



CIE NEWS

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A Newsletter for the Center of International Education at Rider University

Director's Message

Sara Young-Singh



Rider proudly welcomes our new international students from all over the world. It is a joy to meet new students and see them begin their journey. We look forward to sending out another large group of students abroad next se-

mester as well.

As we accept new students to Rider University, several of our Rider students are being accepted to new universities all over the world. Come to an information session to find your University or program in your favorite country abroad!

Rider Celebrates the Lunar New Year



Students perform during Lunar New Year festivities

Chinese New Year

On February 4, the Rider University community commemorated the Lunar New Year with a spring festival. This year is the Year of the Dragon. The event, coordinated by Rider students, showcased the talents and rich history of this holiday celebrated by various Asian cultures. Below,

Li Tao, a faculty member from our Sanda University cohort shares her personal reflection on this holiday.

“In China, Chinese New Year is a celebration that lasts 15

days. During this time, families unite to give thanks for blessings and protection over the past year. Traditional activities include burning incense and stacks of money, prayer, and family feasts. We also worship and make offerings to our ancestors. One of the main highlights is the food. My family eats fish because it represents surplus; and that there will be enough for the coming year. For entertainment there is a New Year's gala on television with performers and we set off firecrackers at midnight. On New Year's Day, many families visit together and wear new clothes to start the year off right. Chinese New Year is all about celebrating blessings and the renewal of spring.”

Li Tao, Faculty, Sanda University

Community Corner

News From Gee Hall

Welcome back! The International Learning Community promotes respect and friendship among individuals of all nations and backgrounds. This semester we would like to welcome the newest addition to our RA staff, **Keyana Reamer (B211)**.



Please look out for upcoming events in Gee Hall. This semester we will host workshops providing information about how you can live in Gee and become active within the International Learning Community.

Stephanie DeTrempe

- Stephanie DeTrempe, Resident Director



International Community Upcoming Events

Feb. 29	Hot Topic Series	7:30 to 9 p.m.	Gee Hall Lounge
Mar. 1	OPT Workshop (Lawrenceville)	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	TBA
Mar. 8	Mentor Reunion	TBA	TBA
Mar. 21	Immigration Session with Matthew Hirsch	4 to 5 p.m.	Swiegart 115





Country Highlight – China



One of Rider University's many providers, The Alliance for Global Education, provides three programs for students to study abroad in China. Our programs are located in Shanghai, Beijing and Xi'an. All

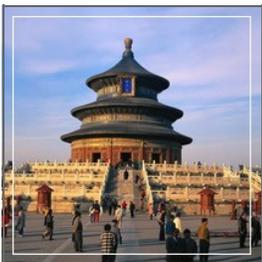
programs give students an opportunity to take high quality classes with class sizes of eight or less.

Living in Shanghai can be rewarding as you are living in one of the great trading and financial centers of Asia. Shanghai is home to the Maglev Train, which travels at speeds of 267 miles per hour. With a train this fast you can go to Beijing for the weekend and it would only take four hours. Beijing is of course, home to the Great Wall of China, which has previously been listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. You can also hop over to Xi'an and explore the lively underground music and art scene. China is known to be one of the least expensive countries to travel in.

China is also known for its delicious food. The food on the street is known as the best.

There is plenty to do in China. Whatever city you are in, make sure to plan a trip to Hong Kong where you can relax on the beach or stay busy in the bustling city.

For more information on studying abroad in China please visit our website: <http://rider.studioabroad.com>



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Student Highlights from Abroad



Chris Harris, currently studying at the University of Botswana, is now a contributing student blogger to Interstudy's blog, The Global You. Chris will be writing about subjects related to cultural adjustment, academic and social experience, and general travel during his time abroad. Way to go, Chris!

To see submissions from Chris, please visit:
www.interstudyblog.org.

Study Abroad Application Deadlines

Summer 2012 Application Deadline	March 1, 2012
Fall 2012 Application Deadline	April 1, 2012

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For more info on how you can go abroad, set up an appointment by email at cie@rider.edu or visit our website for more information.
<http://rider.studioabroad.com>

Study Abroad – Up-Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mar. 1	Summer Application Deadline		
Mar. 6	You Can Afford to Study Abroad Session	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	BLC 257
Mar. 6	Orientation for Summer Applicants	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	BLC 14