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HAPPY RETURNS ~ IA ALUMNI BACK ON CAMPUS

Florence Reed ’90, President of Central American non-profit organization Sustainable Harvest International

RN Emily Roberts ’08 in Uganda for her IA foreign experience requirement while a student at UNH

Thanks to support from the Class of 1954 Academic Enrichment Fund and the UNH Foundation, the Center for International Education has begun its celebration of the International Affairs 25th anniversary with a new program called Happy Returns ~ IA alumni back on campus. The funds enable CIE, together with cooperating faculty members from each of the UNH schools and colleges, to schedule visits by UNH alumni who graduated from the multidisciplinary International Affairs dual major.

This past spring semester, we enjoyed visits from IA alumnae Florence Reed and Emily Roberts. Their visits included presentations in a variety of UNH classes as well as special lunch and dinner discussions. In addition, the women were invited to participate in Oyster River High School classes taught by social studies teacher Pam Raiford.

Florence Reed graduated in 1990 with a dual major in Environmental Conservation and International Affairs, a minor in Spanish, and a foreign experience in Guatemala. Following graduation she spent two years in Panama as a Peace Corps volunteer. That experience, together with work she did with several non-profit organizations, led her to start Sustainable Harvest International (SHI) in 1997. Since then, SHI has evolved into a very successful non-profit operation providing technical assistance to rural families and community groups in Honduras, Panama, Belize and Nicaragua. View video of Flo's visit to campus.

Emily Roberts graduated with a dual major in Nursing and International Affairs, a minor in French, and a foreign experience doing research in Uganda through the UNH International Research Opportunities Program. She is a registered nurse who has returned to Africa since graduation to do volunteer work at a Health Center in Pallisa, Uganda. She was recently accepted by the University of California-San Francisco for their PhD in Nursing program through the Department of Family Studies in Health Education, Promotion and Program Development.