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Newsletter

September 2013

Letter from the Director - Dr. Andreas Sobisch

Greetings! Please help us in welcoming 12 international exchange students as well as 11 international first year/transfer students to our campus this fall. Faculty: please look out for an announcement regarding international faculty development opportunities shortly. FSA: if you are interested in hosting an international student for a holiday weekend, a special event, or even for an extended period, please contact Eric Patterson (epatterson@jcu.edu).

The Study Abroad Application Deadline For Spring 2014:

Tuesday, October 1st

Go to the **Global Education Website** and complete the on-line application:
www.jcu.edu/global/pages/how-to-apply/.



John Carroll University
Study Abroad Fair

Please join us for John Carroll University's
Center for Global Education Study Abroad Fair
on

Monday, October 21st ~ 11:00 pm to 1:00 pm
at the
D.J. Lombardo Student Center, Schott
Atrium

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For more information contact: The Center for  
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216.397. 4320 or go to [www.jcu.edu/global](http://www.jcu.edu/global).

**Go Global**

Photos taken by winners of the 2012 John Carroll  
Study Abroad Photo Contest

The poster features four photographs: a group of diverse students smiling, a scenic view of a beach and ocean, a close-up of a person's nose and sunglasses reflecting a cityscape, and a large crowd gathered around a monument.

## Spotlight On Our International Students

**Ana Cengic.** I am an exchange student from Germany. Last year I finished my Bachelor and started my Master in Mathematics and Physical Education at the Technical University of Dortmund. Before I will start to work as a teacher at High School, I want to experience and enjoy the student life in the role of an US-American student. I am so glad and excited to spend this Fall Semester at John Carroll University to grow academically and personally. The campus is amazing and everyone you meet is open-hearted. I have been interested in American culture for years. Most of all I am passionate about sports, especially the typical American sports like Baseball, Football and Basketball. Participating as an active and passive member in the rich JCU sport culture will be an unforgettable experience for me. Besides my roles as an athlete and coach in swimming and fitness in Germany, I love to watch the soccer game of my favorite club Borussia Dortmund. Soccer is the most popular sport culture in Germany. If you are interested in intercultural relations I will be excited to share my knowledge about my own German background in any kind of activity. This can be for example practicing the German language, cooking, watching sport events or planning to study one semester abroad in Dortmund, a city in the western part of Germany with the best opportunities for studying, travelling and living your life. I am looking forward to meet a lot of new people and to have a wonderful time at JCU. Go Blue Streaks!



**Jaime Fernández-Victorio.** I am a senior student from Spain. My major is Business. I'm going to be here for one semester. I like hanging out with my friends and playing soccer. I hope I can meet new people at JCU and make these four months an unforgettable experience in my life.

**Kristin Marin.** I'm currently a transfer student at John Carroll University. Transferring from Belize was a big change, but I'm blessed to have had the opportunity to finish up my studies here. My previous college was a small Jesuit college in the heart of the city of Belize. Whilst the Jesuits left their mark in both Belize and Ohio, Belize is very different in nature. We are bordered by the Caribbean Sea on the East, Guatemala on the West, and Mexico above us. We are a Central American country of merely 375,000 people but blossoming with bountiful wildlife and plant life, marine life, and many cultures. Our first language is English having been colonized by the British, but we speak a dialect called Creole, which is a mix of African and English due to the colonization by Britain prior to our independence in 1981. We are known for our magical Blue Hole, which is one of the largest sinkholes in the ocean surrounded by coral and home to many different types of sharks and other marine life. Our barrier reef is the second largest in the world and is currently being voted as the either world wonder. Apart from our island attractions, we are home to various waterfalls and Mayan ruins. Zip lining and cave tubing through crystal caves are just two ways people get to see the magic of inland Belize. I'm so proud to say I come from Belize and hope that some day each person can experience the peace of watching the sunset on the beach or the heart-pounding rush of jumping off the top of a waterfall. Until the next time I get to go home, I'll enjoy making snowmen and shopping for scarves! Thanks to the John Carroll community for just a welcoming experience and a great learning opportunity. Please check out the video about the beautiful country of Belize: <http://vimeo.com/66762169>.





**Pedro Domínguez Churruga.** I am a Senior Student majoring in Business from Madrid, Spain. I am an avid traveler, skier and, as any Spaniard, I love football, I mean, SOCCER! This is my 4th time here in the US, but my first exchange experience lasting in just 4 months. Therefore, I am so excited about this unique opportunity. The first week in JCU has been awesome, meeting great people from such different countries as Ethiopia, Senegal, China, Ireland, Croatia, Germany... What's more, local students have welcomed all international students with their arms wide open, and offering their help everytime, so seems to be quite difficult not to feel at home.

## International Events and Photos



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*“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” – Mark Twain*

## JCU Student in the News



Ken Faron a double major in **Sociology** and a self-designed major in **Italian** spent this summer at the excavation site in the Roman city of Peltuinum. See the feature story on the JCU website: <http://sites.jcu.edu/newsroom/2013/08/12/jcu-student-unearths-opportunity-during-italian-archaeological-excavation/>.

## Benefits of Studying Abroad

There are many personal benefits and ways to grow both professionally and personally if you choose to study abroad. In fact, choosing to study abroad can be one of the most enriching, fulfilling, interesting and educationally stimulating experiences of your entire life. In our world today, there are a variety of study abroad opportunities in almost every country, so studying in your dream land is easier now that it has ever been. Still need a few more reasons to study abroad? Check out the benefits:

<http://www.studyabroad.com/articles/why-should-i-study-abroad.aspx>

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## Spotlight on a JCU partner university: **Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid, Spain**

Comillas Pontifical University is the Jesuit university of Madrid, and it is located in the heart of the city. An exchange partner with John Carroll since 2012, Comillas offers students an excellent opportunity for personal, professional and social development. It is considered one of the top undergraduate institutions of the country, and has always been a pioneer of internationalization of higher education in Spain. Comillas takes great pride in its high and demanding academic standards and close inter-personal relations between faculty and students. For more information visit the Comillas website: [www.upcomillas.es/](http://www.upcomillas.es/).

