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American University of Sharjah, Office of International Exchange Programs

Monthly newsletter December 2011

## Announcements and upcoming events

### International Youth Leadership Conference



The Office of International Exchange Programs (IXO), in collaboration with the Civic Concepts International, hosted a Leadership Day at AUS on Tuesday December 13, 2011, as part of the 1st International Youth Leadership Conference in the UAE. 50 university student delegates from all over the world attended. HE Miss Ameera Bin Karam delivered an inspiring keynote speech on Women and Leadership in the UAE, and Dr. Karen Young delivered a presentation on Challenges of Political Leadership and Civic Engagement. Delegates participated in regional presentations, toured the Center for Gulf Studies, and joined AUS faculty, staff and students for an ice cream social. The day was a huge success, and already we have received inquiries from delegates about the possibility of studying abroad and/or attending graduate school at AUS. IXO wishes to thank AUS colleagues and students for all of their assistance in welcoming these delegates.

### Yogyakarta International Music Festival Academy (YIMFA)

Travel to central Java's (Indonesia) most famous music and cultural heritage site to study at the YIMFA July 1st-12th, 2012. YIMFA hopes to give all participants a multi-focused understanding toward becoming better musicians. The festival is aimed at solo and collaborative pianists, choral, singers (operatic and musical theatre genres), young composers, and conductors.

Application deadline: January 15th, 2012. Total cost (airfare, hotels, meals, and excursions): \$1380 USD leaving and returning from DXB. See [www.yogyakartafest.blogspot.com](http://www.yogyakartafest.blogspot.com) or contact Dr. John Perkins [jperkins@aus.edu](mailto:jperkins@aus.edu) for further information.

### Annual holiday party!

The Office of International Exchange Programs (IXO) is hosting its annual holiday party, an event that is full of festivities, refreshments, gifts, good cheer, and the decorating of yummy Gingerbread Cookies. on Thursday December 22nd.

### Farewell BBQ and Mixer with Michigan State University (MSU)

This semester has gone by so quickly and, sadly, we will soon be saying a fond farewell to most of our beloved International students.

The office will host a Happy New Year celebration, a Farewell BBQ, and a Mixer with 23 Students, Faculty and Staff visiting from MSU on January 2nd.

## Study abroad and apply now for fall 2012

An exchange program allows students to take courses at any of our partner institutions in the US, Canada and Europe while paying AUS tuition and receiving AUS credit. Students can study abroad for up to 2 semesters and complete an internship after the end of the program. Students going to the US can find employment on campus during the semester.

Don't miss our information session on December 19th at 1PM in Lecture Hall B. Students are welcome to stop by MG43 or call 06 515 4027 to speak with a member of our staff. Information about and applications for all of our programs can be found on our website: <http://aus.studioabroad.com>

### Omar's semester at AU



Omar in the middle with his friends .

"I went to American University Washington DC to study for one semester as an exchange student. I had a good time from both perspectives academic and socializing. I have met friends from all over the world. We have visited lots of places in DC such as the White House, the Capital Building, the monuments, and much more places. In addition to that I have visited places outside Washington, DC. I have visited Pennsylvania state and New York state. All in all, my experience was amazing, and I would love to do it again and advise each student to try it."

### Thank you Khadija, we will miss you

"My job at the office has been the best experience of my four years at AUS. I am very grateful to my colleagues and boss for making it memorable."

Khadija is a business student and graduating this semester with a major in Finance. She plans on pursuing a Masters degree after her graduation. Thank you Khadija for all the great work that you have provided and we wish you all the success in your career life. We will miss you!