International Week: Sheth International Awards

About the Sheth International Awards:

Founded in 2012, the Sheth International Awards are a result of a gift from Madhuri and Dr. Jagdish N. Sheth (Business ’62G, ’66G) through the Sheth Family Foundation. The awards are administered by the University Center for International Studies at Pitt. The Sheth International Young Alumni Achievement Award acknowledges a University of Pittsburgh alumnus for contributions to the international community through professional achievement and societal impact. The Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement recognizes the contributions of a current University of Pittsburgh faculty member to furthering international education.

Pitt International Alumna Kakenya Ntaiya Wins Award for Advocacy for Girls’ Education

Making an impact on society is not something the average 14-year-old girl thinks about. Kakenya Ntaiya was never an average girl. Two decades on from her teen years, Kakenya Ntaiya, PhD, is the recipient of the Sheth International Young Alumni Achievement Award, presented by the University of Pittsburgh and the University Center for International Studies. She is recognized for her passionate advocacy for girls’ education in her home country of Kenya. Dr. Ntaiya’s award will be presented at a reception at the William Pitt Union on Thursday, November 14 held in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh’s International Week.

Attending high school is taken for granted in America. For Maasai girls in Kenya, their early teens signal the end of schooling. It is a time when the young Kakenya and her peers prepared for marriage, which included the practice of female circumcision. Having delayed this phase of her young life for as long as possible, at age 14 Kakenya negotiated with her father: she would not run away from home and would consent to the circumcision if he, in return, would allow her to finish high school.

“That daring decision to bargain with her father set her on an incredible journey that has taken her far beyond the realm of high school,” said Dr. Jagdish Sheth, University of Pittsburgh alumnus who, with his wife Madhuri, promotes global thinking and international endeavors through the Sheth Family Foundation. “Kakenya Ntaiya has an amazing ability to dream big. She is a role model, she is determined, she is witty, and she figured out at a young age the give and take of a seasoned negotiator.”

To turn her dreams into reality, Kakenya also negotiated with village elders to do what no girl had ever done: leave her Maasai village of Enosoaen and attend college in the United States. She received a scholarship to Randolph-Macon Women’s College in Virginia—a feat made possible when the entire village collected money to pay for her airfare. Her education continued at the University of Pittsburgh where she received a Doctorate in Education in 2011.

Kakenya kept her promise to her village. She returned to establish, in 2009, a girls’ primary boarding school (grades 4 – 8), known as the Kakenya Center for Excellence. She views education as a crucial tool for fighting the practices of female genital mutilation and child marriage. And she hopes that her Center will empower and motivate young girls to become change agents in their community and country.

As an undergraduate, Kakenya was the first youth advisor to the United Nations Population Fund, travelling the world advocating for girls’ education. In 2013 she was honored with the Global Women’s Right Award from the Feminist Majority Foundation, was recognized by Women in the World as a “Woman of Impact,” and named a CNN Hero. Kakenya was honored with a Vital Voices Global Leadership award in 2008 and as a National Geographic Emerging Explorer in 2010. She was named as one of Newsweek’s “150 Women Who Shake the World” in 2011, and was counted among the Women Deliver 100: The Most Inspiring People Delivering for Girls and Women.
The Study Abroad Office develops programs and facilitates educational experiences for approximately 1400 students each year in over 100 countries. Study abroad affords students the opportunity to engage in a unique, credit-worthy learning experience and to develop as global citizens. In addition to developing programs and monitoring academic quality, the Study Abroad Office assesses the learning outcomes of study abroad and contributes to national initiatives as a leader in the field of international education.

Study abroad is an increasingly important and attractive component of a well-rounded education. As such, the University encourages all students to consider the option to study abroad as a significant enhancement to their undergraduate education. Students who travel and study in another country can complement their major or minor coursework or simply deepen their appreciation of another culture. Study abroad provides students a chance to explore first-hand the language, history, and people of another land and, in the process, gain a competitive edge in the employment marketplace.

Along with branch offices in the School of Engineering, the College of General Studies, and the College of Business Administration, the Study Abroad Office assists students who are interested in exploring the study abroad options available: University-sponsored Panther Programs, Exchange Programs, and various third-party Pitt-Recognized programs. Panther Programs account for 55% of the students who study abroad each year followed by Pitt-Recognized Programs (40%) and Exchange Programs (5%). The office maintains a resource center and a staff of experienced advisors to help students in choosing a program which suits their needs and interests.

The Study Abroad Office is part of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS). In addition to visiting our office, students should consider pursuing an Area Studies Certificate.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK FEATURED EVENT: Study Abroad Fair
Study Abroad is hosting a Study Abroad Fair on November 14th from 11am—2pm in the Ballroom of the William Pitt Union. Come to learn more about all the different programs offered by Study Abroad.

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STUDENTS—How To Get Involved
The main ways that OIS undergraduate students can interact with the Study Abroad Office is by either participating on a study abroad program or volunteering as a mentor in our mentor/mentee program. We send international students on study abroad programs each year. For more information, you can stop by the Study Abroad Office, view our website, or email abroad@pitt.edu.
Cross Cultural and Leadership Development (CCLD), a branch of Students Affairs, is a multipurpose facility designed especially for students and student organizations. It aims to cultivate transformational leaders who positively impact the campus, the community, and the greater society for the 21st century and beyond. The Office of CCLD’s mission is to facilitate the holistic learning and development of the University of Pittsburgh community by providing opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to deepen their cultural awareness and understanding as well as develop leadership skills and a strong sense of civic responsibility.

CCLD has six major programs: Leadership Development, Greek Affairs, International Programming, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Cross Cultural Programming and Hesselbein Global Academy. Through diversified activities launched by those programs, students obtain opportunities to experience and cultivate a sense of social responsibility to others, to interact and engage in meaningful dialogue and experiential learning activities, and to deepen their sense of self, their understanding and appreciation of cultural differences, and the important role these differences play in the individual.

Besides holding various programs that serve and benefit our students, CCLD is also a strong support to student organizations. There are 11 major student organizations locating on the same floor with CCLD, including Asian Student Alliance, Black Action Society, Campus Woman’s Organization, ANKUR: Indian Graduate Student Association, Saudi Student House, etc. CCLD not only provides student organizations with first-class working areas equipped with the latest technology, it is also a warm helper for organizations in programming and event coordination.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK FEATURED EVENT:
★ Cultural Carnival (November 12, 6—9pm, Assembly Room of the William Pitt Union)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:
Please check out the Pitt Global Ties and Pitt International Graduate Global Ties (IGGT) Facebook Pages!

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Discover the World
November 11–17, 2013

Discover...

**Friendships**

*Monday, November 11*
- International Speedfriending, WPU Ballroom, 6:00pm-9:00pm

**Culture**

*Tuesday, November 12*
- Cultural Carnival, WPU Assembly Room, 6:00pm-9:00pm

**Careers**

*Wednesday, November 13*
Career Workshops, WPU Assembly Room
- Keynote Speaker Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya, 12:00pm-12:50pm
- “Effective Networking & Securing an Internship in Pittsburgh, US & Abroad”, 1:00pm-2:00pm
- “How to Get Back to my Study Abroad location for Employment”, 2:00pm-3:00pm
- “Truths about the US Government Hiring Process”, 3:00pm-4:00pm
- “Developing your Competitive Edge at Pitt for Future International Careers”, 4:00pm-5:30pm

**Education**

*Thursday, November 14*
- Study Abroad Fair, WPU Ballroom, 11:00am-2:00pm
- International Awards Ceremony, WPU Lower Lounge, 4:30pm-6:30pm

For more information about these and other events, visit our website at www.internationalweek.pitt.edu

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT PITT?

Please help us improve the international student experience at Pitt!

We are asking you to complete the OIS International Student Survey about your experience thus far at the University of Pittsburgh. This year's survey is the third in a three-year series that is being used to determine what is working well and what is frustrating so that we can help current and future students have the best collegiate experience possible. Thus far, feedback from previous surveys has been very helpful.

Your responses will be confidential.
Please be assured that your responses will be confidential and the resulting data will not identify you in any way. We do want to caution you, though, that the reporting process includes the text of any comments that you provide; therefore, we recommend that you avoid making comments that might enable you to be individually identified.

This survey is extremely important to the University and we sincerely hope that each international student will take the time to complete it—average time to complete it is 15-20 minutes. However, we also want you to know that you will not be subject to any penalty of any kind if you do not complete it. Please be sure to encourage your friends to complete it as well.

You could be a winner!
The survey forms part of a wider ongoing study and is independently administered for the University by the International Graduate Insight Group. Those successfully submitting a completed questionnaire will have the opportunity to win either an Apple iPad or Kindle Fire, which offered by OIS, or to be entered into a drawing to win a $1,000 cash prize or to suggest a $1,000 donation to charity, which is offered by i-graduate. In all cases, the winners will be chosen by i-graduate to ensure that your submission remains confidential and anonymous.

Further analysis may be done at Pitt on the data and by taking part in the survey you agree to this. If you want to know more about i-graduate, please view its privacy policy and FAQs.

Thank you for your participation!
Just click here to start the OIS International Student Survey!
THANKSGIVING EVENT FOR STUDENTS

Pitt Global Ties' Presents:

THANKSGIVING

Dr. Kathy Humphrey (Vice Provost and Dean of Students)
When: Tuesday, November 12 at 5:00 PM
Where: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 4215 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

SIGN UP ON THE 6TH FLOOR WPU (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm)
Deadline: Tuesday, November 12th (5:00pm)

There will be a Free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 28, 2013 for all University of Pittsburgh International Undergraduate and Graduate students.

This dinner is ONLY free for Pitt International students.

Additional Depends/Family can attend for $32/adult

Unfortunately this event is not for International Scholars or Visiting Staff.

This event will be held at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association and will have a STRICT dress code. Jeans, T-shirts, and Tennis shoes are NOT permitted.

Pittsburgh Holiday Event: Light Up Night

Every year, the city of Pittsburgh starts its holiday season with an event called Light Up Night. On the Friday before Thanksgiving, all of the buildings in downtown Pittsburgh leave their lights on. People can go to various events downtown or simply head to Mt. Washington or the North Shore to see the city entirely lit up to start celebrating the holidays! Several of the events downtown include official tree lightings at various locations, music performances, and the evening ends with a fireworks display!
The Office of International Services cordially invites all H-1B visa holders at the University of Pittsburgh to...

~ H-1B Breakfast Connection ~

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
8:30 – 10:00 am
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University Club – Gold Room
123 University Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Register at: http://h-1bbreakfastnov2013.eventbrite.com

This gathering will serve as a time for new and existing H-1B visa holders to get general updates and ask questions related to their immigration status. All members of the OIS Employment Team will be in attendance.

Topics of discussion to include:

- General H-1B updates
- Permanent residency information
- International travel

- I-94 automation
- Extensions, Transfers (within Pitt)
- Q & A

A light breakfast buffet will be served.

Register at: http://h-1bbreakfastnov2013.eventbrite.com
Alison’s Zappatite: the *Gobblerito* (@ Mad Mex)

November is a month in which Americans look forward to the big meal surrounding Thanksgiving and all the traditional foods that go with it. Mad Mex has produced a creative twist on classic thanksgiving cuisine and transformed it into a burrito! For a limited time, the Gobblerito is available at Mad Mex, which packs the whole Thanksgiving meal into a massive burrito. This is a must-eat this month in Pittsburgh, but come hungry! The gobblerito is served as a traditional burrito, but stuffed with pulled roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and corn, topped with gravy and served with a side of cranberry sauce. This might sound strange at a California style Mexican restaurant, but it is delicious! I would highly recommend this dish, especially if Thanksgiving is a new tradition for you in the U.S. The only thing missing from this meal is a slice of pumpkin pie!

OIS’ Little Addition: Edward Paul Reinert

On October 18th, Melissa Reinert (Immigration Specialist on the Student Team) gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. His name is Edward Paul Reinert and he is Melissa’s first child. Melissa and Edward are going to spend the next few months enjoying their time together, but hopefully they will stop by OIS often to visit. While we miss Melissa very much, we are ecstatic to have another OIS family member!

Melissa will return to OIS in January and we expect to see her office decorated heavily with pictures of Edward!

**Congratulations, Reinert Family!**
Holiday Concert: Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

A Waltz Tradition
Friday, Nov. 29 – 8 PM
Sunday, Dec. 1 – 2:30 PM
Heinz Hall
Manfred Honeck, conductor
Till Fellner, piano
Suppé: Overture to *Poet and Peasant*
Beethoven: Concerto No. 4 in G Major
Strauss: Waltzes and Polkas

Tickets start at only $15!
Buy your tickets today at www.pittsburghsymphony.org/pitt
Questions? Visit the Pitt Arts Office in 907 William Pitt Union.

Celebrate the fifth anniversary of Manfred Honeck’s Thanksgiving tradition at Heinz Hall with Viennese pianist Till Fellner performing Beethoven’s beautiful Piano Concerto No. 4. Then, enjoy your favorite Strauss waltzes and polkas plus a few special surprises. It’s the perfect way to complete the holiday weekend.

Children ages 3-12 may come to this concert free of charge!*

*An adult ticket must be purchased in order to receive free a child ticket. For each adult ticket purchased one complimentary child ticket will be issued. **Please note that this special offer can only be purchased by calling 412.392.3324 by Wednesday, November 27 at 5 PM. Subject to availability. Not valid on previously purchased tickets or in conjunction with any other offer. Must mention promotion when ordering to receive discount.
As the main resource for English as a second language (ESL) support at the University of Pittsburgh, the English Language Institute (ELI) provides an intensive ESL program for students from abroad, support courses for international students at the University, ESL testing and placement for the University, and courses designed to meet the needs of internationals in the greater Pittsburgh community (TOEFL Prep, Pronunciation, Conversation, and more!).

Started in the Department of Linguistics in 1964, the ELI has grown to include a staff of 38 faculty and administrators and nearly 200 students in our program. With an increasing need for ESL courses and support, we outgrew our space in the Cathedral of Learning and in August moved to beautiful new offices in the Parkvale Building (at the corner of Forbes and Meyran) where we have hi-tech classrooms, a student lounge, and our very own Mac lab.

This semester the ELI has students in our program from 22 countries around the world -- Brazil, Italy, Croatia, Kuwait, Korea and beyond. We are proud to be a part of International Week 2013 and are looking forward to our students’ sharing their cultures with the rest of the University of Pittsburgh community.
The University of Pittsburgh's Global Studies Center (GSC) is one of 11 nationally recognized centers in international studies, as designated by the U.S. Department of Education. GSC was established in 2001 as a joint offering of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS) and the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA). The Center fosters global competence of students, educators, and members of the community at-large. GSC offers certificate programs in six areas of concentration:

- Changing Identities;
- Communication, Technology, and Society;
- Conflict and Conflict Resolution;
- Global Economy and Global Governance;
- Global Health; and
- Sustainable Development

The Center also initiates interdisciplinary and cross-cultural colloquia, seminars, and events; and research and grant opportunities for students and faculty.

GSC supports teaching and research around four major global themes that pose urgent and complex challenges in our world today:

- Global Economy
- Global Health
- Global Security
- Global Society

The themes are designed to promote more holistic learning while creating new and specialized forums for discussion and learning that break disciplinary boundaries in order to better address the causes and consequences and search for solutions arising from globalization.

GSC’s outreach program draws on the outstanding resources available at Pitt in order to provide resources and sponsor activities that enrich the intellectual and cultural life of K-12 students and teachers, university/college faculty, local business groups, and the Pittsburgh community in general. GSC’s outreach program offers six different types of resources: workshops, professional development, Act 48 Credit, lending library and resources, speakers bureau, and lectures.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

7th – Experience America Event – Winter in Pittsburgh and Staying Healthy
9th – Pitt Football Game vs. Notre Dame
13th-15th – NAFSA Conference, limited OIS services
16th – Pitt Football Game vs. UNC
21st – Experience America Event – American Holidays
22nd – Juliann Mehall’s Birthday!
27th – 29th – No classes
28th – 29th – University closed, no offices open
28th – Thanksgiving
29th – Pitt Football Game vs. Miami

December

2nd – Experience America Event – Dependent Tea & Cookie Swap
2nd – 6th – Travel Signature Week at OIS
6th – Last day of fall classes & ISB closes
15th – Residence Halls close
15th – Jan 5th – Winter Recess, no classes
23rd – Jan 1st – OIS closed for Winter Recess

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