University Day Parade of Nations

From left: Daniela Nyssen and Naziba Hossain proudly display the flags of Mexico and Bangladesh
Colleagues and Friends,

The 2017-18 academic year was my first year as Dean and Vice Provost of UNT International and it has been a pleasure to work with the UNT-I team and faculty, staff, and students across the campus. I have been discovering the excellent international work that is occurring in UNT’s colleges, offices, and institutes and UNT-I will continue to look for ways to support these efforts. Working together, we can make significant progress in our goal to further internationalize our campus. I am pleased to share with you some highlights and accomplishments of UNT International.

- UNT had 2,293 international students from 121 countries in 2017-18 studying in its programs.
- Study Abroad numbers increased to 580 students, traveling to more than 25 countries.
- Student External Scholarships:
  - One UNT student earned a U.S. Department of State Gilman Scholarship to study abroad
  - Four recent graduates earned spots in the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Grants and Scholarships:
  - UNT International awarded more than $335,000 in grants and scholarships to students and $75,000 in Global Grants to faculty
  - The Study Abroad Office awarded $138,000 in study abroad scholarships
- The Intensive English Language Institute celebrated its 40th anniversary and enrolled a record number of students in its Kansai Gaidai program in Japan.
- International programming and events reached more than 1,700 students across campus, highlighting cultures around the world, opportunities abroad, and the value of international education and exchange.
- UNT delegation visits explored additional areas for collaboration in teaching, research and exchange with universities in China, Japan and Mexico.

It was our distinct honor to recognize Dr. James Kennedy with the Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education. We thank him for his tremendous dedication to international work through his global research and as a teacher willing to take students abroad through his “Tracing Darwin’s Path” study abroad program.

I look forward to the coming year and to continuing the collaborative work we have begun.

Sincerely,
Dr. Pia Wood
Vice Provost and Dean, International Affairs
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 2,293

- 92 Sponsored Students*
  - 19 Master’s | 73 Doctoral
- 329 Sponsored Students*
- 992 Undergraduate
- 1,301 Graduate
- 10 Non-Degree Seeking Students
- 501 Optional Practical Training participants gained valuable work experience in North Texas after graduation.**

TOP 5 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT UNT

- India
- China
- Saudi Arabia
- South Korea
- Oman

Students from these countries represent 57% of UNT’s international student population.

International students represented 121 countries in 2017-18.

1 out of 3 international students chooses to study in California, New York, or Texas

* Sponsored students are fully and partially funded by external agencies.

** Optional Practical Training is temporary employment that directly relates to an F-1 student’s major field of study.

TOP 5 COLLEGES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

1. College of Engineering
2. College of Business
3. College of Music
4. College of Science
5. College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
RETENTION AND SUCCESS

616 international students representing 61 countries around the world graduated in 2017-18.

209 bachelor’s | 326 master’s | 81 doctoral degrees awarded

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

UNT International awarded a total of $335,125 in grants and scholarships.

- 76 international students received a combined $300,000 in International Texas Public Education Grants
- 19 UNT students received a combined $19,000 in International Education Scholarships
- 11 international students received the Mexican Waiver allowing for in-state tuition
- 56 graduate students received a combined $16,125 in International Travel Grants

OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Nastaran Barhemmati

Nastaran Barhemmati, a Ph.D. candidate in Mechanical and Energy Engineering, is described by her peers as an energetic and magnetic student leader. She successfully founded and established the Iranian Student Association at UNT, has contributed to numerous cultural events highlighting Iran, and volunteers at every opportunity. Nastaran demonstrates professionalism and respect among her peers with journal publications and conference presentations around the world.

Dr. Jennifer Evans-Cowley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean, International Affairs congratulate students during the International Sash Ceremony.
UNT students earned spots in the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, one of the world’s most prestigious cultural exchanges. The program offers research, study and English teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent college graduates or current graduate students. International partnership is at the core of the Fulbright mission.

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS**

Karina Barbosa of Houston, Texas | Fulbright in TAIWAN  
Bachelor of Science, Ecology for Environmental Science, College of Science

Gabriele Canavan of Carrollton, Texas | Fulbright in GERMANY  
Bachelor of Arts, German and International Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Phillip Carnell of Denton, Texas | Fulbright in GERMANY  
Bachelor of Arts, German and International Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

David Oostenbrug of Carrollton, Texas | Fulbright in RUSSIA  
Bachelor of Science, Geography, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

**CHINA TRANSFER PROGRAM**

19 students graduated from the China Transfer Program in 2017–18.

Graduates of the the 1+2+1 China Transfer program earn two degrees - one from UNT and one from their home institution in China.

Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs, attended the 2018 graduation ceremony in Xi’an, China.
University of North Texas junior Sam Broadous won a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State. This scholarship allowed Broadous, who is majoring in Media Arts, to study abroad in London for five weeks through UNT’s Faculty Led Mayborn British Broadcasting program.

“Study abroad has helped me better communicate and work with others as well as being more open to new ideas and perspectives. The Gilman Scholarship made all of this possible.”

The Gilman Scholarship is a competitive, national grant program open to students receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to study or intern abroad.

“Study abroad allowed me to see things I have never seen before and helped me discover more aspects of myself.”

Peace Corps Senior Leadership from Washington D.C. traveled to Denton to celebrate the success of the newly launched Peace Corps Prep Certificate.

The Peace Corps Prep program provides a unique curriculum that gives UNT students a competitive edge when applying to the Peace Corps. The curriculum combines hands-on experience with relevant coursework.

Kristin Ringe, MA, LPC
Peace Corps Prep Certificate Coordinator
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40 Program Participants
9 Certificates Awarded
“I have become much more of a diverse artist as a performer, more knowledgeable in my career as a flute teacher, and more confident as a global citizen. I want to become a cultural bridge between UNT and different music academies and universities in Vietnam.”

Huong Le, Hanoi, Vietnam
College of Music Ph.D. Candidate, Flute Performance

“My mother raised me on her own after my father passed away. I grew to be faithful and compassionate with a love for poetry. I write poetry in 4 languages, and have placed at Burundi’s U.S. Embassy’s annual poetry competition in 2010 and 2011. I also appreciate reading, and watching documentaries, movies and the news. I now live in Fort Worth with my wife and daughter (she is one and a half). I am always curious and working to go further. I try to remember, ‘Those who don’t plan to win have already failed,’ and live my life in this way.

I will study a Master’s of Public Administration at UNT [after completing the Intensive English Language Institute program]. I am interested in working with civic governments.”

Ayubu Niyongabo, Burundi
IELI Student

“I would like to thank the UNT swim team for being my family away from home. UNT has given me a great opportunity to have an education overseas.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me along my journey here. The Mean Green pride will always have a place in my heart.”

Claudia Kitching, United Kingdom
Class of 2018
CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION

20 programs and events with more than 1,700 participants

CULTURAL PROGRAMS
Bahamas | Cameroon | Great Britain | India | Iran | Japan | Jordan | The Philippines | Spain | Taiwan

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Careers in Diplomacy | Fulbright | Internships Abroad | Peace Corps | Study Abroad

INTERNATIONAL SASH CEREMONY
More than 80 students participated in the ceremony to celebrate graduation

PARADE OF NATIONS
More than 100 students participated in the Homecoming and University Day flag parades
CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDED TO DR. JAMES KENNEDY

Dr. James Kennedy is a Regents Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of North Texas College of Science. He is Associate Director of the UNT Sub-Antarctic Biocultural and Conservation Program in Punta Arenas, Chile where he also serves as a visiting professor at the University of Magallanes. For the past twelve years, Dr. Kennedy has taught the course Tracing Darwin’s Path, traveling with students to the Puerto Williams and Punta Arenas areas in Chile to explore the discoveries Charles Darwin made on his famous expedition.

He was the recipient of a Fulbright award in 2009 and has received funding from the Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund in 2001 and 2013. Dr. Kennedy is recognized across campus for his leadership in student mentorship, research and international outreach.

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Exchange Scholars represented 31 different countries.

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80% of these Exchange Scholars are from:

- China
- India
- South Korea

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From left: Amanda White Bennett, Director of Global Engagement; Dr. James Kennedy, Regents Professor of Biological Sciences; Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs; Amy Shenberger, Director of Study Abroad
STUDY ABROAD

583 students studied in 25 different countries

Faculty Led Programs: 368 participants
Affiliate Programs: 122 participants
Exchange Programs: 35 participants
Field Trips: 58 participants

Sierra Rossing, Faculty Led Advanced Spanish in Puebla program, Mexico
**TOP 10 STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS**

1. United Kingdom  
2. Italy  
3. Spain  
4. Japan  
5. Multi-Country Programs  
6. France  
7. Costa Rica  
8. Germany  
9. China  
10. Ireland

**TOP 5 COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS FOR STUDY ABROAD**

1. College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
2. College of Business  
3. College of Science  
4. College of Health and Public Service  
5. College of Visual Arts and Design

**STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **UNT STUDY ABROAD OFFICE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
  381 Recipients  
  Awarded: $342,200

- **AFFILIATE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**  
  27 Recipients  
  Awarded: $65,300

- **NATIONAL AND EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS**  
  26 Recipients  
  Awarded: $138,000

- **$545,500 awarded to 434 recipients**

“Study abroad means getting a taste of another country’s academic experience; living the life of an international student and getting to be in someone else’s shoes for a short amount of time. It’s important to get a taste of what the college experience is like in other countries, the habits and lifestyles that people our age have in different places.”

— Annemarie Dunford, UNT Exchange University of Leeds, Spring 2018
163 agreements with 136 partner institutions in 32 countries around the world as of July 5, 2018.

Global partnerships facilitate the exchange of ideas and cultures and allow for important research and scholarship.

UNT Delegations attended the opening of a new global campus at Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata, Japan, and met with Universidad Autónoma de Estado de México in Mexico to discuss research partnerships, student mobility and scholar exchange.

3+2 PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Kunming University of Science and Technology, Kunming, China
Computer Science & Computer Engineering

Xi’an University of Science and Technology, Xi’an, China
Hospitality Management

Wuhan Textile University Wuhan, China
Merchandising

Zhejiang Sci-Tech University, Hangzhou, China
Merchandising

Donghua University, Shanghai, China
Merchandising

Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing, China
Computer Science & Computer Engineering
Hospitality Management

Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi’an, China
Collaborative Academic Agreement for MS+PhD program
494 reported global engagement activities in 56 countries around the world.

TOP 10 DESTINATIONS FOR UNT FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

CANADA 35
MEXICO 31
FRANCE 30
SPAIN 23
UNITED KINGDOM 47
GERMANY 23
ITALY 32
CHINA 58
JAPAN 20
INDIA 41

FACULTY
327
STAFF
43
GRADUATES
101
UNDERGRADUATES
23

ACTIVITIES BY COLLEGE

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences 95
College of Science 63
College of Music 61
College of Engineering 57
College of Information 46
College of Education 43
College of Health & Public Service 29
College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism 26
College of Visual Art & Design 20
College of Business 11
Mayborn School of Journalism 2
UNT’s on-campus program enrolled 104 students this year.

These students represent 85% of IELI students.

IELI celebrates 40 years.

"IELI is proud to play a role in promoting global understanding and fostering personal and professional relationships at UNT."

UNT’s Intensive English Language Institute celebrated its 40th anniversary with a reception in the Union Art Gallery in November 2017. IELI is the longest-standing program of its kind in North Texas and one of the most prestigious programs for learning academic English in the United States.

More than 15,000 students have completed the intensive English language program at UNT. Thousands of these students continued on to graduate with UNT degrees. Many students continue to live and work in Denton and the Dallas-Fort Worth region. One former student is a current adjunct professor in the UNT College of Visual Arts and Design.

"IELI’s mission is to provide the highest quality English language instruction and services for international students who want to pursue degrees at UNT. We are passionate about our work because international students add value to the educational experience of American students," Carol Ogden, Intensive English Language Institute.

Kansai Gaidai On-Campus Program in Japan

More than 300 students.
12 Instructors | 1 Coordinator

IELI conducted nearly 100 state-mandated proficiency evaluations for UNT’s International Teaching Assistants and Fellows at UNT, and provided supplementary training workshops on pronunciation and presentation skills.

IELI instructors designed and delivered English language courses to 50 students in experimental classes at Dalian Jiatong University in China.
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