Message from Jean D’Arc – Dean of OIEGI

Dear BC Community,

The culture of the OIE is shaped by a sincere desire to work as partners with all members of the BC community to help make internationalization efforts at Bellevue College a reality. Our office works closely with faculty and staff, embassies, U.S. government offices, international public and private organizations, and colleagues at other institutions, to advocate, promote, and facilitate international exchange and cooperation.

In the fall of 2014, we launched an aggressive reorganization effort to align the Office of International Education and Global Initiatives to both the college mission and the President’s goals. This effort led to a development of new recruitment and marketing, outreach, and retention initiatives that will be rolled out over the next three years. It builds on the diversity and experiences of the OIEGI employees to establish new partnerships with embassies, educational foundations, language centers, international recruitment companies, local community leaders, foreign institutions of higher education, and both local and foreign high schools to create our own unique approach to deal with a very competitive international recruitment market.

As the result of these efforts, international student enrollment at BC has grown by 12% during the spring of 2015 and 14% for the summer of 2015. Student satisfaction went up by 73% for the first time in the history of international education at BC, and staff retention increased by 50%. Student retention went up from 64% in the 2013-2014 to 79% in the 2014-2015 academic year.

Underpinning our success is a team of diverse, dedicated, and experienced staff who work very hard to provide our students first class services. The support of the wider BC community who has provided a welcoming environment to our students has been another essential element. Our main objective over the next five years is to increase the number of students to more than 2,000, expand and increase study abroad and student exchanges, and establish new partnerships to open new opportunities for student and faculty exchange.

We are all looking forward to working for and with you.

Thanks,
Jean D’Arc Campbell
Dean of International Education and Global Initiatives
I have been actively working as an international educator for over 8 years. I have extensive experience in global outreach and communications and a varied background in the areas of international student admissions, marketing, recruitment, advising, student retention activities, specialized language and cultural immersion programs as well as international exchange visiting scholar programs.

I am a first generation college graduate, so I am a passionate advocate of the value of education. I strongly believe that higher education provides competencies that will last a lifetime. My goal is supporting international students in achieving their educational and career aspirations. I earned my Bachelor’s Degree in Global Studies and a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Washington. I speak fluent Korean, Japanese, English, and I am currently learning Chinese.

Meet Some of Our Outstanding Graduates and Learn Where They Are Headed Next

**SooKyun Park**
Hello, my name is SooKyun Park and I have over 20 years professional experience in the field of international sales and business development prior to entering higher education.

**SooKyun Park**

**Taylor Dalrymple**
Taylor started his global life as an international student in Canada, where he completed his Master’s in Sociology and quickly developed a passion for East Asian cultures and politics. When not preparing Canadian students for American university admissions exams, he could be found leading activities around the Toronto region with English language and exchange students.

To pursue his interest in the Chinese language and hone his teaching skills, Taylor moved to Taiwan in 2011. The travel bug bit him hard, leading him to explore as much of Asia as he could. This eventually led him to join a startup to promote Taiwan’s tourism opportunities to the English speaking world.

Now back in the US, Taylor brings his cultural curiosity to the Pacific Northwest and Bellevue College’s OIE.

Taylor has a Master of Arts in Sociology from University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Florida Atlantic University. Welcome Taylor!

**OIEGI Welcomes Two Newest Members of the Team**

**SooKyun Park**

**Taylor Dalrymple**

**Priscilla Hartono**
Indonesia

“Bellevue College has prepared me well for transferring to a four-year university. Not only are the academic programs top-notch in the state, outside class activities are numerous. I got to sharpen my leadership skills by participating in clubs and volunteering in various school events. I am thankful to my great teachers and supportive school environment, which have contributed to my success during my time in Bellevue College.”

Priscilla will be attending at UC Berkeley in Fall 2015.

**Hyesoo Suh**
South Korea

“I truly felt like Bellevue College was my home. The staff members at OIE are always willing to help and they welcome every single international student. I really want to recommend students to get involved with OIE. They became my new family, which was a great support for my successful transfer. In addition, the instructors at Bellevue College are very knowledgeable, inspiring and friendly. They understand how hard it is to study in English as an international student so they really try to help as much as they can.”

Hyesoo will be transferring to UC San Diego in Fall 2015.

**Thanh (Ryan) Phan**
Vietnam

“I love Bellevue College because it has great resources to support my academic success and excellent leadership opportunities for international students to get involved in. I’m thankful to all the help and guidance from the Office of International Education staff who motivated me to keep pursuing my academic dream. Thanks to their support, I’m accepted to one of the best engineering schools in the world.”

Thanh (Ryan) will head eastward and attend at Georgia Institute of Technology in Fall 2015.
Imagine finding pieces of Bellevue College (BC) influences in the associate degree programs in the Afghan higher education system five years from now. Because of BC’s strong IT and Healthcare program offerings, the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Center of International Education selected BC as one of four two-year institutions in the State of Washington to host a delegation of Afghan higher education officials for the study tour in early May. The UMass is the lead contractor for the USAID-funded project called the Afghanistan University Support and Workforce Development Program (USWDP). The USWDP is a five-year project involving many aspects of Afghan higher education reform, and this delegation is responsible for the establishment of associate degree programs for the first time ever in Afghanistan.

The group comprised of 13 visitors including two Chancellors from Kabul Medical University and Kabul Polytechnic University, eight deans and professors from Herat University, Nangarhar University, and Balkh University covering all regions of the country. The three senior officials of the USWDP accompanied the group to provide translation and logistical assistance. The primary goal of the tour was to provide the participants with knowledge and best practices in associate degree development as taught by community colleges, particularly in the fields of IT and Bio Medical Engineering Technology programs. The Office of International Education (OIE) led this study-tour and collaborated closely with a wide range of constituencies including the President’s office, Office of Instruction, IBIT and Health Sciences divisions, Workforce Development, Center for Career Connections, Faculty Commons, Student Programs, Food Services and Events. Thanks to Jody Laflen, dean of IBIT, we were able to incorporate a Q & A session with an IT Advisory Committee member from Microsoft at the main Microsoft campus. Though BC/OIE may or may not be able to see any tangible return on investment in the immediate future by hosting the group, we are truly honored to have been given an opportunity to contribute to the establishment of associate degrees in Afghanistan. Expansion of international education has been on President Rule’s radar in the last a few years. While increasing qualified international student enrollment remains OIE’s focus, it is not the only meaning of expansion. By being a goodwill ambassador and putting our great college’s name out in the international education community is also essential part of expansion.
2015 Summer Short-Term Customized Programs

Did you know the Office of International Education (OIE) and English Language Institute (ELI) host over hundreds of short-term customized students throughout the year?

Are you interested in hosting the students?

They are non-matriculated students who come to BC to improve their general English skills by experiencing the rich diverse cultures of Seattle/Bellevue having firsthand living opportunity with local host families and through educational activities. Examples of educational activities and excursions include American Cooking lesson, local public high school visit, BC Early Learning Center visit, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation tour, and both the first Starbucks and one and only Starbucks Reserve and more!

Short-term customized programs are often a stepping stone for students to consider a long-term study abroad option. We hope to see these students come back to join the intensive ESL or associate programs!

OIE and ELI will host three groups back-to-back in August, total of 116 students and chaperones.

**GROUP 1**

Tezukayama Junior High School Program (aka TJ)

- Dates: August 1 – 11, 2015
- Size: 73, Japanese 9th graders and 7 teachers

*Note: We still need many more host families for this group!*

**GROUP 2**

Daito Bunka University (aka DBU)

- Dates: August 9 – 30, 2015
- Size: 20, Japanese university students and 1 staff

**GROUP 3**

Bunka Gakuen University (aka Bunka)

- Dates: August 21 – September 7, 2015
- Size: 14, Japanese university students and 1 professor

Most short-term groups come in summer; however, OIE and ELI host them throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a host family for a small stipend, teaching ESL, or simply willing to be a conversation partner, please contact Kazumi Hada in OIE at (425) 564-4068 or e-mail kazumi.hada@bellevuecollege.edu.

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**Some Updates About the International Business Professions (IBP) Program**

**IBP 51:** There are 49 students in Summer Quarter taking one on-campus class and a 220-hour observational internship. This is their final quarter at BC!! IBP students do a range of internships covering hospitality, sales & marketing, logistics, education, and many other areas. Great job IBP 51!!

The IBP Graduation Ceremony is early August for these stellar students, who first arrived September 2014.

**IBP 52:** There are 65 students registered for summer classes. Track A = 13, Track B = 52. Track A students will take the UP/ESL Challenge Test while Track B students will take IBP and Credit classes ranging from Accounting to Yoga!

**IBP 53 (Fall 15):** We are expecting about 45 students in Fall, but stay tuned, Deron just received another email from Taiwan and South Korea!