Wayne County Community College District’s Study Abroad program supports its educational mission by preparing students with culturally diverse, global focused, higher learning experiences through partnerships with universities and four-year colleges abroad. For the past ten years, this educational partnership has afforded WCCCD students opportunities to understand and embrace other world cultures through a comprehensive educational immersion dynamic.

In this Study Abroad publication, our readers will appreciate the benefits and importance of this program. Many of our students who have participated in the WCCCD Study Abroad program, have gone on to become leaders within their institutions, and have used their experiences abroad to advance employment opportunities in a globally competitive environment.

Sincerely,
David C. Butty
Executive Dean for International Programs/Media Specialist

Welcome!

Mission Statement
Wayne County Community College District’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to achieve their goals through excellent and accessible services, culturally diverse experiences, and globally competitive higher education and career advancement.

Vision Statement
To be recognized as an institution that has achieved national and international recognition for enduring excellence as a comprehensive, multi-campus community college. The Wayne County Community College District will focus on continuous self-evaluation and improvement; preparation of a highly skilled workforce in support of the Wayne County economy; student academic and career success, and leadership in strengthening the open door philosophy of educational opportunity.

Values Statement
- Excellence in teaching and learning
- Diverse, international and intercultural education
- Student and community service
- Accountability
- Integrity

Accreditation
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A Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) publication.
We are the best when it comes to studying abroad!

Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) strives to empower its students to experience diverse cultures of the world and to be academically competitive in a global society. The District’s Study Abroad Program provides students with an exemplary international experience. Global citizenship requires an appreciation of diversity and encourages learning about other cultures. The lives of WCCCD students have been touched firsthand through exposure to foreign languages, cultures, values, socio-economic issues, and the standards of living of people from around the world.

Reasons and benefits of studying abroad:

- New relationships and friendships
- Becoming global-minded
- Enriched college experiences that enable students to engage and learn in a new cultural environment
- Changed outlook on life and perspective of the world
- Encourages students to try new things—food, language and social interaction

Some current statistics for foreign exchange students:

- 97% said studying abroad helped their **SELF CONFIDENCE**
- 99% said it helped them better understand their **STRENGTHS** and **WEAKNESSES**
- 96% said they would do the same exact experience **AGAIN**
- 96% said they are still in contact with **PEOPLE THEY MET** while abroad

*Source: Google search*
Higher Learning Commission: Guiding Value

- Diversity
- Technical Competence
- Globally Connected

Wayne County Community College District

- Urban-suburban multi-campus system with five campuses and one university center
- Largest urban system in Michigan serving more than 72,000 credit and non-credit students
- Serves 32 municipalities in Wayne County

study abroad!

More than 500 WCCCD Study Abroad students have traveled to 6 of the 7 continents!
Scholarship work assignment – earning and learning to go!

- Students are required to complete a scholarship work assignment which is an on-campus work/learning experience prior to the study abroad program.
- The assignment serves to develop perspectives on the relationship of career preparation in the context of global challenges and opportunities.

Basic guidelines for participation

- Complete a clear, thoughtful and carefully prepared essay: Reason for applying to the Study Abroad Program and how the program meets educational goals
- Complete 15 credit hours or more at WCCCD and working towards a degree or certificate
- Complete all Study Abroad Orientation Sessions
- A grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 or higher

Study Abroad opportunities!

- Funding Support
- Accessibility and Participation
- Local Interests
- National Interests
- International Exchange

Mr. Irv Jones addresses students during pre-trip orientation.

Staff reviewing scholarship work assignments.
Wayne County Community College District Study Abroad Program Presents

Brazil
A Study in Alternative Energy

Student Educational Opportunities will Include:
- Examining first-hand Brazil’s dynamic global economic growth, especially in the development of alternative energy.
- Learning how Brazilian auto makers integrate a “Green Approach” to new fuel economy in the areas of alternative energy and ethanol.

Past Study Abroad opportunities for Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) students have included:
- Argentina  ·  Austria  ·  Ghana  ·  India  ·  Mexico  ·  United Kingdom
- Australia  ·  France  ·  Japan

WCCCD now offers renewable and alternative energy classes District-wide. To register call (313) 496-2600

Fall Semester Classes Begin August 23, 2011
Register Now!

Trip Theme
History and The Arts
Trip Dates
November 26 to December 3, 2011

To be considered for the Study Abroad Program, you must register for:
Orientation to Global Studies (ANT 150*)
CRN 91991 DT ANT 150
Wed. 12:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
8/23/11 - 10/5/11
CRN 91992 DT ANT 150
Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
8/23/11 - 10/5/11
CRN 91993 NW ANT 150
Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
8/23/11 - 10/5/11
*This class is mandatory and a waiver can only be granted by the Executive Vice Chancellor

Eye Opening Experience
“I have had the pleasure of meeting some very nice people while visiting Australia. Learning about Parliament there has opened my eyes to the many differences between our countries. The city of Sydney (to me) is very organized in comparison to our city of Detroit. Going to the University of Sydney has been a wonderful experience. I am looking forward to learning more about Australian culture, having been exposed to many different people, places and things, which I truly enjoyed. I hope to use what I have learned in some way when I return.”

– Karen Blanchard, Education
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WCCCD and CCID

Study Abroad program and media marketing efforts with Community Colleges for International Development, Inc.
Study abroad trip to Belize and Guatemala offers Wayne County Community College District prospective nursing student a different view on health care delivery. Marquia Ziyad can only reflect on her study abroad trip that spanned two Central American countries – Belize and Guatemala. While in Belize, she had the unfortunate opportunity to visit two area hospitals – the Belize Medical Associates; a private hospital, and Belize General Hospital – where she accompanied her sick roommate. What impacted her the most, she said, was the trip to the two hospitals took her out of her comfort zone and opened her eyes to the world of the healthcare delivery system outside of the United States. "I stepped outside of what I had been taught in the classrooms with all the modern equipment – and saw nurses coping with limited resources and instruments as they took care of their patients. When a nurse comes face-to-face with the daily challenges of life, all they can rely on is their instincts.

Ziyad was one of 28 students from Wayne County Community College District who spent a week studying the culture, language, and the contributions of the Mayans. There was no dull moment but a fun-filled activity for the weeklong study abroad trip. The students turned everything into a learning experience. The emphasis was to study the contributions made by the Mayans by visiting the Altun Ha Mayan Ruins in Belize and learn conversational Spanish at the Máximo Nivel, an international language center in Antigua, Guatemala, where they were awarded certificates of completion. Also on the itinerary was a climb to the top of Altun Ha's temple-pyramids, known as the "Temple of the Masonry Altars", and a hike up the 8,373-ft active Pacaya Volcano, one of three active volcanoes in Guatemala.

But Ziyad said while she enjoyed every aspect of the trip, her visit with her roommate to the hospitals will forever change the prospective on her future career. "I am grateful to have had the chance to visit the two hospitals and my experiences were quite intriguing, informative, humbling, but saddening. The hospitals lacked the simple things that we take for granted here in the U.S. and those things we have in abundance. As I watched blood drop from a needle in a patient's arm into an open test tube, I was stunned to see this technique because it is not sterile. It was against everything I'd been taught," she added. Above all, Ziyad said studying abroad can open an individual's eyes to see the world differently. "To watch a nurse making use of what she had and not complaining was truly humbling. The staff was courteous and professional, and without the fancy equipment and latest in technological advancements, they maintained a level of professionalism and ensured that they gave the best possible patient care.

She said this experience of studying and observing healthcare delivery in a developing country reduced her ignorance of other cultures and will make her into a better person. "I automatically assumed that it would be impossible to receive adequate health care in such under-developed country, but I was completely wrong. The nurses and doctors everywhere; whether in the United States or in Belize, are all caring and patient advocates."

WCCCD continues to provide study abroad trip information and education highlights to CCID through their online web resources and newsletter. Shown here are just a few recent articles from trips to Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, as well as Belize and Guatemala.
A Key to Global Success

Did You Know?
On average, 30 students attend study abroad opportunities each fall semester.

Arrive ready to learn everything you can and bring a travel journal— you’ll leave with a new outlook on the world!
An Invitation to Participate: Engagement, Recruitment and Partnerships

• The Study Abroad Program was established in 2002.
• The Chancellor, Dr. Curtis Ivery charged both the IEC and the Chancellor’s Scholarship Fund Board to identify strategies and develop resources to bridge the financial gaps and concerns that might otherwise preclude students from the opportunity.

Study Abroad Program Goals
• Quality academic experiences
• Cultural immersion and exchange
• Service learning
• Character development

Program Focus
• Service learning
• Student learning outcomes
• Educational partnerships
• Curricular emphasis on global education (introduction to global studies)
• Commitment to access of global experiences for all students

Study Abroad is Life Changing!
“Study Abroad has changed my life. I’m so different . . . I feel as if someone lifted the wool from my eyes and breathed fresh air inside my soul because it was during our trip to Austria that I met my husband. I’m practicing to be fluent in German and Swedish because we will be moving to Sweden after I graduate from my dental program.” — Danielle Martin Tornstrom
Global Learning Day

Global Learning Day was a one-day educational workshop geared toward interactive learning coordinated by Irv Jones, president and founder of Escape Study International. Participants learned about the global marketplace and education beyond their own borders. There were several activities including games for creative thinking. The students found the program and their experience to be invaluable.
Above: Mr. and Mrs. Irv P. Jones

700+ Participants!

Thinking Globally-Locally!
- Global Conversations
- International Taste Fest
- Passport to Africa
- Hispanic Heritage Festival
- Bridge to Asia
- Native American Festival
- Global Learning Day
Providing students the opportunity to visit many countries!
the opportunity to visit many countries!
If you have never been to Costa Rica, it is a country where “rice and beans” are married—literally—since you eat rice and beans for breakfast, lunch and dinner. But the locals don’t see it that way. To them you eat “beans and rice for breakfast, rice and beans for lunch, and beans and rice for dinner.” And there must always be fried plantains and fresh fruit juice to go with your meal.

Costa Rica is a country where nothing is wasted, where every citizen is conscious of being “earth friendly” and preventing waste is considered a priority. It is a country with no military and only the police force to keep the peace; a country where money to support the military is earmarked for education. Yet, it is a country where everyone pays their fair share into the Social Security System and where every citizen has healthcare. Even so, the average property tax is as low as $50 U.S. (25,000 Colones).

Leaving San Jose to the central region of Costa Rica, one begins to drive on the Pan American Highway which can take you from the United States by car as far as Argentina and perhaps, beyond; provided you have all your documents in order. But if you are not going inter-continental, you soon leave the Pan American Highway as you begin your trip through central Costa Rica. The elevation is above sea level and this makes the fog come down like rain. The fog is so thick that you can dip your fork in and see the marks.

To add to the foggy road is the elevation of the land. It is always up-hill or down-hill with some of the most zig-zagging and curved roads ever built.

Don’t look down because the valleys are like craters and the tallest trees from down below may seem like you’re knee high.

Here you will find some of the world’s narrowest bridges sometimes known by the locals as the “Oh My God” bridges. The crossing is so narrow that vehicles can travel only in one direction.

San Jose, the capital, is bustling with life, but to see the beauty of Costa Rica, one must venture outside the city limits.

As you take in the culture, the people, and the language, you hear the phrase “pura vida” over and over again following every greeting or conversation. Translation? Depends on who is talking.
“It is like your four-way stop in the United States. The first car to arrive has the right of way,” say Maynor Alfaro, our knowledgeable tour guide. “You proceed after waiting your turn.” The crossing is scary. There are no rails and the water or valley below will weaken your stomach. And of course, be mindful of the cows when they leave the ranch as they can have the right of way on the zig-zag roads. All in all, Enrique was the best bus driver I have ever encountered in my travels around the world.

Costa Rica is an agricultural country and everywhere throughout the countryside along the narrow roads, farmers have set up stands selling fresh fruits and vegetables. But in the cities there are lots of American influences as one can shop at a K-Mart, eat at a Pizza Hut, Burger King or McDonald’s.

“Pure Life”!
At a previous graduation ceremony, the Wayne County Community College District added an international flavor when Dr. Paulo Cezar Vieira, Secretary General for International Relations and Professor at the Federal University of Sao Carlos (UFSCAR), in Sao Carlos, Brazil, delivered the keynote address.

The Federal University in Sao Carlos is one of the major institutions of higher learning with which WCCCD has established educational and cultural partnerships. In 2009, twenty-six WCCCD students visited Brazil and the university to study the importance of alternative energy. Brazil is now the world’s second largest producer of ethanol and the world’s largest exporter of alternative fuel.

Brazil is now the world’s second largest producer of ethanol and the world’s largest exporter of alternative fuel.
I also learned that one should be careful of his demeanor for one never knows who is being entertained!

– Phillip Kemp, Jr. Biochemistry
As one of his outstanding contributions to the Wayne County Community College District’s international programs, Mr. Irv Jones, President and Founder of Escape Study International, now recognized as one of the leaders in studying abroad, organized and spearheaded “Travel Expo,” which brought together more than 75 businesses in the travel industry—from airlines to travel agencies.

“We live in an increasingly interdependent world, which challenges us to develop international skills and competencies to prepare for the future in the global marketplace,” Mr. Jones said in opening remarks. “We, in turn, should be able to prepare our clients for study abroad, which will add an international dimension to their degree portfolio. Escape Study International is dedicated to serving the international education needs of all U.S. colleges and universities who desire to expand their curriculums into foreign education markets.”

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— Irv Jones, President and Founder of Escape Study International
Preparing for a global marketplace
Number of students: 20

Educational partners
• Multiple cultural institutions

Educational sites
• Holistic cultural study approach
• Cape Coast Slave Castle
• W.E.B. Dubois International Center
• Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum
• Kumasi Central Market Center
• Observance of how Kente cloth is hand-woven
Australia 2004

Number of students: 23

Educational partner
• University of Sydney

Educational sites
• The Rock Tour (historical walk of Australia’s first settlement)
• New South Wales State Parliament
• Camberra
• Tour of the University of Sydney
• First encounter with the Aborigines of Australia
• First experience of motorists driving on the left side of the street

Sydney
Number of students: 34

Educational partners
- Don Quijote School of Spanish
- University of Guanajuato

Educational sites
- The 92-foot tall statue of El Pipila, in the San Miguel hill
- Callejon de Besos, literally translated means Alley of Kisses
- Museo de las Momias (the Mummies Museum)
- Cultural visit to San Miguel de Allende, known for its well-preserved colonial architecture
Argentina 2005

Number of students: 29

Educational partners
- University of Buenos Aires
- Bridge Linguatec

Educational sites
- Cementerio de la Recoleta, home to the tomb of Eva Peron, the actress who was married to President Juan Peron, and importance of the Recoleta Cultural Center
- La Boca, home of Argentine football legend, Diego Maradona
- Buenos Aires Zoo, home to over 350 animal species
Salzburg

Austria 2006

Number of students: 24

Educational partner
• Salzburg College

Educational sites
• Sound of Music tour
• Mozart’s birthplace and Mozart’s Museum
• Salzburg Fortress (Festung Hohensalzburg)
India 2007

Number of students: 31

Educational partners
- Ambedkar and H. R. Colleges of Commerce and Economics

Educational sites
- Elephanta: origin of the different religious sects of India
- The Nehru Planetarium and the Nehru Science Center, located at Worli
- The Marine Drive
- Mahatma Gandhi House and Museum

Mumbai
Number of students: 27

Educational partner
- Guy’s and St. Thomas’ Hospitals Trust

Educational sites
- Historic operating theatre
- Parliament Square
- Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum
- Florence Nightingale Museum
- The London Eye

Above: Irv Jones and a staff member of Guy’s and St. Thomas’ Hospitals Trust

London

England 2008

Above: Irv Jones and a staff member of Guy’s and St. Thomas’ Hospitals Trust
Number of students: 33

Educational partners
• Paris Langues
• American University

Educational sites
• The Louvre
• Eiffel Tower
• Notre Dame Cathedral
• Arc De Triomphe and Champs-Elysees
Number of students: 30

Educational partner
- Federal University of Sao Carlos (UFSCAR)

Educational sites
- UFSCAR Sao Carlos Campus public research university
- UFSCAR Araras Campus, bioenergy research facility
- Sugar cane plant/distillery at Santa Cruz to see how ethanol is produced
- Historic Fazenda do Pinhal (farm), one of the oldest and best preserved rural estates originally known for its sugar cane and coffee production
- Excursion tour of the city of Sao Paulo
Number of students: 32

Educational partner
- The Sapienza-Università di Roma
  Founded in 1303, Sapienza (which means “Wisdom” in Italian) is the oldest of Rome’s three state-funded universities

Educational sites
- The Vatican; world’s smallest country
- The Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel
- Pantheon
- Roman Colosseum
- Trevi Fountain
- Spanish Steps
- The Metro and walking tours
Number of students: 23

Educational partner
- The Athens Centre (A Greek Language School)

Educational sites
- Olympic Stadium
- Royal Gardens
- Parliament Building with the adjacent Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Changing of the Guards
- Acropolis with such magnificent architectural wonders such as the Parthenon and the Temple of Athena Nike
- The “Rock,” where St. Paul preached the Gospel to the Athenians
- The Acropolis museum
- Benaki Museum founded by collector Benaki
- Ruins of Agora
- Temple of Poseidon
Spain 2011

Number of students: 25

Educational partner
• don Quoijote School of Spanish

Educational sites
• La Sagrada Familia
• Salvador Dali Museum in Figueres
• Parc Guell
• Picasso Museum
• Salvador Dali Museum in Figueres

Barcelona
Number of students: 29

Educational partner
- University of Puerto Rico

Educational sites
- Puerto Rico’s historical monuments
- San Cristóbal
- San Felipe del Morro
- The El Yunque National Rainforest
Costa Rica 2012

Number of students: 24

Educational partners
• University of Costa Rica
• University of Santa Paula

Educational sites
• Poas Volcano—one of the largest geysers in the world
• Arenal Volcano and Baldi Hot Springs
• Santa Lucia’s School where we exchange educational information with students
• Manuel Antonio National Park to study Costa Rica’s diverse flora and fauna and a variety of species of plants and animals

San José
Number of students: 30

Educational partners
• Miximo Nivel International Language Center

Educational sites
• Climbing the 8,373-ft Pacaya Volcano; one of the three active volcanoes in Guatemala
• Roasting of coffee beans over a bonfire at the Finca Filadelfia Coffee Plantation
Number of students: 27

Educational partner
• Amsterdam University College

Educational sites
• Ferry ride to see Amsterdam, a city traveled by canals
• Toured The Hague, seat of the Dutch government
• Toured Marken Island, and learned the history of the people who live there
• Toured the Keukenhof Flower Fields to see the beauty of the tulips; one of the prides of the Netherlands
• Dutch wooden shoe factory to see how “clogs” are produced
• A tour of a cheese factory, and windmill
Ahsen Aftab Malik, a dental hygiene student presented WCCCD apparel to Professor Jonathan Gill, a Professor of Humanities, History and Culture at Amsterdam University College on the last day of classes during a recent study abroad trip to Amsterdam.

Amsterdam is an excellent example of the blend of art and science. Whether it was the man-made canals in the city or the art work by famous artists such as Vincent van Gogh, everything was breathtaking. Another thing I noticed about the Netherlands was its diversity. Amsterdam alone had more than 150 ethnicities, which peacefully exist together making it a very diverse place. This diversity can be seen in people walking the roads or in restaurants in the city. These groups add beauty to the Netherlands with their colorful culture and foods just like the various colors of Tulip fields. The trip to Amsterdam opened my eyes to many aspects of culture which are normally ignored in our daily life.
Hola! My name is Deborah Billadeau. My experience during my study abroad trip to Guanajuato, Mexico, was unique.

I was excited to go, not just for the heck of getting out of my own country or to sightsee, but to actually learn about another culture. The trip was an adventure of a lifetime, priceless and educational. Traveling with a group of students from my five-campus college was also an experience that I will never forget. I met some people who were in the same program with me, but who I have never had the chance of meeting before the trip. My advice to students considering studying abroad . . . just do it. You will love it!
For more information about the Study Abroad Program, please contact:

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