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Schiller International University Heidelberg wants all students to maximize their time abroad. On the last weekend of August we invited our International Business and International Relations and Diplomacy students to a trip to the stunning island of Mallorca: What better than enjoying the Spanish summer breeze, celebrating with students and staff and making amazing memories together? Read more about this year’s unforgettable summer break here.

The trip to Mallorca was an experience full of anticipation, excitement, and relaxation. It was a chance for students to make new friends within the student body, and yet another success of the SIU Student Council’s effort to create quality of life improvements for Heidelberg’s students.

As students would be lounging throughout the various terminal lobbies at Frankfurt Main Airport, you could see that everyone was clearly ecstatic. Some were enthusiastically sharing stories of previous experiences on Mallorca, while others were developing new friendships with other colleagues. With the exception of a terrible airport salad experience, the trip was already off to a good start.

The flight and bus ride to the hotel were each additional instances that built up restlessness among students waiting for arrival. Countless other tourists could be seen preparing or being prepared already for their own journey. Once we reached Santa Ponsa, the night was fair game for everyone now. Some groups immediately made the trip to Magaluf where they would indulge in the local ambiance there. Others decided to explore the beach strip while others still chose to take the trip slow and enjoy dinner and prepare for the following days of activities.

On Friday, students took one of
the two activity cruises organized by the Student Council which gave them a chance to swim in the sea and interact with other locals and tourists in Mallorca. Another group of Students went to Palma, the capital and cultural center of Mallorca, enjoying historic monuments (such as the magnificent Catedral de Mallorca), local residents, and shopping centers throughout the city.

Saturday was yet another active day where students attended the second cruise event organized by the Student Council, which provided opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, paddle-boarding, and other water activities. Hosted by a husband and wife who owned the catamaran, we were served an abundance of tapas and refreshments, compliments included in the trip. Making new friends with others who were on the cruise, we had dinner with our new company at one of the many restaurants lining the beach, and followed with karaoke.

The last day was mostly low-key, where students were treated by the Student Council to a fabulous lunch at one of the restaurants on the beach. Afterwards, we were given free time to roam and handle any last minute business we wanted to before the bus arrived and our trip back to Heidelberg. Some students purchased souveniers, others who loved their first visit to Palma returned to the city and visited the Aquarium and shops, and others still decided to create some final memories of their trip.

On the way back, the students were notably exhausted from the long weekend. Some napped the whole way through while others shared stories and experiences. When we returned to Frankfurt, and everyone went their own way, one thing was for certain: The trip was a success, and a greater appreciation could be felt among students. Many of us came to Mallorca as colleagues. We left Mallorca as friends.

This report was written by Baran Pourtahmaseb-Sasi, International Relations and Diplomacy Undergraduate Student, Student Council Assistant Event Coordinator and Public Relations Manager at SIU Heidelberg
Heidelberg Homecoming
Warm welcome to our new students!

On September 6th, our students, faculty and administration enjoyed a night of live music, food, drinks and good company at the Schiller International University Heidelberg Homecoming event on campus. And we got to see some new faces. Welcome everyone!

The event featured our favorite band NORDAKAS, who represents a mix of cultures, styles and ages and expressed their happiness and feelings through one of the only ways that everyone understands: music.
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 by meeting many students from around the world. In this episode, we introduce to you Sameer Khan who is in charge of SIU Heidelberg’ Student Council as president since July 2017.

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<td>»Sameer, tell us more about yourself.«</td>
<td>My name is Sameer Khan, I am 19 years old and I currently studying Bachelor of Science in International Business at Schiller International University.</td>
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<td>»Where did you grow up?«</td>
<td>I grew up in Kolkata, India.</td>
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<td>»Why did you come to Schiller?«</td>
<td>I always wanted to know about different cultures in the world and meet people from different countries and what is better than coming to Schiller International University and the student hub of Germany, the city of Heidelberg.</td>
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<td>»What was your biggest learning so far?«</td>
<td>This is the first time I am living alone far away from home and I have learnt how to be self-independent and handle things calmly. I am the youngest person in the Student Council and my team which includes Hussein Ayoub and Baran Pourtahmaseb-Sasi have helped me a lot in my journey as the President.</td>
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<td>»What projects are you currently working on?«</td>
<td>Currently, I am focusing on doing more activities which bring people together and give them a good time. I am looking forward for our Winter Ball event which will be one of the biggest events after our Homecoming event which was very successful.</td>
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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 September 25th and read Tanja Ward’s answers in the October edition of this newsletter. This time it’s our students Elisabeth Vishnyakova and Abigail Land doing the Q&A. Thanks Liza and Abigail!

»We have a few sports clubs at our Heidelberg campus. I’d love to participate in a choir or cultural club, but we don’t have that yet. What are the steps to make this happen? And what student activities would you like to see at Schiller?«

Education goes well beyond any coursework. Extracurricular activities can form a vital part of our students experience here at Schiller, creating unique opportunities for friendship and learning. Student activities should complement the studies, yet the commitment level is entirely up to our students. If a group of people gets together and would like to start a club, a choir, or a sports team, all that needs to be done is to hand in a concept paper, describing the activity, to the Dean of Academics and Campus Director.

»Why do I not find any information about the London campus?«

Schiller London will be located in the grounds of University of Roehampton (UoR) Campus. The only Campus University in London, Roehampton boasts 54 acres of parkland, lakes and woodland and at the same time, easy access to the city center. Due to recent events, e.g. Brexit, etc., Schiller is focusing more on the other 4 campus locations at the moment. Thus, if you type “London campus” in the search option on the Schiller website, you will find further information about the campus, the degree in the UK, London as a location, the multicultural environment and student accommodations. Schiller students can obtain a British degree through UoR, even without a campus in London.

»If I want to transfer to another campus what are the steps I need to take?«

One of the unique benefits which Schiller offers is the ability to move from one international campus to another without changing the program, or losing time or credits. If a student wants to transfer to another campus, he/she needs to visit the registrar’s office and fill out an ICT (Inter Campus Transfer) form. We then check the schedule at the receiving campus to see if they can accommodate the student. The student can only transfer when in “good academic standing” and only at the end of a parent term (semester). Other requirements: The student is responsible for applying for any necessary visa and cannot go into an LOA status during the first month at the new campus. Schiller staff provides guidance regarding ICT wherever possible.
Don't miss this!

A glimpse of Hollywood just around the corner: **Festival of German Film in Ludwigshafen**

The yearly Festival of German Film is held in a park on the banks of the Rhine on the outskirts of Ludwigshafen, a short train ride away from Heidelberg. Its aim is to promote high-quality German films regardless of their box-office success. The festival also pays tribute to outstanding German-language films from other countries. The best film of the festival is presented with a cinematography award. Around 35,000 people cast their vote for the audience award.

**Festival dates**
30/08/2017 - 17/09/2017

**Venue**
Parkinsel Ludwigshafen
Yorckstraße 2
67061 Ludwigshafen am Rhein

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Books to read now

**Pick of the month**

For **brainiacs who want to understand empathy**

Looking for skills to help you do better at your job? To many people, the most important business skill is not project management or multitasking, but empathy. “The Handbook of Imagination and Mental Stimulation” edited by Keith D. Markman & William M. P. Klein is a book of neuroscientists who speak about the brain, mirror neurons, and what is empathy. It explores misstepping into another person's shoes. When are we failing in empathy even though we have the tools to empathize? What are the moments that we're not using empathy and what are the neurological barriers stopping us from using these tools? Empathy helps with management and collaboration by helping to understand the other person's perspective. Putting yourself in someone else's shoes can make it easier to find a compromise between two points of view. Thus, thinking about how other people might like to be treated at work can make them more productive.
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:

October 2nd  October 30th  November 27th

Highlights from last month

Student tours

On several student tours and orientations in Heidelberg, we welcomed all SIU Heidelberg students who started in June, July and August. The tours included beer at the famous student bar Red Ox, an abridged castle tour, a gondola ride, as well as more info about grocery stores and city registration.