



# Universitas

Universitas -atis f. [the whole, total, the universe, the world, the university].

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## INTERNATIONAL UNITY DAY SPRING 2011

In the Spring, the Office of International Education will sponsor the annual International Unity Day which is a day to highlight the variety of cultures that are represented at IUP.

We invite students from each country to display the best of their country through photos, clothing, and activities and, most of all, FOOD!

The purpose of International Unity Day is to make the university and general community aware of the diversity of culture we have at IUP. International Unity Day is a day that we can share, learn about and gain appreciation for all of the different cultures the world has to offer with the help of IUP's international students and scholars.

**Who can participate:** All IUP students!

**When:** Saturday, March 26, 2011

**Where:** HUB

**How to participate:**

Applications will be available in the OIE for all who are interested from February 28. The applications will also be available online on the OIE website.

Applications are due back in the OIE by 4:30 p.m. on March 13, 2011. \$100 will be given to those who wish to participate to spend on food. Students may share a table with another country if desired.

We are also looking for students to help with entertainment, children's activities, and setting up.

**First time? Want to learn more?** There will be information meetings. See calendar for details.

**Questions:** Contact Jean Wenner at [j.wenner2@iup.edu](mailto:j.wenner2@iup.edu)

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## NEW FACES IN THE OIE




Hello!

My name is Dr. Joachim Noob, and I am filling in for Ms. Jessica Dories in the Office of International Education while she will be on maternity leave until about the end of February or the beginning of March 2011. From now on, please direct all your F-1-related questions to me, and I will do my best to answer them in a timely manner and to process your requests expeditiously and professionally.

I look forward to meeting and working with many of you in the coming months.

On a more personal note: I came to the US in the mid-1980s as an international student on an F-1 visa myself to study at the University of Oregon.

After earning my Ph.D., I was a German professor at a number of U.S. American institutions (such as Western Oregon State College, Vassar College, Humboldt State University, Virginia Tech, Radford University, and Purdue University) before coming to Indiana, PA. In order to maintain my legal status, I always had to make sure that the various visas (as well as their accompanying forms) I held throughout the years were valid and current - I shall do my best to ensure that the same applies to yours. 

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Greetings!

My name is Christina Arroyo, and I'm happy to be in the Office of International Education, serving as Interim J-1 Advisor while Ms. Tracy Anderson is on maternity leave until May 2011. As an alumna of IUP, I'm thrilled to be back in this capacity, working with the international students.

Through my academics, as well as through adventures I pursued on my own, I've been fortunate to have had various experiences living, studying, and tutoring abroad, so I'm familiar with the issues and feelings associated with being far from home. All of my experiences were both challenging and rewarding to say the least, and

they led to my interest in working in the field of international education. It seemed like a natural path to follow.

So please feel free to contact me at the OIE with any J-1-related questions. I look forward to it! 

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Congratulations to  
Jessica and Jeffery Dories  
on the birth of their  
daughter, Clare.





# CULTURAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHINA AND AMERICA

By Li Jiang, China / MA TESOL



I moved to America from China two years ago. So far, I quite like it. I enjoy the quiet, clean, and friendly environment and the nice people here. I expect I will miss the U.S.A. when I go back China in the future.

I come from a small city in the south of China. It's not a modern city, but it's a perfect place to enjoy life. In my hometown, there is a famous mountain, Lushan, and the longest river in China, Changjiang. The city is full of fresh energy. Everyone seems busy every day. They hurry for work, shopping, entertainment, and meeting friends. Oh, there are many many kinds of delicious food there, which makes me homesick, because I can't get used to the food here.

I remember when I first came to the U.S.A., I had to learn how to cook Chinese food by myself. It was a really big challenge, since I had never cooked food in China. I learned from that experience that it's necessary to be able to cook some home made food from your country before you go abroad.

Besides food, I think the differences of transportation in America also impressed me. In China, the train system is the main form of transportation, which connects with most cities in China. In the U.S.A. , by contrast, it's really inconvenient not to have a car. People go everywhere by car.

I also noticed that Americans love animals. I have met many American families since I came here, and each one seemed to have a pet, either dogs, cats, rabbits or reptiles. I love pets too, especially dogs, but the kindness of Americans to animals still impresses me. If you are also a pet lover, you will definitely love it here.

Many Americans are Christians. Before I came here, I had no idea what

a Christian was. Now I really respect this group. I have found them to be kind and helpful to everyone without hesitation. I feel that my church has become my family. I remember my English was really poor when I first came to America. I attended the conversation English class in church every week, and my speech has improved a lot. At the same time, I learned a lot of American culture as a result of attending American festivals, famous history events, reading nice novels, and visiting good places to travel. I also met lots of friends there. We shared life experiences, cooking skills, and shopping information, which really enriched my life.

I have been able to travel quite a lot since I came to America. I have been to Niagara Falls, Key West, Washington D.C., and New York. Travel is a really good way to learn about the different aspects of America, whether it is countryside, urban landscapes, or nature views. To my surprise, traveling in America won't cost you much if you can make a good plan.

I have changed over the past two years of living in America. I like to help others and care about others more. I like the natural landscapes and travel opportunities in America. I feel that I am more peaceful now. Also, I like studying more. Even though the culture here is very different from that of my hometown, I could still enjoy it if I got involved. I will miss it here when I go back to China. 🌸



# EBERLY STUDENTS EXCEL IN INDIA

By Rose Catlos, U.S. / Undergraduate English Major



In October, twelve Eberly College of Business and Information Technology undergraduate students placed second overall in a business competition held in Bangalore, India. Peoples Educational Society (PES) in Bangalore hosted the three-day competition, called MANage, from October 13 to 15, in which Indiana University of Pennsylvania's (IUP) business college students competed against more than 500 students from 30 Indian business schools.

Eberly's team won second place overall, and the International Business School (IBS), Bangalore, won first place overall based on total points accrued.

The competition included four preliminary rounds, leading to a final event in each category. Competitors took tests, analyzed cases, created presentations and videos, participated in interviews, and engaged in mock financial trading during the competition.

The following students, all seniors, participated in five teams of two students each: Laura Leach and Lauren Young, both marketing (Marketing); Brittany Johns, finance, and Laura Liprando, accounting (Finance); Elizabeth Bonelli, management information systems (MIS); and Steven Wainwright, technology support and training (Information

Systems); Stephanie Shimmel, human resource management, and Mark Sestini, finance (Human Resources); Raymond Edwards, Jr., management, and Alex Pfeffer, accounting (Business Quiz). Soon Hoi (Chris) Ee, management, and Megan McFarling, finance, participated independently in the Best Manager category.

Each of the IUP teams reached the finals in their respective categories. The Marketing and Finance teams placed first in their areas and the Systems team placed second. McFarling placed first in the Best Manager category and won a laptop and prizes totaling \$2,500.

However, the trip was not all work and no play. During their stay, the students also toured Mind Tree, a leading software company in India, where they also interacted with the company's executives and founder;

they visited the historic city of Mysore, a palace, and a temple; and attended an on-campus concert featuring a New Delhi rock group.

The IUP students also appreciated the experience of meeting and competing against students from another culture.

"Interacting with the other students in India was, in a word, intriguing," said Ee, a management major. "India is this unique environment where Eastern culture and values meet the West, and it shows in the way the people interact."

PES, Bangalore, a prominent partner of Eberly College of Business, has been conducting MANage for several years. The event includes competitions in six business and various non-business categories for example, contemporary dance and painting. 🌸

# SUMMERTIME STUDIES FOLLOWED BY SIESTAS AND FIESTAS

By Christina Arroyo, U.S. / Alumna, BA International Studies '01, MA Public Affairs '06, BA Spanish '10



As a Spanish major, I chose to study abroad for six weeks this past summer at the Universidad Internacional (UNINTER) in Cuernavaca, Mexico, which is about an hour south of Mexico City. The main reason for my choice of location was that I've long been fascinated by Mexican culture, but until this past summer, I'd only visited a few border towns and the beaches of Cancún. It was time for me to see the real *México*!

Cuernavaca is charming, historical, and highly energetic, which could be attributed to the large presence of young international students in the city. In addition to the locals, I easily met and made friends with people from around the globe. The UNINTER program schedule was a bit on the heavy side--classes Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and an excursion every weekend on either Saturday or Sunday. Somehow there was still time to browse the shops and markets, watch World Cup soccer in the zócalo, and go salsa dancing into the wee hours, then have a few tacos al pastor at my favorite taquería La Gringa before finally heading home.

Some of the excursions were to places of great historical and cultural interest, such as Teotihuacán, the Frida Kahlo Museum, and the

National Museum of Anthropology. Others simply provided a relaxing break, for example, the day-trip to Las Estacas and a four-day stay along the beaches of Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo. Many of my classmates took this time to engage in activities like swimming, parasailing, deep sea fishing, and horseback riding. I, on the other hand, took a series of much-needed siestas, interrupted only by visits to the hotel buffet to enjoy some delicious Mexican cuisine and also the occasional shopping trip to haggle with vendors for their wares.

There are several great reasons to study abroad regardless of major, but for foreign language students, it is essential. There is no better or more effective way to learn a language than to be immersed in a culture that speaks the language you're learning, to hear it and use it on a daily basis

in the proper context. Under these circumstances, progress happens quickly. So although six weeks may not sound like much time, my Spanish skills improved by leaps and bounds over the course of my stay in Cuernavaca. Living with a native family was especially helpful, as my Mexican mamá spoke no English. I had such a feeling of accomplishment each time I was able to successfully carry on more than a basic conversation with her. Oftentimes it was necessary to find another way to say something in order to make myself understood.

Sadly, the six-week program passed in a flash, and as is always the case after an experience abroad, I returned home a changed person--enriched by what I'd learned and already missing my new friends and the Mexican way of life. 🌸



By Elizabeth Solomonides, United Kingdom / MA Public Affairs



The Indiana winter is considered cold even by Pennsylvania natives, but the four months of snow from December to March can be fun too! Adjusting to the freezing weather is even more difficult if you're used to a climate that has a much milder winter season or is warm year-round. The cold can make you homesick, or reduce your motivation to go to class or see friends, so it's important to find ways to get through the long months of winter and to have fun while keeping up with your schoolwork. Here are a few suggestions to help those not used to the snow survive and enjoy the winter!

- Proper shoes: either hiking boots with good grip to get you through the snow (pick up a waterproofing spray, like CampDry, from Walmart or a shoe store) or rubber rain boots (you can buy fleecy liners, so that your feet are warm as well as dry!).
- Gloves, a hat and scarf: you lose a huge amount of body heat from your head, so make sure you cover up with a hat! You'll need a scarf to deal with the winter winds, too.
- Layers: it's really helpful to wear multiple layers of clothing – you never know how warm (or cold!) your classroom will be, and wearing layers means you have a much easier time staying comfortable.
- A warm coat: while layers can help make a mid-weight jacket warmer, you'll need a proper coat to deal with the days that the wind chill drops the temperature to 0° Fahrenheit.
- Sleeping and eating: make sure you get enough sleep, and eat well – you'll

have a far harder time regulating your body temperature if you lack energy because of sleep deprivation or for any other reason.

Fun things to do in the snow:

- Snowball fights: these never stop being fun, no matter how old you are. Just make sure you don't hit anyone who isn't playing!
- Make snow angels: lie down in the snow and move your arms and legs to make the impression of a gowned angel with wings. Have someone help you up so you don't ruin the shape of your angel – then go inside, warm up and make sure you dry off properly!
- Sledding: Indiana has hills galore, so take advantage and go sledding! Just don't do it near where cars are driving – both sleds and cars are hard to control in the snow.
- Cup of coziness: warm up with hot chocolate with marshmallows, coffee or tea – okay, it's not actually in the

snow, but it's a fun, cozy way to enjoy the sight of the snow without getting soaked or freezing!



## INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION HOSTS INDIA DAY

By Rose Catlos, U.S. / Undergraduate English Major

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Indian Student Association hosted India Day from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Hadley Union Building Ohio Room.

MBA students from Eberly College of Business and Technology's partnership with Peoples Education Society (PES) in Bangalore, India, and other undergraduate students, were integral to organizing the event, held in celebration of the Indian festival of Diwali or "the festival of lights."

"Diwali signifies the importance of vanquishing evil by good and dispelling the darkness of ignorance by the light of knowledge," said event

coordinator Dr. Prashanth Bharadwaj, Eberly associate dean.

More than 250 IUP students and Indiana community members attended.



Participants enjoyed authentic Indian cuisine, watched various dance and singing performances, and a stand-up comedy act performed in different Indian languages.

The event's theme was "unity in diversity," which signifies the multicultural and multilingual nature of Indian society and the recent increase of Indian students at Eberly. The business college's Indian student population has nearly quadrupled since 2006, Bharadwaj said, which he attributes to the relationship between Eberly and PES, Bangalore. The college offers its MBA students at PES Bangalore, who can opt to study at IUP in their second year, he said.

Bharadwaj also recognized twelve undergraduate students who recently returned from PES, Bangalore, on their first-ever trip to India. IUP's team won second place overall in an international business competition, wherein they competed against more than 500 students from 30 Indian business schools during the three-day event.



## MEET THE STUDY ABROAD COORDINATORS:



MS. JAY HALCHAK

Jay is the coordinator for:

- Programs in Oceania (Australia, New Zealand) Latin America, and Europe, including ISEP programs in those countries.
- Third-party affiliated programs: CEA, Study Abroad Italy, AustrLearn, and AIU.
- Independently Arranged programs.
- Amizade, global service-learning opportunities.



DR. MICHELE PETRUCCI

Michele is the coordinator for:

- Programs in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East including ISEP programs specific to these regions.

## STUDY ABROAD ADOPTS STUDIOABROAD

IUP Study Abroad will get a new look beginning January 2011. *StudioAbroad* is an online database and content management system that will not only allow for better access to study abroad information, but also allow students to apply for study abroad directly from the IUP Study Abroad website.



Students will be able to create a secure account with their IUP login and manage their entire study abroad process electronically.

This will include:

- Inquires
- Applications
- Academic preferences
- International Student Identity Card applications
- Pre-Departure information
- Passport information
- Visa application information
- Transfer credit evaluation monitoring



# What's Going On?

## AT THE OIE, IUP, AND BEYOND

### JANUARY 2011

SATURDAY, 1	New Year's Day
MONDAY, 3	OIE opens at 8:00 a.m
FRIDAY, 7	Winter Session Classes End
TUESDAY, 11	New International Student Orientation Begins
SATURDAY, 15	Trip to Pittsburgh: HUB Lower Lot, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. By reservation only.
MONDAY, 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: No Classes, OIE Closed
TUESDAY, 18	Classes Begin
SUNDAY, 30	Foreign Film and Music Series, Sprowls Auditorium
MONDAY, 31	Study Abroad Information Session 12:15 - 1:00 p.m., OIE Conference Room

### FEBRUARY 2011

TUESDAY, 1	Study Abroad Information Session 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., OIE Conference Room
FRIDAY, 4	F-1 Off-Campus Work Permission 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. OIE Conference Room
MONDAY, 7	Study Abroad Information Session 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., OIE Conference Room Study Abroad Fair 5:30 p.m., HUB: Ohio Room 6 O'Clock Series: <i>Tales from Abroad: Students Who've Lived to Tell</i> , HUB: Ohio Room
TUESDAY, 8	Study Abroad Information Session 12:15 - 1:00 p.m., OIE Conference Room
WEDNESDAY, 9	International Coffee Hour 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Folger Hall: Crimson Event Center. Open to all
SUNDAY, 13	Foreign Film and Music Series, Sprowls Auditorium
MONDAY, 14	Study Abroad Information Session 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., OIE Conference Room
TUESDAY, 15	Study Abroad Information Session 12:15 - 1:00 p.m., OIE Conference Room
MONDAY, 21	Study Abroad Information Session 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., OIE Conference Room
TUESDAY, 22	Study Abroad Information Session 12:15 - 1:00 p.m., OIE Conference Room
SUNDAY, 27	Foreign Film and Music Series, Sprowls Auditorium
MONDAY, 28	Study Abroad Information Session 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., OIE Conference Room International Unity Day Table Applications Available: OIE Website and OIE

### ASHLEY TRAVELS ABROAD

Ashley Brown, Undergraduate International Studies/Communications Media



Hi! I'm Ashley. I studied abroad for nine months at Leeds Metropolitan University in Leeds, United Kingdom. Studying Abroad was one of the best experiences of my life, and I'd love to do it again! I traveled to so many places in Europe while abroad, such North Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, France, and Italy. I loved every second of it and saw so many cool things! You should do it too! 🇬🇧





# 2011 IUP Foreign Film and Music Series

Shows Begin: 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., McVitty Auditorium, Sprowls Hall, IUP Campus

ENGLISH SUBTITLES WITH ALL FILMS

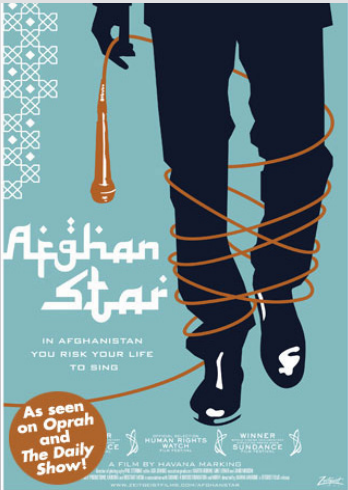
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

## AFGHAN STAR

COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN

LANGUAGE: PASHTU

“After 30 years of war and Taliban rule, Afghan Pop Idol is taking the nation by storm. But this is more than just a TV show Millions are watching the TV series ‘Afghan Star’ and voting for their favorite singers by mobile phone. For many this is their first encounter with democracy. This timely film follows the dramatic stories of four contestants as they risk all to become the nation’s favorite singer. But will they attain the freedom they hope for in this vulnerable and traditional nation? In Afghanistan, you risk your life to sing.” (source: Aghan Star site)



Musician: Super Tubes -  
Euphonium Quartet

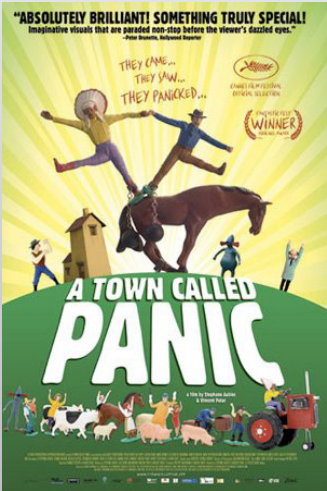
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

## A TOWN CALLED PANIC

COUNTRY: BELGIUM

LANGUAGE: FRENCH

“Animated plastic toys like Cowboy, Indian and Horse have problems, too. Cowboy and Indian’s plan to surprise Horse with a homemade birthday gift backfires when they destroy his house instead. Surreal adventures take over as the trio travels to the center of the earth, treks across frozen tundra and discovers a parallel underwater universe where pointy-headed (and dishonest!) creatures live. With panic a permanent feature of life in this papier mâché town, will Horse and his girlfriend ever be alone?” (Source: IMDB)



Musician: Kate Duncan - Vocals, and Terry  
Barnett - Guitar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

## TULPAN

COUNTRY: KAZAKHSTAN

LANGUAGE: KAZAKH

“Asa, a dreamer who’s slight of build and recently finished with a stint in the Russian Navy, tries to establish a life on the steppes of Kazakhstan. It’s dry, dusty, and windy; too many lambs are stillborn. Asa, his friend Boni, and Ondas call on Tulpan, the only single girl in the area. The men talk to her parents while she listens out of sight. Her answer and Asa’s later trips to talk to her form an arc of hope against the harsh land. Is this the place of Asa’s dreams?” (Source: IMDB)



Musician: Kittiphong “Mu” Praphan, Vocals  
and Guitar

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

## TREELESS MOUNTAIN

COUNTRY: SOUTH KOREA

LANGUAGE: KOREAN

“A portrait of a young girl coming to terms with loss and abandonment, Six-year-old Jin and her younger sister Bin live on the edge of disaster, but they are not aware of it. In the small apartment where they reside with their single mother, the menacing sounds of the outer world disturb their precarious cocoon. One day, their mother packs all their belongings. For Jin, the days of going to school are over. Mommy is gone, leaving her and Bin in a hostile home with their alcoholic Big Aunt and a piggy bank to slowly fill with coins. Once the bank is full, their mother will be back.” (Source: Rotten Tomatoes)



Musician: Andrew Shingledecker, Vocals and  
Piano

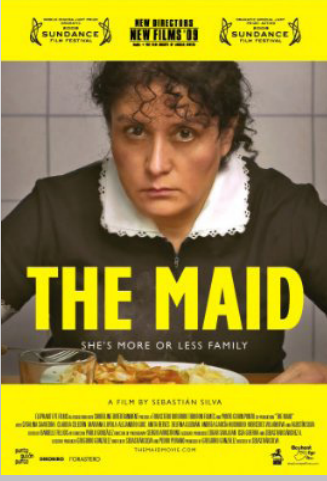
SUNDAY, MARCH 27

## THE MAID

COUNTRY: CHILE

LANGUAGE: SPANISH

“Raquel has served as the live-in maid for the Valdes family for 23 years. Neither truly a member of the family nor simply a servant, she inhabits an undefined space somewhere in between. Threatened when the family decides to bring on extra help, she engages in a series of increasingly frantic acts to hold on to her position.” (Source: Rotten Tomatoes)



Musician: Terry Barnett - Vocals and Acoustic  
Guitar

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

## UNMISTAKEN CHILD

COUNTRY: CHINA/TIBET

LANGUAGE: TIBETAN

“In Nepal, a venerable monk, Geshe Lama Konchog, dies and one of his disciples, a youthful monk named Tenzin Zopa, searches for his master’s reincarnation. The film follows his search to the Tsum Valley where he finds a young boy of the right age who uncannily responds to Konchog’s possessions. Is this the reincarnation of the master? After the boy passes several tests, Tenzin takes him to meet the Dalai Lama. Will the parents agree to let the boy go to the monastery, and, if so, how will the child respond?” (Source: IMDB)



Musician: Feisal Jourhari and accompanists,  
Vocals and Lute

LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
(PARTIAL TUITION WAIVER STUDENTS)

Red Cross Health Services Assistant

Purpose: Assist the Health Services Department in delivering its mission by providing support in assigned departments. If interested please contact Connie Patterson at 724.465.5678.

Jimmy Stewart Museum

Ticket office or Gift Shop volunteer. Some clerical work is required. Contact Tim Harley, Executive Director at 727.349.6112 or email tharley@jimmy.org.

Four Footed Friends

Assistance needed with animal care, office work, computer work, and fundraising. If interested please contact Shannon Cole at 724.349.1144 or email fffvolunteers@hotmail.com.

Indiana County Humane Society

Volunteers can walk dogs, help clean, and play with animals . If interested please contact Kelly Dilts at 724.464.3977 or email Kellydilts@hotmail.com.

Other opportunities will be sent via email to all PTW participants. Contact your academic department or the Office of Service Learning www.iup.edu/servicelearning for more volunteer opportunities.



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INTERNATIONAL WORK OPPORTUNITIES

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| • Fulbright Programs            | www.fulbrightonline.org   |
| • NAFSA                         | www.nafsa.org             |
| • TESOL                         | www.tesol.org             |
| • U.S. Department of State      | www.state.gov             |
| • English Job Maze              | www.englishjobmaze.com    |
| • Overseas Jobs Express         | www.overseasjobs.com      |
| • Int’l Practical Training      | www.aipt.org              |
| • Transitions Abroad            | www.transitionsabroad.com |
| • Dave’s ESL Café               | www.eslcafe.com           |
| • Japan Exchange & Teaching     | www.us.emb-japan.go.jp    |

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES

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| • Habitat for Humanity International<br>www.habitat.org | • AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc<br>www.afs.org            |
| • Peace Corps<br>www.peacecorps.org                     | • Volunteer International<br>www.volunteerinternational.org |
| • Project of Action without Borders<br>www.idealist.org | • Global Service Corps<br>www.globalservicecorps.org        |
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