Spotlight: Laure Edoli, Research Scholar

How long have you been here at SSU? Two months.

What is your favorite thing about being here at SSU? Talking in English, discovering a new way of work and life, and meeting a lot of people coming from different countries.

Why did you choose to study here at SSU? I wanted to do my internship in the US...I really liked the subject of the internship in relation with my studies, and I had good feelings with the international service.

Is the research environment different here than in France? In Shawnee, my work is supervised...When I need information I can ask my supervisor, or other teachers and students. Furthermore, the working atmosphere is different and people are kind and very nice.

What are your career plans/plans for the future? I will graduate in September, then I would like to find work in California in the R&D department.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like traveling, discovering different countries/cities, going to concerts, hanging out with friends, and making pastries.

What do you miss most about home? My family and my friends, and of course the French food!

How has CIPA helped you since you’ve been here at SSU? Thanks to CIPA, I have been kept informed about activities at SSU, and I’ve met and kept in contact with many other international students.

What surprises you most about your experience in Portsmouth? The kindness of people!

Shawnee State University currently has seven students abroad participating in various CIPA programs!

Amanda Maxwell, Rachel Peters, Brandon Prince, and Jesse Faircloth are all currently studying at Shawnee’s sister university, Al Akhawayn University in Morocco.

Cheyenne Palmar and Audrey Howard are both studying at Ludwigshurg University in Germany. While Cheyenne is quick to point out that she misses Mexican food, she still recommends Study Abroad as “a wonderful chance to experience life outside of your comfort zone and make really interesting new friends.”

Theresa Welch, who is studying at the Universitat Jaume I in Spain, says that she enjoys “getting to experience the crazy fiestas and celebrations” as well as the “more relaxed” academic atmosphere. She cites her Study Abroad in Spain as “character building and culturally enriching.”

We wish all of our students who are currently abroad safe and happy travels!

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Moving Out? Lend a Hand!

As you’re packing up your dorms to move home for the summer, please keep our Lending Closet in mind! The Lending Closet provides clothes, jackets, and home goods to our international students. Drop your donations off at the Center for International Programs or at the donation boxes located in each dorm during move out week.
As the spring semester draws to a close, many of our international students are moving on. CIPA wishes a fond farewell to the following students as they return to their respective homes: Alina Dashkevich and Anna Schetinina (Russia); Inna Tarzhinskaya (Turkmenistan), Lusine Tovmasyan (Armenia); Maria Najam, Muhammad Salim, and Umar Chaudhry (Pakistan); Oleksandr Vovk (Ukraine); Qian Xiao (China); Marouane Jbiri, Omar Bzi, Rhiayne Brachmi, Saad Bahri, and Sarah el Alj (Morocco). Please join us in wishing these students safe and happy travels!

Students have been involved with planning the trip and have also had the chance to select individual topics of study. Special topics include: Birds (nesting species), Monkeys (mantled howlers, white-faced capuchins, and spider), Frogs, Turtles, Crocodiles, Lizards and Snakes, Sedimentary Geology, Volcanic Geology, Weather & Climate, and Documentary Photography. Check out the Travel Tortugero website for more information!

It’s Not Too Late To Study Abroad!

Want to see Germany? CIPA currently has one spot left for an exchange with our sister university in Ludwigsburg for the Spring 2013 semester. Can’t wait? ISEP is still accepting applications for Summer and Fall study abroad programs in a variety of locations. Want a look at life abroad? Check out these student blogs: Brandon Prince Abroad Mandie’s Travels

Contact the CIPA office for program details and applications.

CIPA Volunteer Justin Osborn Accepted to Beijing Normal University

CIPA would like to congratulate Justin Osborn, former CIPA employee and volunteer, on his acceptance to Beijing Normal University in China.

Justin received a full scholarship to the university and will be enrolling in the International MA Program in Educational Leadership and Policy (Comparative Education). This program enrolls only 25 international students and is a 2-year teaching and research program.

Justin graduated from Shawnee State University in December, 2011, with a degree in International Relations and a minor in Philosophy. While enrolled at Shawnee, Justin had the opportunity to study abroad in Spain, an experience he cites as life-changing.

Justin hopes to go on to obtain his PhD and become a professor of International Studies and an advocate for international education. Congratulations and good luck, Justin!