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Reminder Check List:

***Registered for Spring 24 with your Advisor? If not-let's Go! Get it done prior to leaving for Thanksgiving.**

***If you plan to waive UHC SHIP insurance coverage, you can find the waiver application and details on our website below. Waivers can be submitted the second week of November!**

www.mga.edu/health-clinic/student-insurance.php



Visit Dr. Michael Stewart at the "SHIP" booth at our International Student Expo Tuesday 11/14/23 5-6p in the SLC lobby in Macon. Do you have the International Student Expo on your calendar? We hope to see all international students, domestic students, faculty and staff there!

***Email Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu to share if you are staying on campus for the Thanksgiving holidays and if traveling abroad, set up time to get your I-20 signed by November 15th.**



MGA Goes to the Bahamas-Recruiting at its best!

International recruiter Allison Garibello and Ms. Dian Mitchell took off to the Bahamas this past month to attract additional international students to Middle Georgia State University. These two engaging women attended a six-day college fair, visiting Eleuthera and Nassau. They spoke about MGA's exciting undergrad and graduate programs, sports, and other exciting areas our campuses offer. Meeting with the Bahamian Ministry of Education to establish Middle Georgia State University's name was a highlight of the event. Over 200 students were contacted by our recruiters during the visit.

Additionally, the team visited Bahamas Academy and St. Augustine College (high schools) to establish our program offerings at Middle Georgia State University, and get the students excited to attend in the future. We are so lucky to have this power team of recruiters, working to support our advancement here at MGA. What's next? Trinidad and Tobago before 2023 closes, and then on to India for more opportunity to recruit. We look forward to seeing our international enrollment grow, thanks to both of you for your efforts. Go Knights Recruitment!



Do you know an international student who should be our December Star Student of the Month who exhibits our MGA values?

Engagement, Adaptability Learning, and Stewardship?

We want to hear from you!
Send nominations to
Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu.

NEW!

RESUME TIPS

*Research the company website you're applying to. Use key verbiage they use (hint: find out the company values) and use them to describe your strengths where it makes sense.

* Get it to 1 page!!!

*Save as a PDF for easy uploading/printing

*Focus work/volunteer history on how you specifically drove results. IE: "I led a six-person team by inspiring a new design for our 2022 marketing project, yielding +5% sales growth to 2021" vs. "I was a leader on our design team of six people."

Think: What did you contribute and how did it create a positive result?

*See Career Services for more great resume support!

www.mga.edu/center-career-leadership-development/index.php



Tom Foster is a freshman student athlete here with us at Middle Georgia State University.

Tom can be found on the field with our Men's Knights Soccer Team, in addition to working toward obtaining his Aviation degree on the Cochran campus. He is passionate about being involved with international student events, and recently attended a career workshop with the DSOs to gain information on work opportunities.

This is what we mean by "Engagement"...

Mr. Foster shared his passion for "Stewardship," helping raise over \$1500 for our recent Knights Give campaign with the Men's Soccer Team.

KnightsGive is an amazing organization that focuses funds on supporting our Knights Athletics teams.



Native to the United Kingdom, Tom uses our Handshake app and other MGA resources to drive his success, showing his "Adaptability".

For those who don't know, the Handshake app along with the newly added GoInGlobal link to the MGA Career Center webpage, are the BEST resources for international students to find internships, CPT and OPT opportunities.

ISS STAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

We select an international student each month who has clearly demonstrated our MGA values of Engagement, Adaptability, Learning and Stewardship.



GoInGlobal for International Students
H1B Plus, Guidance on OPT, OPT
Employers

Finally, it's clear that "Learning", especially all things related to Aviation, is a passion of Tom's. His GPA has improved .8 points this year after doing well in his Aviation classes. Keep striving for "A's" Mr. Foster-you got this!

Congratulations

Tom Foster!

We appreciate you representing MGA's core values and representing as

International

Star Student of the Month

November 2023



*The US has top education opportunity for study abroad... 25% of the world's top ranked schools with 1000s of unique specific majors/programs are here in the USA.

*Benefits to a US degree- US graduates average starting salary is \$55.0/year

*The Harvard Library is the largest library in the world.

*The US is where you'll find the most obese people worldwide.

*North Korea and Cuba are under U.S. Trade embargos along with Russia so they can't import or sell Coca-Cola.

*France is the most visited country in the world.

*South Sudan is the youngest country in the world- just gaining its independence from Sudan in 2011.

*The global adult literacy rate is roughly 86%.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPO

***Celebrate International Education Week with our MGA International Students, as they present intriguing facts about their home countries. Meet faculty/staff who speak a variety of languages. First 50 to fill passports and turn in will leave with a useful event token of appreciation.**

TUESDAY 11/14/23
5PM-6PM
MACON CAMPUS SLC LOBBY
(OPEN TO ALL 5 CAMPUSES!)

All MGA students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend. Raffles, Snacks, and fun learning for all. See you there!

This Month's Q&A Technology Tips

Q: How can I extend the life of my laptop?

A: Unplug your laptop and use it until the battery dies. It promotes longevity if you're not always working with it plugged in. Only use the charger when needed.

-Power down your computer at night. This stops applications from running and clears caches.

-Don't rest your laptop on couches, or carpets- as this can block the vent and keep your system from cooling down.

Q: What's the best way to remember my zillions of passwords?

A: Use a password manager app such as RememBear or Norton Password Protection Manager.

Both are free to download and use. They are lifesavers to save you time and elevate your productivity.



NOVEMBER EVENTS

- **Wed Nov 1st: 6p** Volleyball Match (M) ; **7p** Fall Formal (M) SLC Lobby
- **Th Nov 2nd 1p:** Make Your Own Street Sign (M) SLC Lobby
- **Tues Nov 7th 3:30p:** Cultural Workshop on Tanzania (M) SLC Commuter Lounge
- **Mon Nov 13th 9a:** KICK OFF TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK! Join us in Macon for **Coffee with Campus Cops**. Students are encouraged to stop by Macon Campus PD to share complimentary coffee/ muffins while getting informed about how Campus Officers keep us safe & leveraging our RAVE app. **BIG THANK YOU TO CAMPUS SECURITY FROM ISS!**
- **Tues Nov 14th 5p:** **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPO (M) SLC LOBBY**

ALL ARE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE PRESENTATIONS FROM OUR MGA INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHARING FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES- FREE SWAG, RAFFLES, AND FUN TO CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY DURING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK! STUDENTS INVITED TO HANG OUT IN THE MACON GAME ROOM (POST-EXPO) 6p-8p for GAME NIGHT TO MIX AND MINGLE.

- **Wed Nov 15th 9a:** Join us in Cochran for **Coffee with Campus Cops**. Students are encouraged to stop by Cochran Campus PD to share complimentary coffee/ muffins while getting informed about how Campus Cops keep us safe & leveraging our RAVE app.
- **Wed Nov 15th 3p:** Culture Shock Discussion Panel- (M) SLC Commuter Lounge
- **Wed Nov 15th 5pm:** Deadline to let Jessica Arnold know if you are staying in the dorm for Thanksgiving Break/Get I-20s signed for Travel.
- **Wed Nov 29th:** Last Day of Classes-Don't forget to attend finals!

Greek Festival Field Trip '23



Meet Dr. Sabrina Wengier: Faculty Feature

Dr. Sabrina Wengier has been supporting the international and domestic students of MGA since 2012. She teaches French (and is a native of the country), interdisciplinary studies, humanities and is the coordinator of the Modern Language department here on the Macon campus. Further, she is a highly influential leader with our ISSA/ATW club in Macon, who's mission is to celebrate other cultures so we can be better global citizens. We appreciate Dr. Wengier for volunteering to mentor our international French students whenever it is needed.

She understands the international student experience, because she herself was one. She knows how exciting it is to be in a new country, learning to adapt to the culture and finding your bearings with a different language. She remembers how difficult it was at times to find someone to assist her. Thank you for supporting ISS and ISSA/ATW at MGA! Dr. Wengier states that,

"I love emphasizing the importance of being open to the world and being curious about other cultures. I think that in today's globalized world people need to understand there are other ways of thinking and seeing the world. I also think learning about other cultures makes you more aware of your own culture. I've never felt so French as when I left the country, because I realized I took for granted many aspects of French culture."

