

Happy
Holidays!



International Studies Newsletter

Thank-you Note & Holiday Blessing:

The Office of International Studies would like to wish you all a joyful and relaxing holiday. It was a busy but productive semester and we would like to thank all the students, staff and faculty for their contributions.



Coming Spring 2017:

There will be two groups of students coming from China to visit our campus. Both visits will last three weeks and the students will be actively interacting with SRSU students and our community.

The first group—a group of four girls—will be arriving from Heze University on February 20th and staying through March 12th. Heze University is located in Heze City, Shandong Province, in the north of China. Heze City covers an area of 12239 square kilometers with a population around 10 million. Heze is famous for its peony industry, which is the favorite flower of first lady of China. At present, Heze University has 54 undergraduate majors and 40 specialty majors. There are 23072 full-time students receiving full-time education there.



The second group will be arriving from Talent International College Guangxi on April 10th and staying through April 30th. As you probably remember, we hosted four students and a guide teacher from there in April 2016. The size and composition of this group is still being finalized.

If you would be interested in hosting the students at your home for a visit, a meal, or as a host family, please contact our office. We would also like to invite SRSU students and community members to join in some of the activities planned for the visits. For more information on how you can meet our visitors and get involved, please contact Ruoxi Wu at rxw14yb@sulross.edu or Dr. Rumsey at erumsey@sulross.edu.



Cultural Exchange Program

May 13th through June 6th SRSU students, accompanied by Art Professor Gregory Tegarden, will embark on a cultural visit to China hosted by Talent International College Guangxi. The students will be engaging in activities such as attending classes like Chinese calligraphy, Kung fu, Nixing Pottery, visiting historic places, sightseeing, and shopping. Gregory Tegarden will also conduct two ceramic workshops one at Talent International College Guangxi and one at Qinzhou University. This visit, along with the visit of the students' from Talent International College Guangxi is our second annual cultural exchange.

Coming up Office Business Trips:

South Africa: Right after coming back from the break, Dr. Case, our Provost, Dr. Downing, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Shabazz, Dean of Education and Professional Studies, Dr. Kinucan, Dean of Agricultural & Natural Resource Sciences and Dr. Rumsey, Director of Office of International Studies will make a trip to South Africa to meet with school and government officials to discuss cooperative opportunities.

China: The special “3+1” joint education program in Biology with Heze University has been approved. We are planning on a trip in March to further discuss the degree plan and teaching arrangements. Dr. Case, our Provost, Dr. Ritiz, Chair of Biology, Geology, and Physical Sciences Department, Dr. Rumsey, Director of Office of International Studies and Ruoxi Wu, Administrative Assistant of Office of International Studies will go on this trip. We will also visit Qinzhou University and Talent International College Guangxi to further develop our relationships.

Thank you for your time and interest!