

## Global Education Network Strategic Planning Conference

Kirkwood was proud to host the Global Education Network (GEN) Strategic Planning Conference at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center during the week of June 24, 2019. Presidents, administrators, faculty, and staff from Box Hill Institute in Melbourne (Australia), Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in Calgary (Canada), and ITE – Singapore visited Kirkwood and met to discuss the GEN strategic plan for 2019 – 2021. Many of the planned events for the conference participants highlighted Cedar Rapids and the surrounding areas during their week long stay.



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### Student Reminder

A reminder to all students that Kirkwood is currently observing summer hours. This means the campus is only open until noon on Fridays. If you need to meet with anyone on campus on Fridays, you will need to make sure to go before noon. Offices are still open until 5:00pm Monday through Thursday.

## **FUN things to do in the Cedar Rapids Area**

► **June 24th thru July 4th – Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival** ➔ Join the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival for fun events. See [freedomfestival.com](http://freedomfestival.com) for details.

► **July 4, 11, 18, & 25<sup>th</sup> – Five Seasons Ski Team** ➔ The Five Seasons Ski Team performs a FREE show every Thursday night at Ellis Park in Cedar Rapids, June through Labor Day.

► **July – Cedar Rapids Kernels Baseball** ➔ Cedar Rapids Kernels offer an exciting and wholesome family environment for people of all .

► **July – Indian Creek Nature Center** ➔ Whether you come here to hike scenic trails, see a concert , a yoga class, or let your children play in the outdoor classroom, we know you'll want to come back again and again.

► **July – Downtown Farmers Market** ➔ The first and third weekend of the month. Come and shop for fresh produce and other vendor items enjoy the music and excitement.

## **F1 Student Features**

- If you are traveling during the Summer vacation, don't forget to stop by the International Programs office or Iowa City One Stop to get a travel signature on your I-20. This should be done at least one week before you leave.
- The International Student Leadership Team will be adding new members this Fall! If you are interested in learning more, stop by the International Programs office and talk to Shannon.
- Register for Fall classes NOW! Classes are filling quickly and desired times are being taken. Summer is in full force now but those 8 am classes might not feel so good once Winter hits!

## **Kirkwood Selected for Virtual Exchange Program**

### **International program to build global competencies and career readiness skills**

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (June 25, 2019)-Kirkwood Community College has joined a consortium of post-secondary education leaders for a virtual exchange program intended to give 3,000 students career readiness skills through a business competition across the United States, Jordan and Iraq.

Selected to participate in the fall 2019 International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge, Kirkwood will join 12 other academic institutions from around the world. The program is supported by the Stevens Initiative, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. It's funded by the U.S. Government and administered by the Aspen Institute.

"Students in this program will learn important lessons that they can apply all over the world," said Dawn Wood, Dean of Kirkwood's International Programs. "As the world gets more technologically advanced, it becomes much smaller. Business is now increasingly done on a global scale and students need the skills they will develop because of this exciting project."

The Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge connects students in the United States, Jordan and Iraq to virtually collaborate on a sustainable solution to a contemporary business challenge. Bi-national teams engage during a six to ten-week period to create a sustainable business solution to a challenge identified by industry partners across business sectors. Throughout the challenge, participants will develop workforce skills, network with industry professionals and participate in a virtual career fair.

The program will include five separate cohorts beginning this September and continue through spring 2021



The month of June was a busy month for study abroad, as over 30 students, faculty, and staff completed study abroad programs. Here are some highlights:



The **Layers of Rome** group in Italy was led by faculty leaders Renee Schlueter and Scott Samuelson. This study abroad experience is one of Kirkwood's longest standing faculty led programs. This year the students explored all the sites of the Eternal City, guided with literature, philosophy, history, and art, as well as, excursions to Florence and Pompeii.



The **Italy, Culinary Arts Group** led by Chef Anthony Green and Michael Barshis completed a 3-week course in Florence, Italy with Florence University of the Arts (FUA). Students either took a Traditions of Italy course, or they completed an internship at Ganzo, FUA's on-campus restaurant.



The **Morocco Service-Learning** group worked in Azrou, Morocco with partner Cross Cultural Solutions. The program was led by faculty leader Shelby Myers, along with Kirkwood Global Service Awardees, Jenna Hunt (One Stop) and Eliot Blake (English). You can read and see all about their time abroad in the course blog: <https://teammoroccokirk->

## **Alumni Spotlight**

### **International Student Alumni of the Month**



**Katia Torres** is this month's International Student Alum! Katia is from El Salvador and studied at Kirkwood from 2016-2018. She worked on her Liberal Arts degree before transferring to Mt Mercy University in Cedar Rapids where she is entering her senior year and majoring in Accounting. While at Kirkwood, Katia was involved in the

International Student Leadership Team on the Iowa City campus. This experience helped her to get a job in International Admissions at Mt Mercy. Katia said that the best parts of Kirkwood are, "staff and professors are very friendly and always willing to help the others, the diversity on campus made me more open minded about getting to know people from different cultures and the quality of education. The classes I took at Kirkwood helped me build a strong foundation for the classes I take now." When asked about the main differences between Iowa and El Salvador: the weather, the geography and the language!

### **Study Abroad Alumni of the Month**



**Harrison Bontrager** is this month's study abroad alumni. Harrison is from Kalona, Iowa and studied Interior Design at Kirkwood. While at Kirkwood, he participated in the Interior Design study abroad program to Italy in 2017 and again to Australia in 2018. He said time spent in Australia and Italy "helped me realize other

cultures and places are accessible". Throughout this experience he gained confidence in his skills and broadened his perspective in a global degree. After graduating from Kirkwood, Harrison transferred to another school where he received a Bachelor's Degree. While in Australia he was offered a Junior Designer position at an interior architecture firm and after completing his education in the U.S., he decided to accept the offer. Harrison now lives in Sydney, Australia working as an Interior Designer in the Hospitality & Luxury Residential Sector at Alexander & Co.

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# GENERAL INFO

## Iowa City

### Iowa City Resources for International Students

Kirkwood students in Iowa City, if you would like to practice speaking English informally with a conversation partner or small group there are opportunities for you. Please go to the website for [community resources](#) with opportunities listed.

### International Advisors at Iowa City Campus

Schedule of dates advisors will be on Iowa City Campus

July 2 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

July 3 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

July 9 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

July 10 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

July 16 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

July 17 — 8:00am — 1:00pm

July 23 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

July 24 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

July 30 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

July 31 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

### Community Resources

Have questions regarding the resources available to the community at the Iowa City Campus?

#### Please contact

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#### Contact us

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Iowa City, IA 52240

#### Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

## Cedar Rapids

### Info for Cedar Rapids City Bus Users

If you're waiting for the bus and wonder where it's at, simply go to [Ridecrt.com](http://Ridecrt.com). Click on the route number and an arrow will show exactly which street or intersection your bus is at.

Please remember, that you may ride the bus on routes **7** and **11** for free when you show your Kirkwood Eagle card with the bus sticker on it.

**The bus is FREE on Saturdays.**

### Global Spotlight

Kirkwood's International Programs will be featuring a different country each month for our "Global Spotlight". This is an opportunity for our international students to showcase their country and its culture. International students will be able to organize events, display cultural artifacts, and help to educate others about their country. Students are encouraged to participate and be a part of this community enriching activity.

For more information about Global Spotlight call Jane Ann Rix at:

319-398-7663 or email to  
[jane.rix@kirkwood.edu](mailto:jane.rix@kirkwood.edu)

## Mentor Families

If you are a new or continuing international visa student and are interested in finding a mentor family,

contact Shannon Ingleby at 319-398-5293 in the International Programs office for information.

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