent travels to Thailand. After the presentation there will be plenty of time for questions, followed by a reception with refreshments.



Go Abroad! Join us Wednesday October 15, 12:00 -1:00pm in Collegiate Hall and 5:00-6:00pm at the Stevenson Center and Bistro entrances to find out more about international travel and study abroad programs from both MCC and the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education. A second session, **Go Abroad 2!** will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 12:00 - 1:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm at the same locations. Many students have found travel and study abroad to be the best experience they had while in college. Come and find out if any of our travel and study abroad opportunities are for you! Free Popcorn!

205,983 U.S. students studied abroad in 2004/2005.

Open Doors 2006

International Education Week



International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. We encourage the participation of all individuals and

institutions interested in international education and exchange activities, including schools, colleges and universities, embassies, international organizations, businesses, associations, and community organizations.

International Education Week Activities at MCC - November 17-21

Monday - MCC's 8th Annual International Student Panel – Our international students will be there to share insights with you about their corner of the world. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and take notes. Plan to attend this eighth annual international panel. Featured countries: Vietnam – Italy – Gambia – Thailand – Poland – China

Tuesday - Go Abroad 2 – Join us at 12:00 -1:00pm in Collegiate Hall and 5:00-6:00pm at the Stevenson Center and Bistro entrances to find out more about international travel and study abroad programs from both MCC and the Midwest Institute

Wednesday - CTL Reception\International Ideas Exchange – Faculty will share ideas and techniques for integrating international components in classes.

Thursday – MCC at the Movies – Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas) Christmas Eve, 1914. On a World War I battlefield a momentous event changes the lives of soldiers from France, Germany and England. 6:00 pm in the Blue and Gold Room.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR MCC FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Through Muskegon Community College's membership in **The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE)** study abroad opportunities are available. For more details about all these opportunities, please see the International Opportunities Folder found in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), the Student Life Office, or the Social Science Department in Room 242. The website for MIIE is located at: <http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest>.



Learning is not a Spectator Sport! - Kurt Troutman, MCC
Political Science instructor

Muskegon Community College is extremely proud of our internationally focused faculty. Each year many of our instructors continue to expand and improve the quality of their teaching through international experiential learning opportunities. Botswana, Russia, Costa Rica, Thailand and

Germany are just handful of the numerous countries visited by our faculty and shared with our students. We are pleased that our long term association with the Midwest Institute for International/intercultural Education has resulted in the recent announcement of two international opportunities:

- **Belize:** Education with an adventurous side. For more information contact: Dr. Joanna Sabo at Monroe Country Community College telephone 734-384-4297.
- **Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand):** Emerging economies in transition. For More information contract Dr. Dave Cox, Lincoln Land Community College 217-786-4909.



Both opportunities are being promoted through the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE); which is a self-funded consortium of two-year colleges located in the Midwest region. Its primary objective is to support curriculum and professional development by organizing curriculum workshops, fall and spring conferences, overseas projects for faculty

and students, assistance with grant development, provide faculty mentoring and professional networking. In addition, the MIIE offers a variety of Fulbright Scholarships to study abroad. Numerous MCC faculty have taken advantage of these exciting opportunities including Andy Wible, Tom Schurino and Kurt Troutman. Feel free to contact Andy, Tom or Kurt for additional information.

Looking for an international experience held domestically? The Midwest Institute holds international themed workshops in Kalamazoo, Michigan every summer. The following workshops are planned and ready to accept reservations immediately:

- Global Poverty and Inequality (August 3-7, 2009)
- Global Food, Water and Energy (August 10-14, 2009)
- South East Asia (August 17-21, 2009)

Feel free to contact Kathy Tosa, MCC International Coordinator regarding these exciting opportunities. Phone 231.777.0376

New Opportunity just made available through MIIE.

Turkey



Turkey

Turkey: The Crossroads of Civilizations - Spring Break: March 6-15, 2009
Tyler Junior College is offering a ten day travel/study project in Turkey. Package Includes: Round Trip Airfare from DFW, Accommodations, Two Meals a Day, Entrance Fees, Land and Air Transportation within Turkey and Hotel Transfers, Airport Taxes, Administration Fees and Orientation costs, Airport and Hotel Taxes (about \$500) Cost: \$1,385 for the land portion plus the airfare. For more information contact Dr. Khosrowshahi at (903) 510-2279 or (800) 687-5680 Ext. 2279 Fax: (903) 510-2708 or Email: mkho@tjc.edu Website: <http://www.tjc.edu/turkey>



MCC CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

The International Club

Muskegon Community College now offers an International Club for all of our students. This club was established last year, and what a year it has been! Nineteen students from fourteen countries, including the U.S., gathered twice a month to socialize, create, assist each other, and share their time with college activities such as Mayfest, Taste of Tomorrow, community parades, and freshman orientations.

The International Club meets in the College Success Center, where we hope after renovations, we will continue to meet. If you are new to the college or to our community, we can help you learn your way around and assist you with college protocol. Many of our students have been here for a couple of years and can provide first-hand assistance.

This year we have garnered 30 new students interested in our club. If you would like to meet others from around the world, form new friendships, assist those from other countries as they acclimate themselves in our culture, or just have a good time, please come to a meeting and check us out. Becoming a club member not only helps you today, but it is an item you can place on resumes, college applications, or portfolios.

At our first meeting we brainstormed about the year ahead of us. We discussed helping out in our community by possibly working with Habitat for Humanity, working with local schools, and working with local volunteer organizations. We also want to have some social events for our student body. We will plan social gatherings throughout this year, so watch for more information! Last year we traveled to Chicago for an overnight trip. We will take another trip this May. We are checking into visiting the United Nations in New York City, the many sites in Washington D.C. or possibly even Canada.

For more information, contact the advisors - Lynda Ferry in the College Success Center 777-0406 or Arun Datta in Room 143-5, 777-0288.

MCC Alumni

Lisa Yager is a recent graduate of MCC and Central Michigan University. Here is an interesting story contributed by Lisa that started here at MCC! She is now living and working in Germany.



I am 23 years old and recently completed my Bachelor of Science degree at Central Michigan University with a major in German and minors in Anthropology and Mathematics. During the past year, I took part in a yearlong study abroad program in Mainz, Germany, where I attended the Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz. This particular study abroad program is sponsored and funded by the Federation of German-American Clubs, an organization founded after World War II to encourage positive relations between the two countries.

Full scholarships are provided to German and American students to study in the other country.

I not only attended classes, but was able to take advantage of many other opportunities. I completed an internship at the Roman-Germanic Central Museum, one of the leading archaeological research institutes in Europe. They are very well-known for their archaeological restoration workshops, where famous finds like the equipment from Ötzi, the 5,300 year-old mummy found in the Alps, was researched and restored. During my internship, I translated the entire German-language website of the research institute and corresponding museums into English. In addition, I wrote press releases for the museum, proof-read German and English texts and, by doing so, increased the museum's presence in the English-speaking and international realm. This has created the opportunity for me to do contracted translation work for the museum in the future as a freelance translator.

I have also been offered work as an English instructor for the Berlitz Language School in Offenbach, Germany, just outside of Frankfurt. Berlitz is a leading language institute with schools all over the world, also known for its language-learning books and materials. I will be teaching English to all levels and age groups, from children and students to adults.

I am looking forward to relocating to Germany to begin this new phase of my life. I am glad I was first able to discover and develop my interest in German at MCC. I took German there simply out of interest but it later developed into my major. The high quality instruction and small class size at MCC contributed to my success. I would like to extend my gratitude to Kathy Tosa, professor of German, for sharing her enthusiasm and knowledge with her classes.

The Gulag: The Soviet System of Forced Labor Camps An Exhibit Coming to MCC April 2009



The Gulag, a Smithsonian Quality Exhibit is coming to MCC in April 2009 and is sponsored by the Smithsonian Museum. The Soviet system of forced labor camps was first established in 1919 under the Cheka, but it was not until the early 1930s that the camp population reached significant numbers. By 1934 the Gulag, or Main Directorate for Corrective Labor Camps, then under the Cheka's successor organization the NKVD, had several million inmates. Prisoners included murderers, thieves, and other common criminals--along with political and religious dissenters. The Gulag, whose camps were located mainly in remote regions of Siberia and the Far North, made significant contributions to the Soviet economy in the period of Joseph Stalin. *(From the Library of Congress)*

MCC at the Movies!



GeoClub presents Movie Night!

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Hotel Rwanda

6:00 PM in the Blue & Gold Room

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

TBA



International Programs presents

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas)

Christmas Eve, 1914. On a World War I battlefield a momentous event changes the lives of soldiers from France, Germany and England. Academy Award and Golden Globe Nominee for Best Foreign Film. Two Thumbs up say Ebert and Roper.

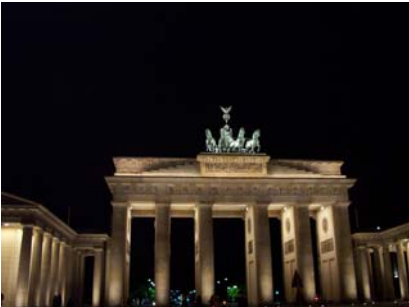
6:00 PM in the Blue & Gold Room



MCC Connecting to the World

Eleven students and faculty travel to Stuttgart, Germany!

For ten years Muskegon Community College has provided an opportunity for students and staff to participate in a bi-lateral exchange program with its sister college, Kaufmännisches Schule Stuttgart-Nord (KSN) in Stuttgart, Germany. In May of 2008 seven students and four faculty members from MCC gained cultural insights and enlightening experiences to last a life time. Nathan Derks, Gary Hoag, Willy Korpi, Josh Pickel, Chris Pollock, Kirbay Preuss and Keegan Richards traveled to Germany with MCC faculty Harry Brown, Duane Schechter, Margitta Rosa and International Coordinator, Kathy Tosa.



After meeting during the winter semester, the group began the travel portion of the class in Berlin, the newly reunited capital of Germany. The MCC group visited the Checkpoint Charlie Museum and the Wall, strolled down Unter den Linden Boulevard with its shops and sights, viewed the Brandenburg Gate and climbed to the top of the Reichstag for a night view of Berlin.

The trip continued in Stuttgart, auto and technology center of southwestern Germany. There the group was met by their German hosts from KSN. The students and faculty hiked in the Alps, floated down the Neckar River, toured Stuttgart and visited German businesses. One day of the trip was documented by Deutsche-Welle (DW-TV) for world-wide broadcast on their weekly program "Discover Germany". A link to this program can be found at

http://www.dwworld.de/popups/popup_single_mediaplayer/0,,3607083_type_video_struct_9822,00.html?mytitle=The%2Breport%2Bas%2Bvideo%2Bon%2Bdemand

To complete the exchange on June 12 students and faculty from KSN visited Chicago and West Michigan. After a few days in Chicago, our visitors arrived in Muskegon and met their American hosts. During their stay the Germans enjoyed Lake Michigan and visited a number of West Michigan businesses including the Lakes Mall, Old Boy's Brewhouse, Meijers, Great Harvest Bread and Terrestrial Formings to name a few. This provided these international business students a view of business in West Michigan.

The MCC/KSN bi-lateral exchange program has been building lasting friendships and offering insight into our perspective cultures and business practices. We are building bridges across the Atlantic.



Faculty attend three different internationalization of curriculum conferences



Tom Schurino attended the International Business Institute for Community College Faculty last June at Michigan State University. This is a unique professional development program designed specifically for community and technical college faculty. The aim of the Institute is to provide participants with the knowledge, experience and resources they need to internationalize general business courses and/or



develop specialized international business courses at the two-year college level. The program took place at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Michigan State University



Lynda Ferry attended the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE) 15th Annual Conference in April at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio. Her report follows.

Attending the Midwest Institute Conference last April was certainly a treat for me. As an advisor for the International Club at M.C.C., I am always trying to find new ways that our college can integrate more

international students with our college. I returned to campus with a wealth of information. St. Louis Community College, Kalamazoo Community College, Lorain County Community College and Bluegrass Community and Technical College are just a few schools boasting a large international student body. The representatives from these colleges all stressed the importance of involving the faculty and staff.

Today it isn't enough to know about cultural differences, we must be able to interact, communicate, work and live with people worldwide. Many presenters at this conference hail from countries other than the United States. Building International programs requires using people from all walks of life.

I attended a breakout session entitled, *International Student Understanding and Servicing at Community Colleges*. Listening to Dr. David Wachtel from Bluegrass, I gained insight on some cultural differences such as language, gender roles, attire, age issues, academic issues including role of student and instructor, variety of course selections and unfamiliarity with the American school system. Working with students from around the world, we must be sensitive to their needs and concerns while providing our very best education.

Globalizing English Courses and Teaching of ESL was another session I attended. Infusing other countries' cultural elements into our English course helps to bring our American students in touch with the international community with whom they will be doing business when they graduate and begin their careers. Students will have a much

greater chance of connecting with other cultures if they can learn about these cultures first and gain understanding of our fundamental differences.



I learned some relaxation and stress reduction techniques from Susan Martin and Mark Applegate of St. Louis Community College. The focus was on techniques from India.

Not only was this conference informative, but it offered time to socialize with others from around the globe as we shared delectable meals with Asian flair. *I*

especially enjoyed our luncheon performance by the Japanese Icho Daiko Drumming Group. This

troupe of young people demonstrated high energy as

they performed for us. If you hear of this group in our area, you should be sure to take in their show. What a treat!

The Midwest Institute consists of faculty and staff in higher education dedicated to assuring furtherance of global relationships and partnerships. The attendees to this conference brought their expertise, enthusiasm, and passion to this conference. I returned to our college with an important message. Our faculty and staff must get excited about International studies, which will in turn, create an electric atmosphere that will facilitate a place where more international students will want to attend. If we all get on board, more international students will come! This will be a wonderful learning opportunity for our faculty, staff and community!



Mary Kaufman attended the summer Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE) workshop “Global healthcare and education” at Kalamazoo Valley Community College from August 11-15th. The purpose of the summer workshop was to assist participants in developing an educational module for their respective colleges. There were fifteen participants. The majority of the participants were from Michigan with one from Nebraska and one from Tennessee.

The workshop schedule included speakers in the morning and afternoon with relaxing evenings at various ethnic restaurants in the Kalamazoo, Michigan area. Speakers presented information about healthcare and educational systems in other countries. Participants actively engaged in discussions about these topics and added information related to their own experience. During the evening the meals at the various ethnic restaurants were enjoyed and we were even given a “belly dancing” lesson. The last day, participants shared ideas about the modules they would develop and received input from fellow participants. The first draft of the module is due at the end of September and the module must be completed by April.

MIIE provides \$1000 stipends to instructors from community colleges that develop modules for their college. Participants must attend a workshop, develop a module for their college, and present their module at a MIIE conference. Those interested in developing a module can contact the director of MIIE, Theo Sypris at tsypris@kvcc.edu

Fall 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- ***MCC at the Movies – October 8***
- ***Go Abroad! - October 15***
- ***Thailand Travelogue – October 20***

November

- ***International Education Week-November 17-21***
- ***MCC's 8th Annual International Panel Discussion- November 17***
- ***Go Abroad 2! – November 18***
- ***CTL Reception and International Ideas Exchange-November 19***
- ***MCC at the Movies- November 5 & 20***

We welcome your input! Send us your travel stories with pictures to the editor:
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at: <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/301.asp>.