Julie Haun, the director of the IELP, traveled to Vietnam from October 18th through October 28th. She joined the Governor of Oregon as part of a Study Oregon event in Hanoi that included a presentation by the Governor, Julie, and student alumni.

Julie also visited many universities in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City where she met with representatives to discuss their English Language Programs and opportunities for Vietnamese students to study in Portland.

Julie met with representatives from:
- Hanoi University
- Foreign Trade University
- the Academic of Policy and Development University of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Eastern International University

Julie will be back in Vietnam in March of 2016. If you wish to contact her, please email dbjh@pdx.edu

This summer we successfully completed our first Summer Communication and Culture program. We had students from all over the world participate in this program, including: Brazil, Japan, China, Korea, Thailand, and Saudi Arabia.

Here’s to hoping next summer will bring us more wonderful, diverse students to this program.

To find out more about this program, please see our website: Summer Communication and Culture Program
Alumni Stories

Samudra Kugel and an SCCP Alumni
Samudra Kugel, Associate Director of Outreach and Admissions, went to Japan this summer. She visited Hosei University and was able to meet with a Hosei University Alumni of our 2015 Summer Communication and Culture Program.

Ayman Khalifa and Family
Ayman Khalifa, a recent PSU graduate, began his studies in the IELP in the winter of 2011. He very fondly remembers his first day in the IELP front office, which he calls a “family oriented environment where he didn’t feel like a stranger.

“The IELP provided me with foundational skills to becoming a successful student at PSU”.

Ayman graduated with a B.A. in Advertising Management and Marketing. Feeling welcomed in a foreign country was so important to him that he wanted to help provide the same experience to other international students, so he joined the IELP front office team.

Now his goal is to go back to his home town Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he would like to open his own restaurant.

Cooking has become one of Ayman’s passions. He says he couldn’t have done it without his wife, Nasren.

“Behind every successful man there is a woman.”

His biggest hope is still to one day come back to the U.S. and open a restaurant here.

Good luck, Ayman!

Yasir Saeed & Maysoun Hameed
We also caught up with Yasir and Maysoun, two IELP and PSU Alumns from Iraq who recently got engaged! Congratulations!

Both of them studied in the IELP from 2012 to 2013. Yasir is currently working on his thesis in preparation to defend it in November. Good Luck! Maysoun, on the other hand, is currently a Ph.D. candidate and is working with Professor Moradkhani. She is also a TA for the CEE department at PSU. They plan on going back to Iraq after Maysoun is finished with her Ph.D. program.

When asked how they met, they replied that they had met only once in Iraq when they were both signing for their scholarship. Then, they got to know each other in Portland.

Congratulations again on the engagement and good luck to the both of you with your studies!
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