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This has been a year of significant accomplishment for EAP at UCSB. We launched a newly designed website in the fall that contains updated financial aid information, how-to instructional videos, and an alumni page. More study abroad scholarships were awarded to Gauchos than ever before, thanks to the generosity of alumni donors, supporters in the community, extramural grants and scholarships, and the UC-wide office of the Education Abroad Program. A Freeman Foundation grant was used to fund up to seventeen internships in China and Thailand, starting in fall 2013. The Griffiths Charitable Foundation of Santa Barbara helped make it possible for Gauchos to study in Asian countries, and UCEAP Lin-da Duttenhaver and Dan Wise scholarships supported twelve UCSB students enrolled in full-year EAP programs. In addition, UCSB ranked third in the country in the number of Benjamin A. Gilman scholarships awarded to students on Pell Grants who are studying abroad in fall and full year, 2013-14.

It was also a year of global travel for our office. Four EAP staff advisors were invited to participate in visits to program sites in Mexico, Denmark, Sweden, Israel, and Japan. These visits provide advisors with first-hand knowledge of their programs, which

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Becoming a Biologista
by Anastasia Quintana
(Costa Rica and Barcelona, Spain, ’12-13)

I am suspended 60 feet below the surface in a 3-dimensional environment of ocean and stars – stars which are actually small glowing organisms – and then, suddenly, I am debating Catalunyan independence in a bustling Universitat de Barcelona café. A blink of an eye later, I am sitting at the kitchen table back home, where it may seem as if nothing has changed. But for me, everything has changed. Despite the fact that two of the most life-changing experiences I’ve ever had are now over, I do not feel sadness. Instead, I feel hope. My experiences studying abroad in Costa Rica and Barcelona have charged my dreams with feasibility and direction, and I now move on to my future with a deepened sense of self. The most amazing part of studying abroad is how a general program like EAP can create something that is so deeply personal for each of its participants. In my specific case, the most important part of my study abroad experience was my opportunity to tie together biological field work and conservation.

As I sat in LAX at midnight on September 15, 2012, contemplating the next three months of my life in Costa Rica, I expected field work. I am a marine biologist and I was looking forward to the EAP program in Costa Rica, which focuses exclusively on tropical ecology. This program is an intensive 3-month adventure, trekking through rainforests, staying 8-people-to-a-room in remote field stations, and learning all about the biology of Costa Rica. One important part of the program is its focus on research; we had many eminent biologists present their research to us with PowerPoint presentations projected onto the wooden walls of the field stations, occasionally being interrupted when a tarantula would crawl across the projector. As the grand finale to the program, we conducted our own intensive research project. My project focused on bioluminescent plankton (plankton that light up at night when ag-
itated). “Why do they light up?” I wondered. “Why do we care?” you ask. These seemingly harmless plankton can have population explosions called “blooms” that kill coral reefs, cause toxic red tides, and accumulate in seafood, causing people to develop potentially lethal paralytic or neurotoxic shellfish poisoning. By understanding their basic ecology and processes, we can understand how to manipulate blooms. With this in mind, I collected the plankton at night in nets drawn behind a kayak. Each stroke of my paddle caused the water to glow and the complex shape of the plankton net lit up as it trawled behind me. For two straight weeks, all of the EAP students were obsessed with their research projects. One student spent all day, every day, in the cloud forest, watching monkeys and writing down their behavior. Another student did extensive fish surveys to see whether the protected marine areas were effective in helping the local fishery. What a unique field research opportunity for undergraduates!

What I did not expect from my Costa Rica experience, as I sat in LAX on the eve of my departure, was that I would get to work so closely with environmental conservation. My dream has always been to save the environment by using research to promote conservation policy and management, but I was always unsure whether this was a possible career path. However, our program director, Frank Joyce, is one of the most inspirational people I have ever met, and he is doing exactly that. He is an active researcher and he is also single-handedly funding an aquaculture project that he hopes will stop a Costa Rican town from overfishing its ocean and destroying the livelihood of all the fishermen. He will soon become the director of a massive conservation area. Working closely with him has made me realize that my dream could become a career.

And then Barcelona happened. The rain, the mud, the metallic purple beetles were gone, and instead I was thrown into big city life. I was immersed in a world of Spanish and Catalan, a place where a strong sense of identity and pride met with a vibrant and diverse international culture. For a time, I was happily lost amid the buses, the metro and the ferrocarril, the UHT milk and the bottled water. But at some point, I found my way back to research and conservation. I took biology classes, including one in marine ecology. Part of that class involved a week-long field trip to do – yes – marine research. Against the backdrop of the famous beaches of the Costa Brava, we measured urchin specimens, conducted predation experiments, and handled delicate oceanography equipment. We compared the ecology of marine protected areas and areas that were fished. I was, once again, doing research and conservation. I was living my dream on another continent!

In Costa Rica, I learned that my vision for myself, to become an influential environmental conservation researcher, could happen. In Barcelona, I felt it beginning to happen. Studying abroad is about being yourself and simultaneously becoming yourself as you almost watch yourself developing into the person you will be. Studying abroad is something that everybody should experience – not only for the enormity of cultural enrichment and the things you will learn about the rest of the world, but because, fundamentally, it helps you define exactly who you are.

**Anastasia will return to UCSB for her senior year after dividing her junior year between Costa Rica and Barcelona, Spain.**

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helps them recruit and advise students more effectively. I had the good fortune to participate in the UCEAP site visit to Japan in June, which was hosted by our partners at International Christian University, Meji Gakuin University, Doshisha University, and Osaka University in connection with the celebration of EAP’s 50th anniversary in Japan (inaugurated at ICU in 1964). In addition to meeting faculty and staff, we also were able to visit classrooms and talk with students about their experiences. One of the highlights for me was meeting a Japanese alumna from Osaka University who talked about how studying in California gave her greater freedom in selecting her career and that the greatest benefit she obtained was “learning to be okay with one’s own differences and with the differences in others.” This is the perspective that many of our own students gain as a result of studying abroad, integrating knowledge, skills, and personal experience in ways that prove to be life-transforming.

In remembering how much studying and living abroad made a difference in your life, I invite you to make a difference in the life of even just one of our students. Consider making a donation to EAP and paying your EAP experience forward with a gift that will last a lifetime.
I remember thinking to myself, “I will be fine” when the Ghana returnees emitted their warnings about the lack of running water, pesky mosquitoes, and the absence of American fast food during the pre-departure orientation three months before I left on my EAP adventure. However, there is a big difference between hearing about the difficulties of studying abroad and then experiencing them firsthand. The reality is that studying abroad in Ghana was challenging and pushed me completely outside of my comfort zone, but the rewards were well worth the struggle. After hand washing my laundry and taking bucket showers for ten months, I left Ghana with a new appreciation for the amenities that I took for granted in my life back in the United States. The decreased importance of technology allowed me to focus on face-to-face interactions and as a result, I developed strong personal connections. Although the slower pace of life in Ghana led to frustration at times, it also taught me to take a deep breath and live in the moment. Even though my time in Ghana may not have always gone smoothly, both figuratively and literally, the bumps I maneuvered abroad shaped me into a stronger, more confident individual with the tools to live in a culturally diverse world.

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I was just returning from Portugal, where the language was different, the people looked and acted differently and I was glad to be back in Spain, especially Sevilla, where the language and culture were my own. Suddenly a queer feeling ran from my gut up to my throat when I realized that during my whole year abroad I was as far away from home as I had ever been. Why did this strange city, foreign language and culture feel like home? I suddenly realized that after months of living in Spain and speaking in Spanish, I felt it was my home. The bus lurched to a stop in the bus port. I stood up and grabbed my bag. I was home.

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Helping All Gauchos Go Abroad
By Bob Grantham (Bordeaux, ’73–’74)

Like many other students fortunate enough to spend a university year abroad, the year I spent at the University of Bordeaux in the early 1970s remains to this day a very special time for me. As it turned out, I have now spent decades as a lawyer in downtown Los Angeles, mainly working on environmental, insurance, and business matters — with virtually none of it related to France or French culture. Still, my work has led in a number of foreign directions, notably Australia and Germany among others, not to mention the legions of foreign immigrants to the Los Angeles area whom I have dealt with for many years, mainly related to insurance problems. All of my business relationships have benefitted from the perspectives gained during the year I spent in France.

I therefore give to EAP because I think that no university student who wants to study abroad should be denied the chance because of money. The lifetime perspectives to be gained are simply too valuable.

For more information about giving to UCSB Education Abroad Program, please contact Jeanne Kearns at (805) 893-4991 or by email at jeanne.kearns@ia.ucsb.edu
Merci Beaucoup to You and You and You
By Logan Recchia (France ’12-13)

To all you generous donors who help Gauchos fulfill their dreams to study abroad, I say “thank you.” I write this as I sit in the back of Le Café des Arts, the first coffee shop I visited in Bordeaux, France. One year ago, I knew very little about Europe, about the French, and what exactly I planned to gain from this experience. What I did know, though, was that I needed to embrace this new opportunity. Ten months later, I’m glad I did. Last December, I reached out to UCEAP when my family experienced a financial crunch after my father lost his job of seventeen years at DreamWorks Animation. Because of the generous funding from the EAP Alumni Scholarship Fund, I was given the chance to stay in Bordeaux for a second semester. With the EAP emergency financial award, I was able to afford my own apartment. Cooking for myself became more enjoyable, as I could indulge in a nice plate of canard and try my hand at cooking up a gourmet dish. Many would laugh at the idea, but living abroad taught me how to cook, as meal plans were not available through the University of Bordeaux. My scholarship also helped pay for some travel. Out of all the regions throughout France that I visited, the most impactful was going to Normandy. Omaha Beach, the American cemetery, and the Bayeux tapestry -- all were mesmerizing. Walking down the beach, and thinking about the events that had unfolded 68 years before, it was emotional. A small antique bottle now holds sand from that beach on my desk, and I cherish this memory and the friends who were there with me.

Staying in France for a second semester abroad allowed me to strengthen my French. I could now go anywhere — a café, the bank, lecture courses, and the airport — and effectively communicate with everyone I met. My pronunciation improved from talking with my classmates and roommates, who sometimes taught me more about France and culture than my courses did. This fluency is truly surreal for me, as I never thought that I would speak a second language. Forcing myself, whether liking it or not, to continue learning the language allowed me to better understand everything from international law to French etiquette. My classes at the University of Bordeaux became more specialized as I transitioned from basic language classes with foreigners to major courses with French students. Studying anthropology and having an interest in international relations, I was able to discuss and uncover the reasoning behind the conflicted alliance of France and the U.S. with my roommates, host family, and friends.

I am so thankful for the scholarship funding from UCEAP. Cette expérience n’est pas la fin, mais le début. Merci.

EAP 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The first EAP program was in Bordeaux, France in 1962. This past fall eighteen of the original 82 students returned to Bordeaux and spent three days participating in university-organized events and reacquainting themselves with both the city and each other.

Bordeaux alumni, students, faculty and staff were able to exchange their experiences, compare how the city of Bordeaux has evolved over the years, and reflect on the life-changing events made possible by study abroad. See the UCSB EAP website (eap.ucsb.edu) for more on this special event.

The celebrations are continuing around the world as more study centers achieve the 50-year milestone. Check the UCEAP website (eap.ucop.edu) for events. Catch the EAP video specials created by UCTV Prime to celebrate the 50th anniversary (www.uctv/study-abroad/). One features Leslie Zomalt from the inaugural class to Bordeaux, another shows Gauchos Raquel Krach and Greg Massa (EAP England and Costa Rica) and how EAP has affected their lives.
After 12 wonderful years, Traceé Cunningham, Regional Advisor for Africa, the Middle East, the United Kingdom, Ireland, India and Barbados, left UCSB EAP in December 2012 to join her husband at his new job in northern California. Traceé touched the lives of countless students, faculty and staff, and was a tireless advocate for EAP. Please join us in wishing her all the best in her future endeavors!

Seeking All EAP Peace Corps Volunteers
UC Santa Barbara is among the top 10 colleges in the country sending the largest number of volunteers to serve in the Peace Corps. There are currently 76 Gauchos serving overseas. We know that many of these volunteers began their international living as undergrads on EAP. We would love to identify our EAP/Peace Corps alumni. If you are one or you know one, please contact the UCSB EAP office, 805-893-2958 or eapucsb@eap.ucsb.edu. Thanks! And thank you for your service!

EAP Photo Contest – These were the winning entries in our most recent student photo contest. See all the great entries on our website by clicking on Photo Contest on this page: eap.ucsb.edu/returnees.

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Pai, Northern Thailand
Carly Tansil, EAP Thailand

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