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FROM THE DIRECTORS

As the snow begins to melt and we eagerly anticipate a new season, so, too, we look forward to the exciting culmination of UNH's spring term, with graduation, the Undergraduate Research Conference (many of whose presentations are international in scope), and the International Affairs Dual Major graduation luncheon on April 25th, where some of UNH's most internationally-minded graduates showcase their achievements in foreign language learning and international capstone research by wearing a flag sash representing the countries of their studies. This year's keynote speaker will be Evyenia Sidereas, the State Department's U.S. Diplomat in Residence for New England.

These events come at a time when many alumni come back to campus to reconnect with their alma mater. Fred Olsen (Business Administration, International Affairs, French '97) did just that in early March, and was a 'big hit' with students and faculty. As an [International Affairs Happy Returnee](#), Fred visited over 10 classes to tell the story of how UNH prepared him for his dynamic career in the Boston Red Sox administration, and to connect with and inspire students. It's easy to see why he was awarded the Young Alumnus Achievement Award: during the brief breaks between his rigorous presentation schedule, instead of catching his breath, Fred was found meeting one-on-one with students, advising them on internship and career opportunities.

There is even more breaking international news at UNH. We are proud to have been selected as a host institution for The Brazil Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP), a program for Brazilian students to study abroad in the United States. BSMP is part of the Brazilian government's larger initiative to grant 100,000 Brazilian university students the opportunity to study abroad at the world's best colleges and universities. 17 undergraduate students arrived recently and are taking classes in STEM-related departments and increasing their English language skills at the UNH ESL Institute. More Brazilian students are expected to come to UNH in the coming months, perhaps also at the graduate level. Look for more details in an article in the fall issue of the UNH International Educator.

We welcome you to explore the full issue of The International Educator that once again brings us stories of faculty, students and alumni with interests and impact across the globe. COLSA's soil biogeochemist Assistant Professor of Natural Resources and the Environment Stuart Grandy traveled to Uganda and brought back a new perspective on sustaining agricultural productivity and improving people's livelihoods in that country. Subhash Minocha, the 2013 recipient of the Excellence in International Engagement Award for his outstanding service to the university, shared his research and expertise in many countries, including Jordan and Kazakhstan, where he recently lectured on plant biotechnology and genetic engineering. This was also the subject of his keynote lecture for the CIE's [NH International Seminar Series](#).

Furthermore, new exchange programs in Japan, China and Brazil give students new opportunities to have an independent, lower cost study abroad experience. One young alum, John Lennon '11, tells how studying abroad in Canada through National Student Exchange opened up the world to him and has led to an exciting international career. Another, Andrew Becker '13, is working with UNH's Carsey Institute and Community Enterprise Solutions—a global NGO that uses an innovative model called microconsignment—to create sustainable livelihoods for poor women in Guatemala. Yet another impressive alum from 2013, Nicole Chartier, is studying regional dialects and teaching English on a Fulbright teaching assistantship in Bogotá, Columbia. And there's more! Please read the many alumni news and notes to find out what our international alumni are doing at home and around the world.



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