Colby-Sawyer College

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Office of International/Diversity Programs
Study Abroad Returnee, Peter Mitchell ’14

Peter Mitchell spent the spring semester of 2012, studying abroad in London through the Center for International Studies. He took a total of four classes at the University of Westminster, focusing on Sociology. Each of the classes met in the mornings, only once a week, which gave him a chance to explore all that the city had to offer during the afternoons and weekends.

The Center for International Studies provided Peter with a weeklong orientation upon his arrival, and an array of events that helped him get to know the city better, and trips to places like Oxford. One of his favorite things to do in his free time was to visit the local pubs and eat fish and chips with cider. At first, the culture was hard for him to understand and relating to the locals took time and patience, even though they spoke the same language.

However, as he met more people and spent time learning about them, he realized that they were actually very friendly. This experience of studying abroad was one of his most prized memories because it broadened his view of the world in a completely positive way.

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Yanick Macuacua, a first year student from Mozambique sat down with Nishchal Banskota ’15 to talk about his early impressions of CSC.

How did you choose Colby-Sawyer College since you are the first person from your country coming to CSC and how do you like it so far? The reason I applied to Colby-Sawyer has a lot to do with the recommendations given to me by my school’s counselor.

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So far I am really enjoying the location and the Colby-Sawyer community. The people at the school are friendly and interesting to know. I also enjoy the quiet and beautiful location of the school.

What did you expect and did your expectations meet the standards of the college? I cannot say that Colby-Sawyer is at all what I had imagined nor is it anything like how I was expecting. Before coming to the college I had no idea what the location was like; in fact, I almost expected a city. This does not mean that the nature of my surprise was in any way negative, in fact the landscape of it all is more than I could have hoped for.

— Yanick Macuacua, Mozambique, CSC’16

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Lorena Pereyra of San Luis, Argentina, has always wanted to visit the US. She believes that this experience of teaching Spanish at CSC will provide a wonderful window into American culture, while also allowing her to rethink and improve her teaching methodology. So far Lorena has come to appreciate the well-organized and small campus CSC provides along with the high-tech smart classrooms, which she feels are an amazing resource for her teaching. Through her teaching and also with her interactions with students in the dining hall and at campus events, she hopes to walk away with an enriching personal and academic experience.

Ana Diaz Garrido of Cuenca, Spain chose to take part in this program to put into practice what she has learned about teaching while achieving her master’s degree. She is excited to have the chance to teach Spanish at CSC, as it is so different from the education system in Spain. Ana likes the small college setting and she especially appreciates the liberal arts aspect of the college, which offers students the chance to explore multiple ways of thinking. So far her students have shown her great enthusiasm, which encourages her to come up with new ways to teach and make connections.

Tzuling Chiu of Taichung, Taiwan chose to come to CSC, because she thought it would be an amazing opportunity to practice her teaching skills in an entirely different setting. At CSC the roles are reversed for her because in Taiwan she teaches students English, but here she is teaching Mandarin to CSC students from around the world. Tzuling has already come to love both the campus and her students who she says inspire her after every class with their eagerness to learn. Her students encourage her to work harder and come up with new, engaging activities for each class.

Did You Know…?

This year at Colby-Sawyer, we have three foreign language teachers who come to us through the Fulbright language program (FLTA). Colby-Sawyer is a host institution for the FLTA program. Pamela Serota Cote, the Associate Dean of International and Diversity Programs at CSC, applied on behalf of the college to be a host institution as a way to revive language study. “One of our strategic themes,” Dr. Serota Cote said, “is linking to the world, and one of the more tangible ways we can do this is by opening up the world of another language to our students.” This is the second year that CSC has hosted Fulbright language teachers. Hannah Raddatz, ’15, sat down with our three FLTAs to learn more about them.

Linking To The World

Associate Dean of International and Diversity Programs, Pamela Serota Cote, with the visiting Fulbright language teachers, Lorena Pereyra from Argentina, Tzuling Chiu from Taiwan, and Ana Diaz Garrido from Spain.
Greetings,

We welcomed 38 international students this fall from 12 different countries! Our student worker, Hang Nguyen, worked hard over the summer to help in the process of matching each student with a local family as a part of our Friendship Family Program. In fact, the program won the “Town Award” at commencement last spring and has become quite a selling point as students talk with friends back home about CSC! So thank you to the more than 100 families involved in helping our international students feel at home!

Student worker, Serene Chua, developed a mentoring program last spring. These mentors, a mix of American and international students, have provided a friendly face and welcoming connection to each international. If you are interested in becoming a part of the student mentor program, please contact Serene at serene.chua@colby-sawyer.edu.

Our office has been helping the students who have successfully found campus jobs in various departments, through the process of obtaining a social security number and providing transportation down to Concord so they can get started working as soon as possible. For information, please check out our website pages: http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/international/services/current.html.

The Cross Cultural Club is getting organized for a great year of events and speakers, so be on the lookout for publicity about the club and come join! It’s open to anyone interested in cultural exchange! Our new president is Bernard Botchway, so track him down if you have questions.

We hope this new school year will be one of learning, growth, change, and fun! Stop by and see us any time in Colgate 230!

David Elliott, Director & Cindy Benson, International Student Advisor

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**October 1st - 30th**

**Fearless Exhibit**

*Hogan Gym*

A photography series of “out” lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender high school & college athletes by artist Jeff Sheng.

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**Friday, October 12th**

**Fearless Exhibit Reception**

*Hogan Gym, Court 1, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.*

Colby-Sawyer is proud to welcome artist Jeff Sheng to our campus to discuss his portrait photos of LGBT student athletes from around the country. Come meet the artist. Drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

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**Wednesday, October 10th**

**PEAK, Academic Opportunities and Study Abroad Fair**

*Mercer Gym, 4 – 6 pm*

Study abroad providers will be on campus to speak with you about their programs. Learn how YOU can have a study abroad experience while at CSC!!

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**Saturday, November 3rd**

**NH Access, Leadership & Employment Conference**

*SNHU, Manchester, 9 a.m – 5 p.m.*

A student-focused conference for students of color & allied students across the state to network, learn, inspire, and support each other on topics related to leadership, empowerment and diversity. Vans will be transporting CSC students and staff to this conference. Registration is FREE but must be done through the Office of International and Diversity Programs: Contact Pamela Serota Cote at pamela.serotacote@colby-sawyer.edu for more information.

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**Thursday, October 18th**

**Global Cafe: Multicultural Mixer**

*Sawyer Center Lobby, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

Hosted by the Student Diversity Council. Come meet and mingle with students; learn more about each other and your diverse backgrounds through fun games. Relax and talk over food and drinks!