Students study abroad for credit, worldview

By Marisa Caban
Chief Photographer

The RSC Global and Cultural Learning Program offers overseas trips to Europe for optional humanities credit for students who join, but it can also be much more. The program offers sightseeing to major monuments, big name cities and historical sites.

This summer, the program is staying in the U.S. for trips to New York and Hawaii in July. In May 2016, there will be a trip to Paris, Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

Humanities professors Sherri Mussatto and Lori Morrow have been going on these trips since 2009.

“They have seen so many sights and experienced so many cultures. There’s nothing more exciting and there’s not a greater learning experience than traveling the world,” Mussatto said.

Blake Lawson, an RSC student, has gone on three trips with the program, visiting countries including Italy, Turkey and Greece.

“It makes you realize not everyone speaks English,” Lawson said. “I would definitely say everyone should travel; it’s the money, I’ll go on another trip, but it’s a great opportunity.”

The deadline to sign up for the New York and Hawaii trips is around May 1, Mussatto said. Pricing can be found at explorica.com/My-Account/My-Tours/TourCenter.aspx.

The deadline to sign up for the Germany, France, Switzerland and Austria trip will be in January 2016, and prices can also be found at Explorica.

PASSing math class made easier with activities

By Marisa Caban
Chief Photographer

Math classes are hard for most students; the stress of numbers and equations can be overwhelming, but PASS is here to help. PASS is a supplementary program for students enrolled in MATH 0143, Intermediate Algebra, to encourage them to pass the class by utilizing extracurricular programs and events on campus.

Dr. Lisa Seale, associate vice president of Enrollment Management, along with professor and Mathematics Coordinator Andrea Xeriland, began the program last semester.

Once enrolled in MATH 0143, a student is automatically signed up for PASS, and they earn points for each co-curricular activity they participate in for a maximum of 30 points. These points can be used for an end of semester drawing, but Seale said this semester they’re aiming for more frequent drawings.

“I would say the main themes are to acknowledge that it takes tremendous effort to do well in Intermediate Algebra and to encourage students to be active utilizing the resources available,” Xeriland said.

Seale said the program encourages students to form good habits. The activities students can be involved in include speaking with academic advisers after tests, tutoring in the Learning Resources Center and Math Lab, test reviews and workshops like the Math Anxiety Workshop. Seale said students can also do non-academic activities to keep stress down. This includes working out in the Wellness Center, or participate in HeartMath in the counseling center with Dr. Joanne Stafford, director of Student Services and Student Outreach.

“You have to be enrolled in MATH 0143, but you can do the activities regardless,” Seale said. The resources on campus mentioned above, are available for all students.

“There are multiple people and programs across the campus who are here to support the PASS Program. We believe in the students’ ability to do well and are here to help,” Xeriland said.

For more information on PASS, contact Xeriland at 733-7492 or axeriland@rose.edu, and Seale at 736-0223 or lseale@rose.edu.
Bass fishing basics for ‘inexperienced anglers’

By Alex Roberts

RSC hosted the first of four sessions of the 2015 Bass Fishing Techniques program Feb. 17 in the Community Learning Center.

Kenyon Hill instructs bass fishing enthusiasts how to tie various knots during the 2015 Bass Fishing Techniques workshop Feb. 17 at the Community Learning Center. (Photo by Alex Roberts)

The class costs $99 and the next three sessions will be from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 24, 26 and March 5, and will also be held in the CLC.

The class is a “good opportunity for people who are around people who are excited about bass fishing,” said Gary White, founder of the Bass Fishing Techniques program and member of the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, said he created the program in 1974 at RSC. He said the program has grown nationally and internationally, visiting 143 colleges, 43 states and Canada.

White said 2015 is the first year Bass Fishing Techniques has been able to provide a basic class for inexperienced anglers. He said he decided to start a basic class after receiving feedback from former class attendees.

White explained how the basic class helps novice bass fishermen learn the techniques required to succeed.

“We put them in a classroom with the best bass fishermen in the world,” he said.

Along with White, three other world-class bass fishermen teach during the program. The class on Feb. 17 featured Kenyon Hill, a five-time Bassmaster Classic Finalist.

Hill said the basic class teaches the “fundamentals” of bass fishing and is basically “bass fishing 101.”

“The best part of being involved in the Bass Fishing Program, he said, is to “get people who are not fishing excited about bass fishing.”

Hill echoed White’s comments, saying the basic class is a “good opportunity to learn.”

During the class, bass fishing enthusiasts learn about different types of knots, fishing line, rods and various categories of lures.

Other professional anglers who will teach during the 2015 Bass Fishing Techniques include Gene Gilliland, director of the B.A.S.S. National Conservation and Joe Thomas, a seven-time Bassmaster Classic Finalist.

Among other professionally-owned TV shows, “Reel in the Outdoors” and “Ultimate Match Fishing.”

For more information about the program, contact the CLC at 733-7392, or visit rose.edu/fun1.

Juggling busy life is balancing act

By Jonathan Goudeau

Juggling can be hard for most people; even the professionals have trouble with it from time to time. But Taylor Heath, a nursing major in her first year at RSC, makes it look easy.

“Balancing work, life and my personal life is hard for me at times. My biggest challenge is scheduling time with my friends,” Heath said.

Originally from Harrah, Oklahoma and a graduate of Carl Albert High School, Heath said that her juggling act has helped her.

“I’m more responsible and patient,” she said. “I put my priorities first and it helps keep me out of trouble because I’m constantly busy with work, school and spending time with my family and friends.”

On top of that, 19-year-old Heath has recently moved into her own apartment in Lawton, Oklahoma, which is something she has looked forward to, but it has also created another obstacle. “My commute takes about an hour and a half,” Heath said. “When I do go to Rose, I wake up around 7 (a.m.) and leave by 8 so I can be there around 9:30 or so.”

She also manages to add working at McDonald’s to her already-crowded juggling act as well. “My work schedules are weekly, so it’s always changing,” she said.

Through it all, Heath, who plans to pursue a degree in nursing at Cameron University in Lawton after graduating from RSC, has a lot on her plate, but manages to handle it all. She offered this bit of advice to those going through the same juggling act:

“Always put your priorities first, but don’t forget about spending time for yourself. College is stressful, and trying to schedule time with everyone and always working hard for yourself.”

Most importantly Heath had this to offer, “You need time for yourself to relax once in a while.”
Don’t waste your life on digital distractions

By Jessica Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

There is an epidemic among millennials. It is dangerous, time consuming and making us waste our lives away.

It’s social media. The problem is not that we have it; the problem is that we see social media and its assets as a vital part of life.

According to a 2013 report on marketingcharts.com, 18 to 34-year-olds spend an average of 3.8 hours a day on social media — nearly 1,400 hours a year. How does spending this time on social media contribute to society? What does it add to the short life each of us has? The answer is not much.

The average time students spend studying is 17 hours per week, according to an article on usatoday.com. If students cut an hour each week, according to an article on purchasing 3.8 hours a day on social media and no longer spend studying, the average study time would drop to 16.8 hours per week.

President Theodore Roosevelt said, “It is true of the Nation, as of the individual, that the greatest doer must also be a great dreamer.”

In a way, we’ve lost our creativity as a culture. Of course, this is not the case for every single person in America. Some are making extraordinary technological advancements; artists are creating art in new ways. No doubt, social media has contributed to that. These avenues have provided ways of communication the world has never known. They have also created distractions that the world has never known.

As Roosevelt’s words imply, a dreamer cannot only dream; a dreamer must do to become great.

Step away from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Google. Take time to feel and think deeply; live with intent. Take some of the 1,400 hours spent on social media and use them to make an impact this year. Steward your time well.

Greatness has come to very few people who have wasted their lives on social media.

As Benjamin Franklin said, “If time be of all things the most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality.”

Professor wins DaVinci creativity award, medal

RSC Professor Trixie Walther was selected to receive the 2015 DaVinci Fellow award on March 27 at the DaVinci Institute award banquet, Humanities Hall.

The deadline to apply is March 1, 2015; the winners will be announced April 14, 2015.

Digital devices are a reality for many parents of young children. Parents magazine and Common Sense Media have compiled a list of the best apps, movies and TV shows for toddlers. (Fotolia/TNS)

Scholarship available to female mass communication students

The Oklahoma City chapter of the Association of Women in Communications is offering a scholarship for women pursing a communications-related degree at an Oklahoma college or university.

Qualifications, in addition to being a female student, include being a sophomore at a two-year college; or a sophomore, junior or senior at a 4-year university and being enrolled full-time.

For the application or more information, contact professor Susan Dawson-O’Brien at sdawson@rose.edu or 733-7518.

The deadline to apply is March 18, 2015; the winners will be announced April 14, 2015.

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Where are you going over spring break?

“"I would be going to New York City, but I will probably go to Tulsa instead with my family.”

“I am doing nothing for spring break other than working, but i have been on a battleship called the USS Missouri.”

“"I don’t have plans for the break, my friends call me away to come hangout with them.”

“"I am going with my BCM group put of state to reconnect with god. Other than that, I have no plans, but my parents have gone to Switzerland.”

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