

The Office of Global Affairs welcomes you back to a new academic year!  
Below are highlights from some of our past and upcoming events and initiatives.

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## GSI and IEC Welcome Record Number of Students



This year, the Office of Global Affairs was delighted to welcome a record number of international students for both the 2019 Global Summer Institute (GSI) and Intensive English Center (IEC)!

*Photo: Global Student Ambassador gives a campus tour to GSI 2019 students.*

This summer, GSI received over 300 students from 15 countries and regions, a 60% increase from 2018.

All three GSI programs (Global Certificate, Global Academic, and Intensive English) saw record numbers of student enrollment. The Intensive English Program, run by the IEC, more than doubled their summer enrollment from the previous year, drawing the largest number of students in the program's 30 year history.

GSI, which began in 2017 as a new international student success initiative, promotes the acclimation, acculturation, and language preparation of newly admitted and conditionally admitted undergraduate students, and hosts short-term visiting international students from partner universities. This year, GSI also piloted a graduate-level conditional admission program with the College of Business.

Beyond academics, GSI students participate in a number of cultural activities to introduce them to life on campus and Long Island. Stony Brook students volunteered as [Global Student Ambassadors](#) to mentor and guide GSI students throughout the summer, as well as engage them in on-campus activities.

In total, more than one third of GSI students continued on in the fall to pursue full-time undergraduate and graduate studies at Stony Brook!

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## Mayor of Yokohama, Japan Comes to Stony Brook

# SPECIAL LECTURE

Office of Global Affairs

## Empowering Empathy and Grace in Leadership



**The Honorable Fumiko Hayashi**  
Mayor of the City of Yokohama, Japan

Monday, November 25, 2019  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Charles B. Wang Center Theater



Attend to win a \$500  
Study Abroad Scholarship!

The Office of Global Affairs (OGA) invites you to attend a special lecture by the Honorable Fumiko Hayashi, Mayor of the City of Yokohama, Japan.

As the first woman to be elected as mayor in Japan's second largest city, Mayor Hayashi has implemented extensive initiatives to promote economic growth, tourism and the arts, sustainable development, as well as women's empowerment. Prior to taking public office, Mayor Hayashi served as President of BMW Tokyo, Chairperson and CEO of The Daiwei, a large Japanese retailer, and President of Nissan Auto Sales.

Mayor Hayashi has been included in the Wall Street Journal's 50 Women to Watch, Forbes Magazine's World's 100 Most Powerful Women, and Fortune Magazine's 50 Most Powerful Women in Business: International.

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## Sustainability, Art, and Culture Combine in Cuba

by Dr. David Taylor, Assistant Professor and Cuba Program Director

On January 8, the [2020 Winter Sustainability Studies Abroad in Cuba](#) program will depart to spend two weeks studying the Complexities of Sustainability. The program features a newly revamped curriculum in partnership with local organizations, and students will have the opportunity to work directly with Cubans on organic farms, UNESCO Heritage sites, and neighborhood issues. They will also get involved with a clean-up or two along the way! (Spanish language not required.)



*Photo: Stony Brook study abroad students spend a day working on an organic farm in Cuba during the 2018 Winter Sustainability Studies Abroad in Cuba program.*

For a number of reasons, Cuba represents a wonderful case study for the value of using the natural history, arts, media, and cultural traditions as a means of encouraging

citizens to adopt environmentally sustainable practices. Since the 1990s, Cuba has been in the unique situation of being forced to address sustainable agricultural and environmental practices. Given the pressure to increase tourism to keep money flowing into Cuba, the need to reform industrial farming practices, and the need to address failing infrastructure after the end of Soviet assistance (called the Special Period), Cuba has made a number of dramatic decisions to move toward sustainability. As governments around the world have found, laws and incentives may do a lot to encourage changes in daily choices toward sustainability, and long-term change must use existing arts to make sustainability a part of culture.

"Studying abroad in Cuba is an eye opening experience for those who study sustainability, talk about sustainability, and preach sustainability, but only by choice," said Matt Desiderio, a senior in Sustainability Studies who participated in the 2018 Winter in Cuba program. "In Cuba there are no other options."

During the trip, we will visit multiple organic farms in Havana as well as in rural areas in western Cuba. On the southern coast we will visit Parque Nacional Cienaga de Zapata (a UNESCO site), the Bay of Pigs, Playa Larga. In the mountains to the east, we will visit Las Terrazas, Viñales, and spend the night in Pinar del Rio. During our time in Havana, students will have the chance to visit with Cuban writers and performers interested in environmental outreach and will tour important sites throughout the city.

"Going to Cuba was a transformational experience that highlighted the relationship between the United States and Cuba through candid discussion with everyday Cubans," said past participant Adam Creglia. "It gave me a unique perspective on the environmental challenges that face our world today and highlighted sustainable solutions to fighting climate change."

[Read more](#)

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## Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration



The China Center and Confucius Institute at Stony Brook University celebrated the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival on September 20 at the Charles B. Wang Center. Nearly 300 students, faculty, and staff attended the event, which featured interactive cultural demonstrations, performances, and traditional moon cake desserts.

*Photo: Students participating in cultural demonstrations at the 2019 Mid-Autumn Festival hosted by the China Center and Confucius Institute.*

The afternoon kicked off with Chinese international students and community members demonstrating Chinese calligraphy, painting, clothing, tea ceremony, and paper cutting. Attendees were able to try out each of these activities and take home their artwork.

The main event featured a Chinese Song Competition, during which student finalists performed their favorite Chinese songs on the Wang Center stage in front of a packed

audience. The competition had groups for native and non-native Chinese speakers, and prizes were awarded to the winners!

Congratulations to all students taking part in the competition, and a special thanks to our judges, Ms. Lingyan Zhou, First-Class National Singer in China, and Mr. Zhihe Wang, Art Director for the Long Island Voice Choir.

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## Global Affairs Highlights



### Honoring Two International Pioneers

OGA is saddened by the loss of two great leaders in international education at Stony Brook University, Dr. William Arens and Dr. Mario Mignone.

Dr. Arens served as Stony Brook's first Vice Provost for Global Affairs, was instrumental in bringing the Confucius Institute to Stony Brook, and founded the popular Tanzania summer study abroad program, which is still running today.

Dr. Mignone founded Stony Brook's longest running study abroad program to Rome, Italy, which operated for over 30 years.

Donations in honor of Dr. Arens can be made to the [Bill Arens Endowed Scholarship Fund for International Study](#). Those in honor of Dr. Mignone can be made to the [Center for Italian Studies](#).



### International Education Week Events

November 18 - 22 is International Education Week (IEW)! Join OGA as we celebrate Stony Brook University's global connections.

IEW is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

This year we've developed a number of events for students, faculty, and staff to promote international understanding and educational exchange. Test your world knowledge at International Trivia Night, join us for Around the World Sports at the Rec Center, and sample international candy at Passport to the World!

Visit the [OGA website](#) to learn more about all the IEW events!

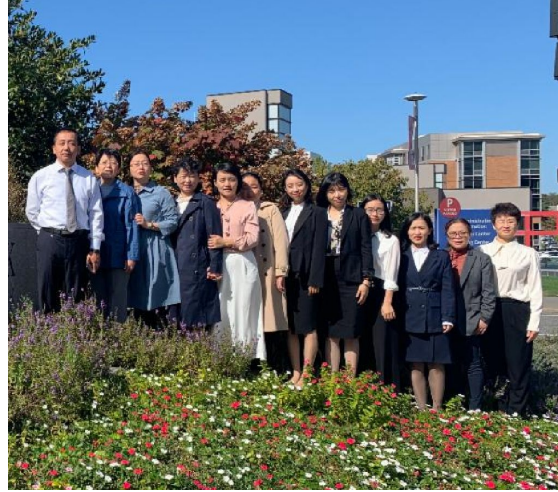


### **International Friends & Family Program**

Global Affairs kicked off the newly launched International Friends and Family Program (IFFP) with a welcome reception on August 28. IFFP seeks to build meaningful personal relationships that celebrate cultural diversity, engage students in American life and culture, and enhance the educational experience by connecting international students with members of the local community. Participants are given matching surveys to help establish mutually rewarding relationships.

Around 100 new international students, community members, faculty, and staff attended the event, participating in relationship building activities and taking photos with Wolfie. Guest of honor, Rhona Goldman, was presented with an Appreciation Award in recognition of her outstanding efforts and dedication to the Host Family Program, a community-based organization that shared IFFP's commitment to international student success, and IFFP members Dr. Dave Henson, Dr. Harold Metcalf and student Nam Nguyen shared personal reflections on how their experience with the program has positively impacted their lives.

For more information on the IFFP, including how to join, please visit our [website](#).



### **Global Training Programs**

This semester, the China Center is hosting two delegations as part of its Global Training Program, which provides short-term training and certificate programs for education institutions, businesses, and government agencies.

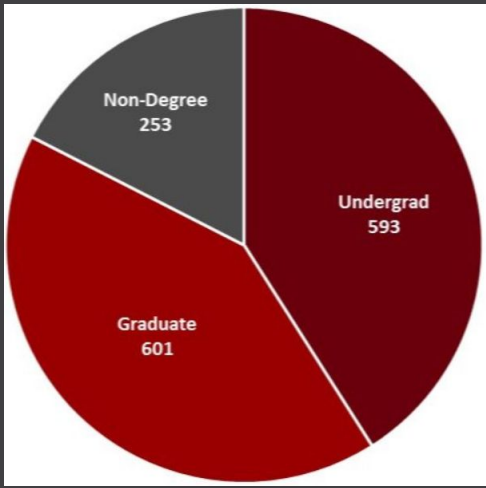
Partnering with the School of Nursing, the China Center provided a two-week comprehensive training program to a delegation of nursing professionals from Anhui Medical College. The group heard from nursing faculty on a variety of topics ranging from the health care system and policy in the U.S. to trends in nursing education. The delegation was able to participate in a classroom observation, tour a local health clinic, and have a discussion with a panel of Stony Brook nursing students.

In November, a delegation of health administrators from Henan Province will visit for a week-long program on how the U.S. health care system manages infectious diseases and public health initiatives. In addition to meeting with Renaissance School of Medicine and Program in Public Health faculty specializing in infectious diseases and public health, the group will also hear from the New York State Department of Health and Suffolk County Department of Health Services.

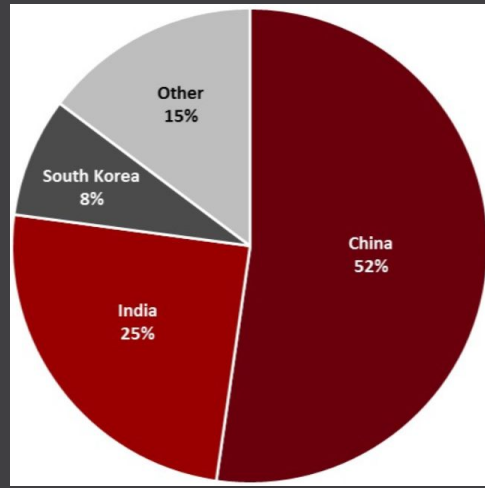
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## **International Stony Brook**

This fall, Stony Brook welcomed nearly 1,450 new international students to campus. Check out some statistics below to learn a little more about them!



**Academic Level**



**Country of Origin**