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Spotlight this month

Schiller International University celebrates annual Winter Ball

What a night! Thanks to everyone for coming to our annual Schiller Winter Ball 2017 to celebrate another successful year and making it memorable! The chosen venue this year was Print Media Lounge – Level 12, with stunning views of the city. Starting with glass of champagne and opening speech by Mrs. Tanja Ward, scrumptious dinner was served, followed by awards, the new Student Council announcement, and lots of entertainment – our students, staff, faculty and guests danced to the music, enjoyed an open bar, raffle, photo booth and most of all, some great company, until the early hours. Everyone looked lovely in their dresses & suits, it was the perfect evening.
Schiller International University Heidelberg Campus is extremely proud to announce the winning candidates for the Student Council Elections 2017! Massive congratulations to everyone who ran in the election and took part in the campaign, and a huge thank you to everyone that voted – you’ve helped make the Students’ Union to become what it is. In 2018, the students of Schiller Heidelberg Campus will be represented by Baran Pountahmaseb-Sasi (BA International Relationship and Diplomacy; right on picture), Donya Jahedmanesh (BS International Business; middle) and Darren Johnson (BS International Business; left).

Baran Pountahmaseb-Sasi
Baran is a US Army Veteran, now studying his Bachelors in International Relations and Diplomacy. As President of Heidelberg’s Student Council, his vision is focused on improving the overall culture and experience of the student body in all possible aspects. By personally selecting his 6-member volunteer cabinet in addition to the elected Vice President and Treasurer, he is confident in setting a new Student Council standard at SIU.

Donya Jahedmanesh
Donya started her studies at SIU’s Madrid’s Campus in “International Tourism and Hotel Management“. In August 2017, she transferred to the Heidelberg Campus, as well as changed her degree to “International Business“. She is serving as the Student Council Vice President and her priorities include developing and ensuring that the plans and goals of the Student Council are met.

Darren Redrick Johnson
Darren, airborne war veteran, is an IB major who also serves as the Student Council Treasurer. His goals as Treasurer is to facilitate clubs for business students to utilize the tools they learn at Schiller and employ them for their personal growth, as well as the aid of the Student Council to improve the quality of life for the student body.
Ask the university director

Tanja Ward, Schiller International University Heidelberg’s campus director has been inviting dialogue and encouraging the university’s staff and students to ask her any questions they like her to answer. In previous editions, this involved the work of the administrative divisions or her approach to different challenges facing Schiller International University. Now, Tanja Ward issues an outlook for the next year. Please send your questions to corinna.pape@sponsort.de. by December 29th and read Tanja Ward’s answers in the Januar edition of this newsletter.

What career development support do you offer at Schiller?

It is never too early for students to start planning for their career. There are many opportunities during the college years that will boost a student’s resume and make him or her more employable, such as studying abroad, volunteering, developing leadership skills, and even working a campus job.

The services offered by our Office of Career Services include among others:

- **Career Counseling**: Students can meet with a career counselor to explore options for majors, careers, and co-ops, as well as get help with the job search process.

- **Job Search Preparation**: Schiller provides resources for job search preparation, including information on cover letter and resume writing, interviewing, networking and much more.

- **Career Fairs**: Schiller offers a career fair each year during the fall semester. The fair draws companies with openings for internships and full-time employment. Dates, participating companies, and registration information will be published on the new Careers webpage for next year.

Further plans and ideas for next year:

- **Schiller Job Zone**: A future network consisting of Schiller alumni, employers, and friends of Schiller who volunteer to support students with career support. Through the Schiller Job Zone, students will be able to locate a career mentor and search a database to view job and internship openings.

- **Student Employment Office (SEO)**: Students helping students who are looking for jobs.

Employers today look for more than just a good resume; leadership skills and volunteer work are critical for today’s graduates. Schiller assists students in developing leadership skills for personal and career success and encourages them to become civic minded, contributing members of society through a variety of courses, events, and service opportunities.

What changes, if any, were made to the methodology and the courses since you became Campus Director? And what are your plans for 2018?

Schiller is going through several accreditation cycles in 2017 and 2018, including evalag, ACICS and HLC. Due to these cycles, we cannot make many changes in the methodology and/or courses, yet are always advancing our teaching methods.

In 2018, we are planning on launching a part-time MBA program.
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.

»Romana, tell us more about yourself.«
My name is Romana Gaff. I am 19 years old and I’m an under-graduate student in International Business at Schiller International University. I have lived in Heidelberg for a year and a half and will likely graduate in mid 2020.

»Where did you grow up?«
I lived my whole life in Blantyre, Malawi, which is located in the South-East of Africa.

»Why did you come to Schiller?«
I came to Schiller University, as it had the programme that I was interested in pursuing and in my preferred language. Furthermore, I wanted to expose myself to not only the German culture but the European culture as a whole, which would be possible with Schiller’s multiple campuses.

»What was your biggest learning so far?«
My biggest learning experience at Schiller is that people of different cultures and nationalities have the ability to interact effectively with one another, not only in social settings but academic ones as well. Teaching me that in the future I will be capable of thriving in an international work setting.

»What projects are you currently working on?«
I am currently working on my new role in the Student Council, which is the overseeing of the academic sector in the council. My aim in this role is to further incorporate academics into all aspects of student life at Schiller. This will be achieved through cooperating with my colleagues in the council to ensure that there are more academic trips, academic workshops etc. available to students.
Meet our staff

Ms. Sanja Stevic, Dipl. OccPsych., MBA, ICF Transformational Coach, comes originally from London, UK, and is an Occupational Psychologist and an internationally certified ICF Coach [International Coaches Federation]. She received a Global MBA at the Henley Management School, UK, and has over 15 years’ international experience in Strategic HR development and Business Management. Since 2014, Ms. Stevic is an Associate Faculty and a Program Lead for International Business at Schiller International University at Heidelberg Campus. In addition to teaching, Ms. Stevic works as an international management consultant and executive coach in the field of academia and business.

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:

January 8th
February 5th
March 5th

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**Upcoming events**

- **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

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**Highlights from last month**

**Visit from Salem International University**

Last month, we had a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Florin Marton, Director of International Affairs and Head Men’s Soccer Coach from Salem International University, for a day visit to Schiller International University, Heidelberg to meet staff and faculty.

It was a great opportunity to exchange our goals and ideas, as a start in building a valuable relationship between the two sister Universities.

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**Charity Event for Giving Tuesday**

A huge ‘Thank you’ to everyone who came to support our Charity Event on November 28th, it was a big success! EVERY MOTHER COUNTS has made $ 428 (361 €) through the generosity of Schiller students, staff, faculty and Heidelberg community. Hope you all enjoyed those delicious cookies!
Seasons Greetings and Merry Christmas to all who celebrate!

Have a very happy New Year!