The Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) kicked off its first semester this spring with students from Brazil, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea. The institute aims to assist non-native English speakers to improve their language and culture skills as well as prepare for university matriculation. The implementation of this semester follows a successful pilot program that was offered to both UT Tyler students and community members representing Argentina, Brazil, El Salvador, Japan, Mexico and South Korea during the Fall 2013 semester. Please advise all interested students to email ieli@uttyler.edu for more information about the upcoming Super Intensive Summer Session: 9 June—25 July 2014. Join us in our worldwide recruitment efforts for the IELI! www.uttyler.edu/oip/IELI

Faculty-Led Programs

The University of Texas at Tyler Office of International Programs assists faculty to provide students with opportunities to participate in travel/study programs. Six Faculty-Led programs during the Spring/Summer 2014 semesters take students to a variety of locations to study, enjoy foreign cultures, and gain valuable educational experiences:

- 6-16 March, Dr. Martin Slann, Israel and Palestine
- 7-13 March, Dr. Jeffrey Emge, Paris
- 12-21 May, Dr. Kathleen Everling, collaborative trip with Tyler Junior College, Costa Rica
- 26 May-27 July (4 Sessions), Dr. Thomas Guderjan, Belize, Maya Research Program
- 8-17 June, Dr. Wes Hickey, Belize for Educators
- 13 July-2 August, Dr. Gregory Utley, Spanish Immersion in Costa Rica

Students and faculty members preparing to travel abroad should visit www.uttyler.edu/oip to ensure they have completed all necessary paperwork, and should contact oip@uttyler.edu with any questions.

The Office of International Programs and the International Studies and Intercultural Affairs Committee (ISIAC) invite faculty proposals for international travel study courses for the 2014-2015 academic year. For more information, go to www.uttyler.edu/oip. Under Faculty Resources from the left hand navigation bar, select: Forms Required for International Travel. Send completed forms to oip@uttyler.edu. New exciting news from Study Abroad: UT Tyler is now working with the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) to offer quality study abroad programs to our students in more than 25 countries! Visit http://www.uttyler.edu/oip/study-abroad/travelstudy.php to learn more! Study Abroad Scholarships are available!

Friends of UT Tyler 2014 Destination: Maya Research Program in Blue Creek, Belize! www.mayaresearchprogram.org
3RD ANNUAL PASSPORT DAY

Over 40 UT Tyler students, faculty, staff and community members attended the third annual Passport Day, co-hosted by UT Tyler Office of International Programs and the U.S. Post Office in Tyler. The event was held on Saturday, 1 February 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the University Center Theater. Plan to attend the next Passport Day scheduled to occur during the Fall 2014 semester to ensure you are prepared in advance for travel opportunities you may encounter!

View the OIP Calendar of Events at http://www.uttyler.edu/oip/calendar.php

PREVIEW DAY

UT Tyler Spring 2014 Preview Day, organized by the Office of Admissions took place on Saturday, 5 April. Prospective students and their parents visited UT Tyler campus to learn more about degree offerings, housing options and student life activities. The Office of International Programs visited with parents and students at their booth about the international student population on campus, exciting new options for studying abroad, and the Intensive English Language Institute. Lunch was catered by the MET and served alongside the sounds of the Jazz Patriots Combo directed by Micah Bell.

FAMOUS ON YOUTUBE

Congratulations to Dr. Stephen Bushart and Dr. David Strong! Our students have mentioned you by name as some of their favorite UT Tyler professors! To see the full student interviews please visit the OIP YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/uttyleroip

SOUTH KOREAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS ON CAMPUS

From 3-16 February, four elementary and middle school teachers from South Korea visited the University of Texas at Tyler during their Fulbright American Studies Program, sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Fulbright Scholars arrived on campus following a month spent in Austin attending an intensive English language program at the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC). The teachers lived with families from our own UT Tyler Community that graciously volunteered to host the scholars in their homes. They networked with teachers at Hubbard and Stewart Middle Schools as well as working one-on-one with educators at the Innovation Academy Charter School. During their stay they also ventured to Dallas for a few days to attend the 7th Annual Texas STEM Conference, along with the Innovation Academy teachers. The remainder of the time the scholars attended classes on UT Tyler campus, visited the Herrington Patriot Center, toured the library, and took trips to Camp Tyler and the Discovery Science Place.

COLOMBIA DELEGATION

A delegation from the Universidad Católica de Pereira in Colombia visited campus on Monday, 7 April. Escorting by Dr. Teresa Kennedy, Rector Father Álvaro Eduardo Betancur Jiménez and Claudia María Castaño Rodas visited with OIP international advisors, toured the UT Tyler campus, and met with deans and faculty members from the colleges of Education and Psychology, Engineering and Computer Science, Arts and Sciences, and Business and Technology. The delegation ended the day at the Office of International Programs to learn about the Intensive English Language Institute followed by a visit with Bishop Joseph Strickland, plus Father Paul Key and Mr. Jose Piñones from UT Tyler’s Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Tyler.
University of Texas at Tyler has officially initiated collaborations with the University of Sonora (UNISON) in Hermosillo, Mexico. The agreement established between UT Tyler and the University of Sonora, or UNISON, is designed to inspire departmental collaborations as well as increase student mobility between both institutions. Dr. James Nelson, Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and Dr. Jose Rafael Benito Noriega Luna, former visiting faculty from UNISON, initiated this international partnership in January 2012. The collaboration will build on the strengths of both programs to provide excellent opportunities for research. According to Dr. Pam Martin and Dr. Barbara Haas from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, “this will have a huge impact on local healthcare that will translate globally.” Learn more about the University of Sonora at: http://www.uson.mx/
OIP fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment for our international students, scholars and visiting faculty from over 35 countries who enrich the diversity of our campus and engage in interactive learning opportunities with our entire community.