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Far and wide

Opportunities for International experiences abound for students in the College of Arts & Sciences.

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No matter how you say it, I'm still dean of the college, and I'm happy to share our summer travel guide with you. No, it's not another Cats on Ice (aka the K-State Alumni Association trip to Antarctica). This issue is dedicated to all the international experiences that complement our curricula in Manhattan.

Why is having an international experience so critical? More than any other time in history, we are exposed almost immediately to events happening overseas; we experience languages and cultures everywhere we turn that are not our own; we are working for organizations that transcend international borders; and our children will travel to more places than most of us could have ever dreamed possible.

Our college philosophy is based on developing a complete mind — studying the art of science and studying the science of art. Students are broadening their minds in the classrooms, laboratories, studios and workplaces in and out of Kansas. We believe an education that incorporates the arts, humanities, and social and natural sciences empowers you to think critically, logically and independently; write and speak forcefully and effectively; analyze and interpret data; to frame difficult questions and find answers; assess values; and to approach others with understanding and compassion will equip you to make a difference in the world.

Making a difference in the world requires you to experience it. Whether through a formal study abroad program, a minor in international studies, an alternative spring break, a faculty-led tour, or through your own wanderlust, to change the world, you must embrace it. While we may never fully "know" a culture that is different from our own, to have shared it imparts a sense of cultural humility that helps us to operate as better citizens of the world.

I invite you to take a journey with us in this summer edition of A&S Letters and discover our passion for international experiences.

"Once you have tasted flight, you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return."

— Leonardo da Vinci

Cordiali saluti,



Peter Dorhout
Dean

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K-State Provost April Mason; Academic and Diversity Coordinator Madai Rivera, College of Human Ecology; and Dean Peter Dorhout celebrate K-State at the Teotihuacán Pyramids while exploring educational partnerships in Mexico City.





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Citizens of the world

Career building through international studies

by Bondy Valdovinos Kaye

Gaining an international perspective on their major field of study is opening up new opportunities for Kansas State University students and letting them explore the world — from the dense rainforests in South America to arid deserts in Africa.

International and area studies are secondary degree programs, offered through the College of Arts & Sciences, that are designed to complement a student's major degree program.

Adding international studies pairs well with virtually any major degree in the college, according to Robert Clark, director of the international and area studies program.

"The programs offered in international studies were set up to be interdisciplinary. Students are required to complete three core courses in anthropology, geography and political science, then choose four electives from at least three different disciplines," said Clark, who also is a professor of modern languages in the College of Arts & Sciences.

In addition to giving students a broader perspective on their major degrees, they get to pick an international topic — anything from ancient literature to microbiology — to research in depth, which they can conduct in a foreign country. Four semesters, or the equivalent, of a foreign language are also required.

"Emphasizing undergraduate research fits perfectly with the K-State 2025 plan to be a Top 50 public university," Clark said.

"International studies pulls from many different fields, which has allowed me to experience a variety of perspectives on different international topics such as

anthropology, sociology, geography and political science," said Julie Opperman, a senior in anthropology and international studies from Olathe.

Opperman studied political protests in Brazil for her undergraduate thesis. Her research approach blended several areas of study, including political science, economics and sociology.

Performing research in developing countries through international studies programs helps solidify career goals, according to Clark.

The experience of working in international countries as undergraduates is especially helpful to students interested in careers in politics or international diplomacy.

"I feel fundamentally prepared for my next step as a Peace Corps volunteer after college," said Rachel Loder, a May 2015 bachelor's graduate in Spanish with a secondary major in international studies.

For her senior project, Loder, from Lindsborg, conducted field research with Woodland Public Charities involving setting up water filtration systems in Patanatic, Guatemala. Loder's field research was guided by an extensive review of service-learning literature collected before her trip.

Though many students choose to study Spanish as a secondary language at Kansas State University, Latin American studies takes students beyond



■ CALL TO ACTION:


To complement a student's major degree with an international perspective from their major field of study,

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language learning to fundamental exploration of Latin American culture and infrastructure. The Latin American studies secondary major requires students to conduct an extensive senior research project on a topic of their choosing.

Alexander Noblett, May 2015 bachelor's graduate in chemistry and Latin American studies from Manhattan, chose to analyze Cuban and American health care systems. "Latin American studies provides diverse opportunities for Kansas State students and affords another distinctive outlet, along with numerous others offered, for undergraduates to explore and pursue their interests," Noblett said.

"I have had the unique experience of seeing how all of these different fields of study come together to create a holistic picture of our world," Opperman said. "I'm very glad I had the opportunity to add to my primary degree in this way." 



A modern approach to modern languages

Out-of-classroom experiences help students explore the world

by Jennifer Tidball



Students in the College of Arts & Sciences are discovering that studying abroad is not the only way to have an international experience. While

nothing can replace visiting another country, the Department of Modern Languages is finding new ways for students to experience other cultures outside the classroom.

From the K-State campus to around the world, the department complements traditional classroom learning with opportunities to help students build their language skills and learn about other cultures.

"By participating in events that extend learning outside the class, students are able to get a much richer and more active feel for being in the language and culture that fascinates them," said Derek Hillard, interim department head and associate professor of modern languages. "In these settings, students have unique interactions with faculty and make friends with other students who are also immersing themselves in a world language and culture and preparing for a life well-lived as a global citizen."



Here is a closer look at a few of the international experiences that the department offers.



Chinese

Every fall semester, the Chinese program's Language Partner Activity helps students practice Chinese and learn about Chinese culture. Chinese program students are paired as language partners with Chinese speakers to practice Chinese and English outside the classroom.

The Chinese Language and Culture Club also has planned several fall 2015 activities, including Chinese movie nights and Chinese table discussions. Club members participated in the April 7 opening day events for the university's Confucius Institute.



French

The French club — newly renamed La Société Française — helps students experience French and Francophone culture. Opportunities include French movie nights, croissant baking labs and a tournament for Pétanque, which is the French version of bocce. For the 2014-2015 school year, the club organized a French film festival and a French cheese tasting. The club also organizes a weekly French conversation table, La Table Française, at Varsity Donuts.



German

Students of German have a variety of ways to improve their German, learn about the culture and meet other German speakers. The German program offers a German Immersion weekend where students go to Tuttle Creek State

Park with professors and graduate students to speak German for the weekend. During this weekend students cook traditional German dishes, watch German films, hike and hang out with friends.

The German program also has a weekly conversation hour — Kaffeestunde — at Radina's Coffeehouse on campus. Kaffeestunde is open to all German speakers in Manhattan and connects German-speaking students, faculty, community members, exchange students and occasionally, the dean drops by. Finally, the German Club offers a variety of student-directed activities, including film screenings, parties and holiday celebrations.



Japanese

Each October, the Japanese language program organizes a field trip to the Greater Kansas City Japanese Festival, where Kansas State University students of Japanese language perform a traditional paper story theater. At the university's annual Japanese language program showcase in April, students perform speeches, songs and rakugo, which is Japanese traditional sit-down comedy.

A weekly Japanese language table at the K-State Student Union helps learners of Japanese improve their conversation skills by chatting with other learners and native Japanese speakers. The Japanese Student Association also conducts Japanese food sales throughout the year.



Classical studies

The Classics Club, founded in 2014, offers numerous events related to the literature and cultures of the ancient

THE NEED:

To endow two graduate level scholarships: one in German and the other in Spanish, or to enhance all cultural experiences Modern Languages offers.

TO HELP:

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Mediterranean. Activities include coffee evenings, poetry readings and movie nights. Future plans are to develop new activities, such as a trip to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri.



Spanish


The Spanish program includes numerous opportunities for students to get involved in language and culture.

The Club de Español brings together students of Spanish and students from Spanish America and Spain to discuss social and cultural issues. Past presentations have focused on Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Spain.

For several years, the Conversation Partners program has matched 20 to 30 Kansas State University Spanish students each semester with English learners at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México for language practice and intercultural exchange through email, chat and Skype.

The Spanish in Action CAT Community offers service-learning experiences in the community and abroad. Service-learning experiences have involved the Manhattan Public Library and the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan as well as work the Santa Eulalia School and the Santa Eulalia Nutrition Center in Costa Rica.

Spanish students also have established interdisciplinary exchange language projects with Ecuadorian students in the College of Education's Go Teacher program.

The modern languages department also participates in the Latin American Film Series, which has involved seven films and 60 or more people attending each film. 



A MODEL ORGANIZATION

Model UN at K-State restarted after decades, wins honors



by Greg Tammen

After a more than 30-year hiatus, the nations have reconvened in the College of Arts & Sciences at Kansas State University with the relaunch of the Model United Nations team.

Model United Nations, or Model UN, is an organization in which students role-play as delegates to the United Nations and simulate the UN meetings. At K-State, Model UN is a one credit course in political science that is open to all majors. Students work in teams and are assigned delegations, or countries, and topics important to these countries. They conduct research on their topics, write papers about their nation's position on the topics, and debate the topics with other Model UN members.

John Fliter, associate professor of political science, distinguished teaching scholar and Model UN co-advisor, relaunched the university's chapter while serving as the 2013-2014 Coffman Chair for Distinguished Teaching Scholars.

"I wanted to build my Coffman year around simulations and role-playing," Fliter said. "I like that kind of active learning project because it gives students an opportunity to apply what they're learning in class. In this case, they can play the role of a diplomat and deal with some international issues."

Carla Martinez Machain, assistant professor of political science, serves as the team's other co-advisor.

As part of Model UN, students compete in regional and national competitions where they are evaluated on their role-playing ability and written materials about their nation's position on particular topics.

"For example, if we're representing Cuba and were assigned the topic of socialized medicine, our students would have to give speeches about socialized medicine and why it's a positive thing," Martinez Machain said. "Judges look at teams' ability to debate their resolution in their paper while staying in character."

In its first competition since relaunching, the Kansas State University chapter won three awards at the 54th Midwest Model UN Conference in St. Louis in February 2014. The team then won four awards at the American Model UN International in Chicago in November 2014.

Fliter and Martinez Machain said they both have high hopes for Kansas State University's Model UN.

"I would like to do some of the big competitions in the future," Fliter said. "My goal is to attend the Berkeley Model United Nations competition in California in spring 2016. That conference attracts teams from Harvard University and West Point. One day I hope we compete at the Model UN conference that's outside of the actual UN building." 

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Alumni paving the way

Providing international experiences is not limited to administration and faculty on campus. It's also something College of Arts & Sciences alumni are passionate about supporting. Meet three families who have found ways to help students have life experiences that are impacting their college experience and shaping their future.



William and Marilyn Taylor

The Taylors, Olathe, Kansas, are a K-State couple who experienced tragedy and chose to honor their daughter by creating a wonderful opportunity for students at K-State and in the Czech Republic. The Taylors' daughter, Megan, died from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident while on a high school trip in Germany. To honor their daughter, the couple established the Megan E. Taylor Czech Republic Student Award in 2008. The award supports both K-State and Czech students, ensuring a greater international exchange. Since its establishment, 51 K-State and Czech students have received scholarships to study abroad.

The award is for students studying economics or business and provides for a semester or yearlong study abroad experience. K-State students study at the University of Economics in Prague, and Czech students from that university come to K-State. Both sets of students have local host families or buddies who help them get situated and accustomed to their new home away from home.

"We believe having an international experience is a life-changing experience for people. Supporting both students, in many cases, costs virtually the same as sending a K-State student without an exchange."

— Marilyn and Bill Taylor



Glenda and Donald Mattes

The Glenda & Donald Mattes International Travel Award, also known as the Mattes Foreign Wander Grant Award, provides the financial means for a student, who might not otherwise consider it, to travel abroad and meaningfully engage a new culture and setting for the first time.

Now retired in Boston after successful careers — Glenda Mattes, a 1965 K-State graduate in medical technology, who worked in medical technology and real estate, and Don Mattes, who worked in electronic design and management — had long considered how they could support Glenda Mattes' alma mater in a way that was meaningful to them both. Their passion for travel seemed a fitting choice.

Glenda Mattes, in particular, felt transformed by her first international excursion, a 1964 Europe trip through former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's People to People program. She was a K-State undergraduate at the time. "It was a life-changing experience. I grew up, I did what I could do with the money I had, I traveled by myself," she said of the journey, which included a visit to the Berlin Wall. "It changed my perspective on the world."

The Matteses want to help students be free to broaden their horizons.


"Travel changed our lives and continues to. We're hoping to give a young K-Stater the same opportunity."

— Glenda and Donald Mattes



Mike and Becky Goss

To personally experience another country, language and culture broadens horizons and often changes one's perspective. And for K-State students studying abroad, the experience also makes them more marketable in a global workforce. Thanks to K-State supporters Mike and Becky Goss, Westport, Connecticut, dozens of students get the opportunity to study abroad every year.

The Goss Discovery Scholarship was first awarded in spring 2012 to 25 students. Since then, more than 70 students have studied in countries from China to Brazil and South Africa to the Czech Republic, thanks in part to the Goss scholarship. 

“We decided to endow this scholarship program after seeing the impact that study abroad had on the educations of our two daughters at the University of Michigan and Cornell University. Being able to travel abroad for both business and pleasure has been very important to my life, and we wanted other K-State kids to have the same opportunities.”

— Mike and Becky Goss

Make a difference

K-State and the College of Arts & Sciences want to have 25 percent of its student body participating in study abroad by 2025 as part of the goal to be a Top 50 public research university. Support from alumni is critical to make this goal happen. If you would like to help students in the College of Arts & Sciences at K-State experience other cultures through travel, contact Sheila Walker with the KSU Foundation at 785-532-7511.

FAR AND WIDE

Office of International Programs helps students go global

by Megan Saunders

Each year, nearly 2,250 international students flock to Kansas State University from more than 110 countries. Conversely, more than 700 native K-State students annually experience other cultures by participating in travel programs offered to more than 85 countries.

A majority of these students are in the College of Arts & Sciences and they work with the university's Office of International Programs to make their travel experience a reality. The office was established to strengthen international programs and to simplify the international study process at the university. Below are a few examples of the Office of International Programs in action throughout the College of Arts & Sciences.

Confucius Institute

Chinese and American cultures were woven together on campus with the opening of the university's Confucius Institute in April. Across the country, Confucius Institutes promote, enhance

and elevate understanding of the Chinese language and culture, as well as create exchanges between U.S. and Chinese academic institutions and communities.

"Our overarching goal is to infuse internationalization in all that we do to ensure that K-State students, faculty and staff are prepared to live, learn and work in the global community," said April Mason, provost and senior vice president. "This partnership ties in nicely with K-State's global aspirations."

The Confucius Institute at K-State is the 102nd in the U.S. and the second institute in Kansas. Each institute creates a partnership with a Chinese university to further China-U.S. related initiatives at the academic level. The partner university with K-State is Jilin University, which is a leading national research university in northeast China.

"The K-State institute will promote research collaborations in animal health and food safety," said Max Lu, interim director of the K-State Confucius Institute and professor of geography. "All of these activities will help us meet the internationalization goals outlined in the K-State 2025 plan to become a Top 50 public research university."

The Confucius Institute celebrated its grand opening on April 7 with a delegation of visiting Chinese dignitaries. The institute is on the second floor of Wildcat Landing, 1800 Claflin Road, adjacent to the International Technology Commons.



Spanish in Action

Two College of Arts & Sciences professors are integrating study abroad experiences into students' lives before their first spring break. Laura Kanost, associate professor of modern languages, and Angelique Courbou, department coordinator for the Spanish language program, serve as leaders for the Spanish in Action CAT Community program.

As a CAT Community, Spanish in Action is part of K-State First, which supports first-year students in their transition to college. Spanish in Action offers first-year students with intermediate Spanish skills a chance to integrate language, leadership and a study abroad experience. The program culminates with an 11-day trip to Costa Rica during winter intersession. Students participate in classes, service learning and excursions.

"Students develop a strong bond during the trip as they learn to work together," Kanost said. "Having





peers and faculty who know them well supports first-year retention. Additionally, because this experience happens early in a student's study, ample time remains to explore additional study abroad programs."

Spanish in Action students have come from many different majors, including biology, art and modern languages. Courbou, who led the most recent trip to Costa Rica, said it is rewarding to see the change that happens to students throughout their time in Spanish in Action.

"I started with a group of freshmen who didn't know each other, and watching them become friends and support each other is amazing," she said. "When they return to K-State, they bring a sense of community that continues to develop throughout their college careers."

Environment, Development and Creative Writing in the Brazilian Rain Forest program



Five years ago, three professors from the College of Arts & Sciences discussed an idea that would lead to a new way to approach studying abroad.

Martha Smith Caldas, biology instructor; Marcellus Caldas, associate professor of geography; and Elizabeth Dodd, university distinguished professor of English, developed an interdisciplinary study abroad trip to Brazil.

"Traditional study abroad often involves one course from one department," Caldas said. "We developed one trip with three fabrics, allowing students from different majors to interact."

For the program — Environment, Development and Creative Writing in the Brazilian Rain Forest — each professor teaches a course in his or her discipline, and students who attend the two-week trip during summer intersession are encouraged to take at least two of the courses. The geography portion focuses on development and environmental sustainability; the English portion is about the environment and creative writing; and the biology portion focuses on understanding the ecological environment.



THE NEED:

To strengthen international programs at K-State by providing more opportunities for students.

TO HELP:

Contact Tracy Robinson, Director of Development, International Programs, 785-532-7568.

The courses are connected, and students participate in all activities together.

"In my creative writing class, I do a unit on travel writing," Dodd said. "Students keep a writer's notebook and think about the world differently. They are processing the new experiences in Brazil while learning academically from the other two courses they're witnessing."

From freshman to nontraditional students, students from a variety of career paths enjoy this study abroad experience. A pre-med student once visited with an indigenous healer, while another student experienced his first trip outside of Kansas. Smith Caldas said that having a diverse group of students is an important component to the trip.

"These students would usually not interact on campus," she said. "But when they're together in this foreign environment, they bond quickly."

Students also learn from Brazilian scholars, including interaction with undergraduate students from a Brazilian land-grant university. While the trip now takes place every other year, Dodd said it will continue to be beneficial not only for students, but their professors.

"It enriches our teaching experience and pedagogy," she said. "I learn a great deal from my colleagues, and from our activities — the same as our students."

Major/Minor Advising Posters, or MAPs

Having a road map is handy when traveling abroad, but it's also handy

when deciding where to start a study abroad experience. The Study Abroad Office is simplifying the process with its Major/Minor Advising Posters, or MAPs.

Matthew Yates, curriculum integration advisor for the Office of Study Abroad, created foldout brochures, designed to look like navigational maps, allowing students to select an affordable study abroad experience that is relevant to their major or minor.

"K-State has just shy of 900 study abroad programs," Yates said. "The search for the right one can be overwhelming. Our curriculum integration initiative and MAPs identify programs that allow students to take courses abroad that are relevant to their academic program, ensuring they graduate on time."

MAPs are available for many programs in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Students choose the applicable brochure for their program and learn more about different varieties of study abroad programs, cost information and helpful tips, such as the best time to travel abroad for their program.

Yates said it is important to have this simplified selection process for study abroad programs, which are an essential component of an undergraduate academic career.

"Selecting a program — and the experience that comes with it — is life-changing," said Yates. "Students learn to engage with other cultures and develop an openness to new ideas. These values build the foundation for an individual's authentic sense of citizenship both at home and abroad." 🗺️



College of Arts & Sciences academic advisor Julie Hunt discusses the MAPs program with a student.



Without borders

Biochemistry and molecular biophysics researchers partner with Brazilian university

When it comes to a partnership between researchers in Kansas State University's biochemistry and molecular biophysics department and a Brazilian university, science is the international language.

Since 2012, Phillip Klebba, professor and department head, and John Tomich, professor, have been collaborating with colleagues at Brazil's Universidade de Sao Paulo, or University of San Paulo, as part of a partnership. They are working with faculty in San Paulo's departments of microbiology, chemistry, human nutrition and atmospheric research.

The partnership has led to several publications in scientific journals and graduate students from Brazil studying at K-State.

The partnership originated because Klebba's wife, research professor Salette "Sally" Newton, was a professor at the University of San Paulo and grew up with several of the professors. But the partnership extends beyond friendship.

For the biochemistry and molecular biophysics department in the College of Arts & Sciences, the partnership has created opportunities for scientific collaborations, student and faculty exchanges, and research training programs. Additionally, it's positioned both universities for broader collaborations.

"K-State and the University of San Paulo are very similar when it comes to agricultural research," Klebba said. "K-State is a land-grant university and USP is interested in agricultural development because it's a very big part of the Brazilian economy."

Currently, the collaborations relate to vaccine and antibiotic development. Klebba's lab is looking at how gram-negative bacteria accomplishes various biochemical mechanisms.

Tomich's lab is looking at developing new methods for delivering DNA vaccines. This includes focusing on a DNA vaccine against human papilloma virus 16, or HPV16.


"The group in Brazil brings expertise in immunology and vaccine development that we do not possess," Tomich said. "We are working on how best to deliver the DNA to the cells and they do the actual testing."

To date, the partnership has resulted in several collaborative studies published in scientific journals, with others pending publication.

Both Klebba and Tomich's labs also have gained USP students. Alexandre Vieira, undergraduate student, currently works in Klebba's lab. Sheila Barros, graduate student, currently works in Tomich's lab. A recent USP graduate is expected to join Klebba's lab as a postdoctoral researcher in the near future.

Additionally, Klebba and Newton have both been guest lecturers and instructors at USP.

Klebba said he would like to see the partnership expand in the future.

"I would like to see a program set up with Brazil that is similar to the university's Fulbright program with Australia," Klebba said. "Faculty from both universities could be exchanged. I would also like to see some of our students who are interested in international research experience learn Brazilian Portuguese so they could study abroad." 

by Greg Tammen

Uncovering the mask

by Jennifer Tidball

A closer look at the new Purple Masque Theatre



A modern theatre facility has taken the stage among West Stadium's original 1920s stonework.

The Purple Masque Theatre has moved from East Stadium, which it called home since 1974, to a completely renovated facility in West Stadium.

The new student-centered theatre functions as an experimental theatre and learning environment. It is used for drama therapy, acting and directing, student showcases, play readings, workshops, Ebony Theatre performances and more.

Throughout the construction process, architects and builders took great care to maintain the integrity of the stadium's original 1920s stonework.

The Purple Masque Theatre is part of the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance in the College of Arts & Sciences. The \$6 million relocation has made room for the university's new Berney Family Welcome Center, which is under construction at East Stadium.

Main stage



Audio/video booth



Entrance

A roomier Masque

In its new home in West Stadium, the Purple Masque Theatre offers the following features:

Front of house — Built with 2,950 square feet of space, including lobby, concessions, restrooms and an office, the Masque now has a place to welcome audience members and host receptions.

Lobby — Built with a prep kitchen and restrooms, the lobby is a warm place to welcome audience members and host receptions.


Main stage — With 1,126 square feet of space, students have ample room to set the stage and perform with great sight lines.

Audience seating — The Purple Masque now has 126 purple cushioned seats, an upgrade from the cramped quarters generations of students remember in the old home.

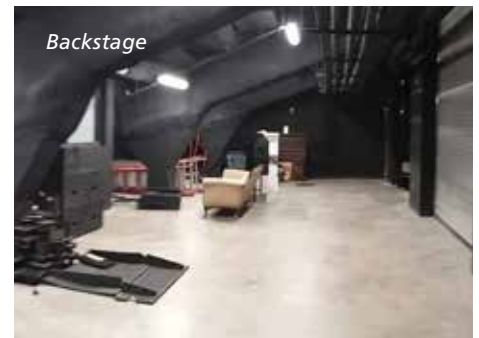
Audio/video booths — Located behind the audience, students have a control center for all audio/visual needs, with new equipment and cables tucked away safe and secure.

Backstage — Students have space to work and for storage, as well as an equipment room to work with props before, during and after performances. For years, students had to roll a rack of costumes from East Stadium to McCain Auditorium, where the costume shop was located, for cleaning. Now, the theatre has a washroom on site, minimizing the risk of loss, damage or general wear and tear on theatre property.

Dressing rooms — In the old Purple Masque, performers and audience members shared a bathroom. Today, performers have both male and female dressing rooms, as well as a joint room that can be used for final preparations.

Drama therapy classroom — Lives are changed in this classroom. The new space provides 2,500 square feet of space, sprung floors, and much needed storage to help students learn how to guide others in achieving the therapeutic goals of behavior change, skill building, emotional and physical integration, and personal growth. 

For before and after photos of the Purple Masque Theatre visit artsci.k-state.edu/purplemasque.



by Stephanie Jacques

Living the American dream

Binh Hua, sophomore cadet in the Kansas State University Air Force ROTC program, became interested in becoming a Wildcat after participating in a computer science internship. But it was the Air Force ROTC program in the College of Arts & Sciences that solidified her choice and is helping her reach her dream.

"I was thinking about enlisting after high school, but my dream was to go to college as well," Hua said. "Now, I get to do both."

Hua is fascinated by aerospace technology. Air Force ROTC, Detachment 270, at Kansas State University allows her to work toward her dream of having a college education and serving her country.

"In my birth country, girls are not expected — and sometimes it is frowned upon — to get an education," Hua said.

Hua immigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam when she was 10 years old, but she wasn't an official citizen until February 2015 when she took and passed the U.S. Naturalization Test. The test requires immigrants to study 100 questions based on U.S. history, government and geography, then answer 10 of those questions during a casual conversation. With her citizenship, she can enlist and give back to the U.S.

"I love the United States," Hua said. "There is so much opportunity here. I'm so happy that I can say I'm an American citizen. Now I can contribute to this great country and it will count."

Kansas State University's Air Force ROTC program, offered through the aerospace studies department in the


College of Arts & Sciences, is designed to give students a head start to becoming an effective U.S. Air Force officer.

"Cadet Hua brings a lot to the program," said Capt. Amanda Hatesohl, Hua's Air Force ROTC instructor. "She is an intelligent and kind-hearted individual. She always has a smile on her face, contributes to class conversation and is willing to volunteer as needed."

A large portion of ROTC coursework is leadership training. The program utilizes the close proximity to Fort Riley for training and can provide scholarships for cadets' education if they are U.S. citizens.

"All of the skills they've taught me about being a leader, I can apply anywhere," Hua said. "When I graduate, I'll have these great leadership skills that I wouldn't get otherwise."

Cadets also benefit from occasional visits with high-ranking alumni of the program, including Gen. Richard B. Myers, four-star general and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Ronald E. Keyes, four-star general and former Air Combat commander. Qualified cadets may seek commissioning in the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

"Not every Air Force ROTC program has a cadet who has traveled the same path toward citizenship as Hau," said Lt. Col. Shawnn Martin, professor of aerospace studies and commander of the university's Air Force ROTC. "Her perspective offers something unique to the cadets in the K-State Air Force ROTC program as they aim to serve the university and country they love." 



Tailgate with us!

The College of Arts & Sciences will host a tailgate party in Cat Town prior to each home football game this fall and we are extending an invitation to the entire ArtSci family to join the fun and connect with your college!

Last year, nearly 500 college alumni and friends made this the best pregame party in Cat Town. We hope you'll join the fun in 2015!

Date	Opponent	Featured Departments
Sept. 9	South Dakota	Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics / Communication Studies / School of Music, Theatre, and Dance
Sept. 19	Louisiana Tech	Geography / Philosophy / Political Science
Oct. 10	TCU	Geology / Journalism and Mass Communications / Psychological Sciences / Women's Studies
Oct. 17	Oklahoma	Art / Biology / Economics / Johnson Cancer Research Center
Nov. 5	Baylor	American Ethnic Studies / Chemistry / English / Mathematics
Nov. 21	Iowa State	Air Force ROTC / Army ROTC / Modern Languages / Physics
Dec. 5	West Virginia	History / Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work / Statistics

For more information and to RSVP, visit artsci.k-state.edu/events/tailgate.html.

Eisenhower Circle Celebration

Established in 2010, the Eisenhower Circle Celebration is a special event that recognizes alumni award recipients, student scholarship winners, and loyal alumni and friends who give \$250 or more to the College of Arts & Sciences annually.

Each year, guests are treated to the sounds of K-State student musicians, great food and drinks, and memorable words from alumni award and student scholarship recipients.

This year's ECC will be Thursday, Oct. 15, at the K-State Alumni Center, with a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and program at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit artsci.k-state.edu/events/ecc.html.

Alumni Fellows



Robert Kinders is head of the Pharmacodynamics Assay Development and Implementation Section, or PADIS, at Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research. The PADIS laboratory is charged with development and validation of assays to measure the effects, at the molecular level, of new, targeted anticancer

agents in first-in-man clinical trials at the National Cancer Institute's Clinical Center. He has worked extensively in the medical devices industry, including stints at Abbott Laboratories and C.R. Bard, and in pharmaceutical development at Abbott Laboratories and CuraGen. He serves on the advisory council of the Johnson Cancer Research Center at Kansas State University.

He received his doctorate in biology at K-State under the direction of Terry C. Johnson, founder of the university's cancer research center. His postdoctoral training was at K-State and at the University of Washington School of Medicine.


His wife, Patricia, is a 1981 K-State graduate. The couple have one daughter, Christina.



J.P. Bilbrey is president and chief executive officer of the Hershey Co., a global leader in confection. Bilbrey has more than 30 years of consumer packaged goods experience and has been instrumental in the growth of some of the world's largest and best-known brands. He has broad international experience working in more than 50

countries around the world, and has lived a large part of his working career outside of the U.S.

Bilbrey is a member of President Obama's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. He is also a U.S. private sector member of the President's U.S.-Brazil CEO Forum and the newly established Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa.

Bilbrey serves on the board of directors of Hershey's and McCormick & Co. He is chairman of the Grocery Manufacturers Association executive board, a member of the Dean's Business Advisory Council at Kansas State University's College of Business Administration, and chairman of Enactus. 

Names in the news

Students making news:

Joshua Nelson, junior in physics, Salina, became the 64th Arts & Sciences student to be selected as a Goldwater Scholar, and the 72nd from K-State... **Aaron Messerla**, junior in mathematics, Manhattan, received Goldwater Scholar honorable mention recognition... **Matthew Gallart**, master's student in biology, Hutchinson, received a 2015 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship... **Ryan Greenway**, master's student in biology, Amarillo, Texas, received an honorable mention from the NSF... **Four K-State Collegian writers** in the College of Arts & Sciences earned honors at the 2015 Kansas Collegiate Media Awards conference: Shelton Burch, JMC, Manhattan; Jon Parton, JMC, Manhattan; Tate Steinlage, JMC, Sabetha; and Adam Suderman, JMC, Wichita... **Shai Washington**, junior in political

science, Lenexa, received a nationally competitive fellowship from the Public Policy and International Affairs Program to attend its Junior Summer Institute at Princeton University this summer... **Catherine Strayahll**, English, Shawnee, won the 2015 Sullivan Poetry Award, an all-university competition sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences.

Noteworthy faculty

accomplishments: **Matthew S. Gaynor** was named art department head and will begin his official appointment in July... **Yang-Ming Chan**, economics, received the 2015 Edgar S. Bagley Research Award... **Uwe Thumm**, physics, has been chosen as one of the 100 researchers internationally to receive the prestigious Humboldt Research Award this year for his lifetime research achievements in atomic, molecular and optical physics... **The political science graduate**

program has been ranked the No. 1 program in the nation for its faculty support and career support... **Keith Gido**, biology, has been awarded the 2015 Donald W. Tinkle Research Excellence Award from the Southwestern Association of Naturalists... **John Blair**, university distinguished professor of biology, has been named a 2015 fellow of the Ecological Society of America.

Alumni news: **Matt King**, who received degrees in political science and natural resources and environmental sciences, received the 2015 Distinguished Young Alumni award from the K-State Alumni Association... **The Collegiate Sports Video Association** has named Scott Eilert, director of video services for the K-State football program and a radio/television degree recipient, the 2014-2015 Big 12 Conference Video Coordinator of the Year. 

Four faculty members receive the college's top awards

Stamey Awards for Undergraduate Teaching and Advising

William L. Stamey is a mathematician and served as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences for from 1970-1987. In recognition of Dean Stamey's outstanding record in recruiting excellent faculty to Kansas State University and in recognition of the continuing need to foster excellence in

teaching and advising, the College of Arts & Sciences established the William L. Stamey Award in 1990. This year's recipients:

Undergraduate Teaching Awards

David A. Graff
Associate Professor, History

Brett K. Sandercock
Professor, Biology

Lora E. Adair
*Graduate Teaching Assistant,
Psychological Sciences*

Undergraduate Advising Awards

Phillip D. Payne
Assistant Professor, Music

For complete bios and more information, visit artsci.k-state.edu/about/awards/facultyawards.html

David A. Graff



Brett K. Sandercock



Lora E. Adair



Phillip D. Payne



Sixteen faculty receive university awards

Wayne Goins

*Professor of Jazz, School of Music, Theatre, and Dance
University Distinguished Professor*

Gabriele Kerr

*Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Award*

Mary Kohn

*Assistant Professor, English
Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Award*

Matthew Sanderson

*Associate Professor, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Award*

Donald Saucier

*Associate Professor, Psychological Sciences
Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars*

Uwe Thumm

*Professor, Physics
Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award*

Ashley Rhodes

*Instructor, Biology
Commerce Bank Outstanding Teaching Award*

Ketino Kaadze

*Assistant Professor, Physics
K-State Mentoring Fellowship*

Santosh Aryal

*Assistant Professor, Chemistry
K-State Mentoring Fellowship*

Brian Washburn

*Associate Professor, Physics
Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Brianne Heidbreder

*Associate Professor, Political Science
Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Sarah Riforgiate

*Assistant Professor, Communication Studies
Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Whitney Jeter

*Graduate Teaching Assistant, Psychological Sciences
Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Gary Mortenson

*Department Head, School of Music, Theatre, and Dance
Presidential Award for Outstanding Department Head*

Dan Kuester

*Director of Undergraduate Studies, Economics
Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising
Putting Students First Award*

Mary Cain

*Professor, Psychological Sciences
University Distinguished Faculty Award for Mentoring of Undergraduate Students in Research*



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