



CIE NEWS

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A Newsletter for the Center of International Education at Rider University

Director's Message

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It is truly a time of comings and goings at the Center for International Education. As the fall semester comes to a close, we are proud to be sending off 36 students to study abroad for the spring semester. Rider students are heading to amazing countries such as Australia, Austria, Botswana, China, England, France, Italy, New Zealand and Spain to

embark an opportunity of a lifetime.

At the same time, we are also saying goodbye to our international students who have studied at Rider this past fall and are

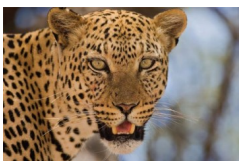
now returning home. We know that you have all enjoyed studying at Rider and are sure you have made long-lasting friends during your stay.

In addition, the CIE is gearing up to welcome a whole new group of international students to both campuses. We are looking forward to receiving our largest Sanda cohort from Shanghai, China, and will also be welcoming new students from CEFAM and our exchange partners, ABS and the KUG.

We at the CIE wish you a wonderful holiday season and safe travels! Bon Voyage!

Country Highlight — Botswana!

The University of Botswana is one of several new programs that the CIE office brought on board this year. Botswana is a small country bordering Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. The capital of Botswana, Gaborone, has a small-city feel. You can easily integrate into Southern Africa life thanks to the warmth and friendliness of the Botswana people. Football matches and cultural gatherings are frequent occurrences at the National Stadium as are musical performances. If you have a love for nature, check out one of the many nature reserves and wildlife parks. Botswana is one of the only places left that remains unspoiled and animals roam



freely. The official language here is English, although Setswana is spoken widely around the country. A favorite unique food in Botswana is seswaa, which is heavily salted, mashed-up meat.

Students who study in Botswana can explore their neighboring countries by taking weekend trips to South Africa to visit places such as Cape Town and Johannesburg. Don't miss out on visiting Victoria Falls as well. Botswana is a very inexpensive country to travel in and would grant you the opportunity to take an African Safari and swim in the beaches in South Africa.

Want to learn more? Visit rider.studioabroad.com for more info on our Botswana program.

International Community Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Jan. 12	Sanda Student Arrival	TBA	
Jan. 18	International Student Arrival (Non-Sanda)	TBA	
Jan. 20	Mentor Program Reception	3:30 to 5 p.m.	Gee Hall
Jan. 21	Field Trip	TBA	
Jan. 27	Community Kickoff	3:30 to 5 p.m.	Gee Hall
Feb. 4	Chinese New Year	4 to 7p.m.	Cavalla Room



Studying Abroad: A Student Perspective on the Application Process

Chris Harris



After choosing to study abroad in Botswana, Africa, I had no idea what came next. I immediately felt like I was hit by a train of procedures and paperwork to complete. I was a little confused and overwhelmed, but the Center for International Education staff were always eager to help. The staff at

Interstudy, the program I am studying abroad with, were helpful as well.

Once I took a closer look at the website provided through the school and went to the orientation sessions with the CIE, my questions were answered. Before I knew it, all of my paperwork was complete. In retrospect, I definitely stressed myself out more than I should have. It seemed like a lot at first glance, but the school and Interstudy helped facilitate the process.

Now that I have finished all my paperwork, passport stuff, and other details, I feel I can get excited for the next semester in Botswana. Even though I haven't arrived in Botswana yet, the process already feels rewarding. I would suggest to any students interested in studying abroad to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Chris's Tips for Planning to Study Abroad

1. Take a deep breath.
2. Step back and assess the situation
3. Effectively do what needs to be done in a timely manner



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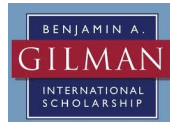
Scholarship Recipients

Alex Boyle has been awarded a scholarship from CAPA International Education. Alex will be attending the CAPA London program this coming spring. Scholarships are applied to the program's cost and available to students accepted to Rider's CAPA-programs. **Congratulations Alex!**

You Can Afford to Study Abroad



Through Boren scholarships, undergraduates are afforded the opportunity to pursue the study of foreign languages less commonly taught in world regions critical to the United States, but underrepresented in study abroad. Maximum scholarship awards are available in the amount of \$10,000 for one semester or \$20,000 for a full academic term. Rider's CIE will work with you to plan your program of study and assist you with your application for the Boren scholarship.



Gilman scholarships are available to undergraduate students with limited financial resources desiring to pursue academic study abroad. If successful, recipients can receive up to \$8,000 in awards. The application deadline for the summer and fall semesters is March 2012. Please stop by the CIE for more information and for application assistance.

Study Abroad — Up-Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Feb. 1	Study Abroad Welcome Back Dinner	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Fireside Lounge
Feb. 7	Study Abroad Fair	11a.m. to 4 p.m.	Daly Dining Hall - Mercer Room
Feb. 2	Study Abroad Fair at WCC	TBA	WCC—Thayer Lounge

