Learn more about Schiller International University Heidelberg in the November edition of our newsletter.

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Schiller celebrates first combined Open House / Career Day

What a day! Schiller International University Heidelberg partnered with regional and international enterprises to connect with students, showcase their company’s services, and build valuable relationships during our Career Day on November 10th, 2017. Companies such as SAP, PwC, Teach First, Heidelberg Cement, Caterpillar Energy Solutions and Matchrider among others set up their display throughout our campus and interacted with students and guests while showcasing products and services. Within our popular workshop sessions, business experts provided trainings in the application procedure and resume writing.

Another favorite element of the day was the Open Stage with interesting lectures from business coaches and alumni – all open to the public.
It's that time of the year: Student Council Election at Heidelberg campus

Student Council Election for Heidelberg campus started on November 14th: All students can now vote for their candidates. Please visit Leili Erfanian at the library to learn more about the candidates and make your vote. Dates for voting are from November 14th to November 20th.

On November 20th, the voting booth will be closed - so please submit your votes before then.

After the last day of voting, Tanja Ward, Campus Director, as well as the Student Council Advisor, the Librarian and a representative of the Student Council are counting the votes. The result will be announced at the Winter Ball on November 26th.

We are looking forward to a great year with new students at the helm!

Thanks to all guests as well as our incredible staff and student helpers for making this Open House / Career Day a success.
Winter Ball 2017
Get your tickets now!

Celebrate another successful year at Schiller International University Heidelberg! The chosen venue is Level 12 with stunning views of the city. Entrance will be at 6:30 pm, followed by reception and dinner, speeches and dancing. Join us for one of the best nights of the year!

Winter Ball Program

7:00-7:30 pm
Guests will arrive and be seated.

7:30-7:45 pm
Speeches made by Mrs. Ward and SIU SC President Sameer Kahn

7:45-9:00 pm
Dinner Served 3 course meal

9:00-10:00 pm
Announcement speech of the 2018 SIU SC President, Vice President, and Treasurer plus Incoming President and Treasurer speech

10:00 pm-1:00 am
Floor is open to guests
Ask the university director

Tanja Ward, Schiller International University Heidelberg’s new campus director invites dialogue. She encourages the university's staff and students to ask her any questions they like her to answer. This can involve the work of the administrative divisions or her approach to different challenges facing Schiller International University. Please send your questions to corinna.pape@sponsort.de. By November 29th and read Tanja Ward’s answers in the December edition of this newsletter.

Is the curriculum at Schiller changing every semester and conducive to learning?

Every curriculum is part of an educational program, which is written by the institution or ministry of education and determines the courses and learning progress. For most of our Bachelor programs, the curriculum includes required “General Education Courses”, required “Core Courses” and “Electives”. The Master programs are shorter and therefore don’t leave as many options for choices, such as “Electives”. The curriculum of each program is part of the catalog.

Due to our flexible system and monthly intakes, the registrar outlines an academic plan with each student. That’s the reason for individual schedules which might leave the impression of changing curricula. Conductive to learning are, in addition, the field trips and company visits our faculty plans for our students, e.g. trips to BASF, SAP, John Deere, or to Brussels, etc.

How is the guest faculty exposure at Schiller?

Schiller’s faculty exists of full faculty members, as well as adjunct faculty members. That way, we combine research with practical knowledge and experienced lecturers.

In addition, we invite guest speakers to individual courses, talking about a related topic, or to a mixed group of students, offering workshops, or company presentations.

We are encouraging our alumni to return to their alma mater to tell our current students about their time at Schiller and further career path.

Last Friday, during our first combined “Career Day / Open House”, students had the opportunity to participate in several workshops with company representatives, and further company presentations.

Achieve your goals every month

Thanks to Schiller’s unique monthly-intake system, you can start your education at any time of the year. You don’t have to wait for traditional semester starting dates. Every month there’s a new start at Schiller.

The next dates are:

- November 27th
- January 8th
- February 5th

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Meet our students

At Schiller International University, you get a great academic based education, a chance to obtain a dual degree in Europe and the U.S. – and you’ll experience an array of cultural diversity and meet many students from around the world.

»Cheung, tell us more about yourself.«

I am Cheung Ahfook and I am a senior undergraduate here at the Schiller International University Heidelberg Campus. I am majoring in International Business. My goal after graduating is to seek employment.

»Where did you grow up?«

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. To be exact, I grew up in a city called Paramount, which is located within LA County.

»Why did you come to Schiller?«

I wanted to study business but I wanted to study in Germany, so a friend told me about an American university called Schiller International University in Heidelberg, Germany. So I contacted Schiller Heidelberg and spoke to James Sorenson, who gave me information about all the degree programs that Schiller offers. I really liked the system that Schiller has for their students and the Business Degree program they offer, plus the faculty is very professional and approachable. Two and a half years later here, I am almost done.

»What was your biggest learning so far?«

The biggest learning experience I can say that I had from attending Schiller is that having initiative, motivation, and the will to complete tasks and/or projects will lead to success.

»What projects are you currently working on?«

The project I am currently working on is facilitating the Winter Ball for November 26, 2017.
Career goals

Many of our alumni have embarked on successful career paths. Meet Erminio Fina in this edition to learn about his journey.

My name is Erminio Fina and I am a commodity broker. In 2003 I founded and am the current CEO of ErMats International Foods, a brokerage firm that exports agricultural commodities worldwide. Today, through our firm, we serve over 100 companies, among them, some of the most renowned canning and packaging companies worldwide. We are very proud that each year, through our exports, over 20,000 Metric Tonnes of nourishing and healthy foods are distributed to the world’s population. I grew up in Italy, very happily playing soccer every day, until the age of 12, when that lazy bliss turned into adventurous excitement.

My father, a biochemist, had earned a teaching position at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA, where we moved. By the time I graduated from high school at the age of 18, my father again determined our next move, this time he had taken a position as a researcher at the Max Plank Institute, in Heidelberg, Germany. It was then that Schiller International University came into the picture. In hindsight, it couldn’t have been a better choice for me, already a citizen of the world, Germany only increased this notion and Schiller was the best venue to sharpen the ideals of the global man. Germany then, as still today, functioned as the centre of the globalized economy, not only because geologically it is at the epicentre of Europe, but mainly because a real melting pot of worldwide entrepreneurship could be found there.

This could not be more true of Schiller International University and Heidelberg, where all the kids of this new world gravitated around. Needless to say, when you are surrounded by such diverse people; including students, teachers and staff and all are bound to learn and/or perfect a trade, you can only be inspired. Nothing can teach you more than the inspiration of something greater than you, which then shapes your determination. After my Bachelor of Business Administration at Schiller University (1983-1987), I went on to pursue a Masters Degree in International Business from the University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, USA. I received my Doctorate, Cum Laude in Economics from the Universitat di Bologna, Italy.

My Doctoral thesis ‘A Test of Internalization Theory and Internationalization Theory: The Upjohn Company’ was published worldwide by Management International Review and has been referred to by numerous academic researchers and was selected as one of the Financial Times Best 30 Articles.
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Model United Nations
every other Wednesday from 3 pm to 5 pm in Classroom 3

SIU MUN Club
every Tuesday 8-10 pm, Bergheimerstrasse 58 campus

Highlights from last month

Schiller opens its doors to seniors
Great is the thirst for knowledge from retired Germans – as so-called guest listeners or as fully enrolled students – that many universities now offer specialist courses for elderly students.

Schiller International University Heidelberg participated in a local do-good project last weekend and opened the doors of its library to elderly people.

This project is an example of a growing interest in private higher education in Germany. Thanks to everyone for taking part in our orientation tour about how to use the SIU library and its services.

Introducing Schiller to prospective students
Is an international Bachelor or Master at Schiller your passport to the business world? We think so. The Open Fairs at Stuttgart High School and Kaiserslautern Military Schools gave us an opportunity to introduce our programs to prospective students. We cherish all the One-to-One meetings we had this week with dedicated candidates specifically interested in business programmes in Management, Marketing, and Finance. Prospective students had the chance to meet directly with our admissions director and school representatives.