

The ELC GLOBE

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ELC Faculty Mentor Visiting Scholars from Kazakhstan

March 16, 2023

In August of 2022, the ELC faculty welcomed and then mentored 5 visiting scholars from Kazakhstan who are part of a MSU/Bolashak Pedagogical Innovations for University Instructors program sponsored by the MSU College of Education and funded by the Bolashak Foundation in Kazakhstan.

During their time with us, the faculty provided the mentees with avenues for learning about teaching in our discipline as it is practiced at MSU, and they also provided insights into the professional life of faculty at the English Language Center. Throughout the mentoring experience, the ELC faculty also provided support on a capstone project that each visiting scholar was engaged in. While each mentoring experience varied according to the interests of the faculty member and the visiting scholar, there was a strong professional connection formed by the end of the experience.



The mentorships concluded during Spring Semester 2023 with a lovely dinner and farewell ceremony at MSU's University Club. We wish these wonderful visiting scholars the best as they return home. Safe travels!

First Pitch by ELC Director

April 19, 2023

ELC Director Dr. Dustin De Felice was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch at the Military Appreciation Baseball Game. The Michigan State Spartans hosted the Western Illinois Leathernecks. As part of this important event, the crowd was treated to a visit by the Rolling Thunder, an inspirational song and the National Anthem by Kelly Trudell, and this first pitch!

Dustin was so thankful for the opportunity, and he felt it was such an unbelievable honor, and the team, MSU marketing, MSU Athletics, and the whole crew were just wonderful! He especially wants to thank the Student Veteran Resource Center, the Veteran Outreach Committee at MSU, Patrick Forystek, Director of the SVRC, Kathie Elliot, MSU Human Resources, Allison Zwarka, Assistant Director of Marketing & Fan Engagement, and Taylor Kayer, Graduate Assistant, Marketing & Fan Engagement. His pitch wouldn't have been complete without Trent Farquhar catching the ball!

Dustin said, ***It was such a special moment for me after having served for four years in the U.S. Coast Guard so many years ago. I don't think my younger self would have ever believed that I would be given the chance to stand on the field and throw the first pitch for such an impressive baseball team. The team, the marketing staff, and the fans made this a very special day for this veteran. I will make sure to share this appreciation with all veterans and the military community at MSU. Go Green!***



Welcome back Brazil PDPI!

February 26, 2023

The ELC was so happy to welcome back Brazil PDPI (Programa de Desenvolvimento Profissional para Professores de Língua Inglesa nos EUA) after a 3 year break. Brazil PDPI is a six-week English language certificate program for in-service English teachers from Brazil administered by IIE and funded by CAPES. The program consists of English language study and practice in Teaching English as a Foreign Language methodology, as well as exposure to U.S. culture and society.

During their time at MSU, the PDPI teachers got to visit local public schools, attended an MSU Hockey game, snow tubed at Hawk Island Park, and made trips to Detroit, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois.



Fulbright Pre Academic Program (PAP) 2023



August 10, 2023

The MSU English Language Center hosted its 6th cohort of the Fulbright Pre-Academic Program (PAP) from July 9 to August 5, 2023. Thirty-nine participants from twenty-two countries took part in PAP, and over the course of the four week program, they brushed up on their oral communication skills and academic writing skills to prepare them for their upcoming graduate studies in the U.S. In addition, the ELC collaborated with the MSU Police; Office for International Students and Scholars; Prevention, Outreach and Education Department; and Office of Admissions to provide campus and academic culture seminars. During the program, the Fulbright grantees had opportunities to visit the Michigan Capitol, Chicago, Saugatuck and Lake Michigan, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and Detroit.

This activity was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as part of its Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international exchange program supported by the people of the United States and partner countries around the world.