Welcome to the 2014-2015 Academic Year

The start of the school year means two things for me: new school supplies and new faces! We are excited to have a cohort of 20 new students joining our SAA on campus program at UWL. Although the first day of class can be overwhelming with academics, we are thrilled to see the cohorts mingling and getting to know one another already!

-Bailey Steckbauer
SAA Goes GLOBAL:

Student Affairs in Germany

Spotlight:

I wanted to introduce myself for the first newsletter. My name is Noelle Ponasik. I am currently in Frankfurt, Germany. I studied and worked in Germany as an undergraduate student. When I looked at graduate programs, I wanted to combine my interests of higher education in the United States and Germany - and La Crosse seemed like a good fit. The SAA Graduate Internship in Germany is a pilot program and is reflective of the increasingly internationalized nature of student affairs.

Grüße aus Mainhattan!

Wow – this summer has flown by. The leaves are already beginning to change color in here in Frankfurt. I’ll fill you all in on what’s been happening here during the summer. In July and August, I worked in the International Office at Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (FRA-UAS).

The International Summer University (ISU) took place during July. ISU is a four-week program for international students to take summer classes in Frankfurt at both FRA-UAS and Goethe University. The state of Hessen, where Frankfurt is located, has state-to-state partner programs with Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and Queensland, Australia. Therefore, I met some fellow Wisconsinites from UW-Eau Clair, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Whitewater, and UW-Milwaukee.

In August, I worked with incoming exchange students at FRA-UAS. The International Office organized an orientation for the students, complete with a Welcome Breakfast. I’ve had to bring myself up to speed rather quickly about the different academic departments and student services available at FRA-UAS in order to help orientate and advise international students. In fact, one student told me I “speak very good English for a German.”

That’s all for now! Viel Erfolg im neun Schuljahr!
Shout Outs

*Tom* for being an awesome colleague in It Make$ Cents!

*Andrew & Hanna* for doing so well in the AAC already!

*Katy & Shari* for being fantastic SAA buddies!

*Nick* for his continuous wit!

*Katie’s* love for the outdoors and willingness to always go on a walks!

*Shannon* for being so friendly!

*2nd Years* for an awesome start to the school year!

*Jamie* for always being willing to help!

What’s Happening:

**SAA Org Meeting**
September 23rd at 8pm in Cartwright 263. Contact Katie Van Wyk if you have questions or want more information (vanwyk.kati@uwlax.edu).

**SAA Coffee Chat**
September 26th at 8:45am at the Greengrass Café.

**SAA Apparel Order**
Place your order by Oct 1st to Bailey Steckbauer (steckbau.bail@uwlax.edu).

**SAA Social Event**
Check out Facebook & Twitter for further information regarding our upcoming Social Event.

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