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UNH SEES SIGNIFICANT RISE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Creating an international campus with a significant international student population has long been a UNH goal, but resources limited the university’s recruitment efforts. In the 1990s, Admissions traveled and recruited internationally, but was not able to continue for budget reasons. In the years since, international students, for the most part, found out about UNH from family and friends living in the area, the internet, or word of mouth from alumni. The international student population at UNH has grown slowly over the years, and prior to 2010 had remained fairly stable, with numbers ranging from 420 to just below 500.

In 2011, with renewed dedication to increasing international student numbers, the University partnered with an Australian company Navitas, which started the UNH International Pathways Program to recruit and support international students academically and culturally in their transition to university life. The program encompasses academic course instruction and is equivalent to the first year of a bachelor’s degree. Students who require additional English instruction have ESL courses through the UNH ESL Institute combined with their academic program. Those who successfully complete the program and meet the entrance criteria of their selected major continue directly into the second year of their undergraduate degree. As admitted UNH students from day one of the program, Navitas students enjoy all the same benefits as students admitted directly to UNH, and pay all of the same fees associated with out-of-state students.

Since then, as the graphics below indicate, UNH has seen a significant increase in its international undergraduate population, particularly in the Navitas Pathways Program and the enrollment of sponsored students in the Brazil Student Mobility Program. The Office of International Students and Scholars, ESL Institute, Navitas, and other offices on campus have been working diligently toward the successful integration of these students into the campus community. We will feature these efforts in the spring ’15 issue of this newsletter. (Click on the images below to enlarge.)

Growth in International Population at UNH

UG: Undergraduate, ESLI and Navitas Students
Grad: Masters and PhD
Scholars: Faculty, Researchers and Exchange Visitors

Benefits of international students to the U.S. and New Hampshire economy:

Based on the NAFSA, Association of International Educators report for Academic Year 2012-2013.

- International students and their dependents contributed approximately $24 billion to the U.S. economy.
- In New Hampshire, the economic impact was estimated at $1.03 billion from tuition and fees and living expenses.

Also...did you know...

- International students at UNH pay the full out-of-state tuition rate and 69% are funded by their families and/or other non-university, non-U.S. sources.