

Dear UWL International Education Alumni,

As many of you know, UWL International Education & Engagement has seen many changes over the years - new programs, new staff and new leadership. But the one thing that has not changed is our pride that you are a part of the UWL international family!

As the new IEE Director, my spirits are lifted each fall as our international students start to arrive on campus and our education abroad students pack their bags for new global adventures. I am sure many of you remember that time well – nervous, scared, overwhelmed but so so excited! So, I thought I would share a snapshot of where our students are going and coming from this year:

### **Education Abroad/Away Programs**

- **Total Students Abroad/Away:** 300+ students are expected to participate in a program abroad/away this academic year. Students are ready to travel the world and learn from others!
- **Popular Majors of Students Abroad/Away:** Management, Biology, Marketing, Global Cultures & Languages, and Psychology
- **Top Programs:** 60% of study abroad students participating in a faculty-led program
  - 12 faculty-led programs will be offered this academic year
- **Destinations:** United Kingdom, Spain, Australia/New Zealand, Italy, Slovakia, Ecuador, France, Serbia and even Hawaii and California (National Student Exchange programs)

### **International Student Services**

- **Total Intl Students:** 82 international students make UWL home this fall semester
- **Home Countries:** 26 countries are represented by our students including Nigeria, Germany, China, Malaysia, Japan, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Ecuador, Bangladesh and more
- **Popular Program:** English as a Second Language (ESL), Data Science, Computer Engineering, Biology, Psychology, Marketing, Exercise Sports Science

UWL IEE continues to rebuild and grow since the pandemic. We are even anticipating a record number of students abroad over this next summer term (Summer 2023). Keep your fingers crossed for us! UWL is excited to welcome new international students and say good luck to our education abroad/away students. Adventure is the best way to learn!

As we work to rebuild our greater alumni community, I wanted you to know international education is alive and well at UWL. It is our hope that we engage with all of you on a more regular basis, share campus updates and invite you to some of our campus events (in-person and virtually). We are better because of all of you, and we want to make sure the voices of our international and study abroad students and alumni are heard across campus. It would be very helpful if you would share **“What’s New with You?”**. It’s our hope that we can help our current and future students see the impact that all of you are having in our world. Plus, your UWL friends will be interested to hear your life updates. Check out IEE’s **updated website and social media** to see upcoming events, programs and meet **our amazing IEE team!** ***Mark your calendars for the return of our annual International Banquet on April 22, 2023. Details coming soon!***

Alumni are an important part of our international community, and we are proud to have students/alumni that represent diversity from all corners of the world. You help to broaden awareness and understanding of our neighbors around the world. I have so much to learn from each and every one of you! My door (or virtual door) is always open. I plan to do a lot of listening to better understand where we are as an office and where we need to be. The more I know, the better I can advocate for international & study abroad students/alumni needs and experiences. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at **[kbald@uwlax.edu](mailto:kbald@uwlax.edu)** or 608.785.8016.

Eagles Forever,



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