Fulbright EGSP Resumes In-Person for Summer 2022 after Two Years as Online Program

August 30, 2022

On July 16th, the English Language Center welcomed Fulbright scholars on campus for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020 and 2021, the English for Graduate Studies Program (EGSP) was held online, and attended by approximately 100 Fulbright scholars each July and August. This year, the program was finally able to resume in-person activities, and the ELC was excited to host 23 Fulbright scholars from all over the world.

The English for Graduate Studies Program is a three-week pre-academic training program at MSU. The scholars, who were accepted to master’s and doctoral programs at a number of different universities in the United States, came from more than 19 countries. EGSP included coursework focused on refining their oral and written communication skills needed for graduate work. In addition, they attended seminars on U.S. academic culture, higher education institutions, healthcare, police interactions, sexual discrimination, research practices, and key relationships in academia. The program also included extracurricular activities to assist with the Fulbright Scholars’ adjustment to American life and culture. They visited Chicago, the Michigan Capitol, Henry Ford museum, Lake Michigan, and attended a baseball game. The EGSP is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as part of its Fulbright Program and administered by IIE (Institute of International Education).

ELC Boosts Social Media Presence With Help from Intern

September 1, 2022

The ELC was fortunate to have an intern and graphic designer, Jaleigh Colón, to help add to our social media presence this summer. Jaleigh researched multiple peer intensive English Programs and other language centers to help us see new avenues to explore with the great work we do here. She also gave us the confidence to start some new ways of connecting with our partners, students, and colleagues, and the ELC has already expanded its social media reach. We have re-opened our Twitter account, added a brand-new Instagram account, reworked our Facebook page, and started a social media plan.

We would like to thank the College of Arts & Letters, the Excel Network (especially Maggie Harris), and Jaleigh for the amazing work this summer. For those who are not familiar with this college initiative, the Excel Network establishes and supports a holistic approach to experiential learning, career education, student advising, and alumni-student networking in the College of Arts & Letters to chart successful paths to meaningful careers. You can read more about their programming at https://excelnetwork.cal.msu.edu/. This year, units were able to post projects over the summer that needed creative and talented CAL students. Jaleigh was chosen from a pool of very skilled applicants who were majors in multiple majors across CAL. We were grateful for this internship that was generously supported by the college.
ELC students visit the MSU Police Department

July 28, 2022

Capt. Dan Munford and Sgt. Kim Parviainen led the ELC group through a detailed tour of various police departments, gave them a chance to sit in the drivers seat of a patrol car, and let them try on tactical vests. It was a fun and informative morning!

Preparation for Academic Life (PAL) Returns

August 10, 2022

The 3-week Preparation for Academic Life Program (PAL) ran from August 1 to August 19 this summer. It included undergraduate and graduate students newly admitted for Fall Semester 2022. Covering topics such as Campus Life, American Classroom Culture, Campus and Community Resources, and emphasizing the academic aspects of spoken and written communication, the program helps new students gain American classroom experience and become familiar with the campus, East Lansing, and the Greater Lansing areas. It also helps them make friends and establish a support system before classes begin. Here's to our new Spartans!

Listen to this!

June 11, 2022

Ever wonder where those voices you hear on a listening test come from? It just might be someone from the ELC! Here, two faculty members, Mark Albee and Ann Letson, record some new dialogues in a professional recording studio with help from our friends in MSU Broadcasting Services.