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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dr. Luchen Li

It is an honor to introduce this fall ’14 issue of the UNH International Educator. This edition offers a broad survey of impressive international endeavors the university is committed to. We are bringing the world to UNH, as evidenced by the recent growth of our international student enrollment (see detailed charts within) and cultural events throughout the year, especially during International Education Week. With these events we bring onboard global arts and politics, culture, food and music, and opportunities for the community to engage the world.

It is fascinating to read about students’ internship and study abroad experiences and learn about the impact on their intellectual as well as professional development. Mi Familia provides a particularly illuminating parent’s perspective. It is gratifying to report that our students not only receive advising from faculty and staff but also benefit from the generous giving of UNH’s alumni and supporters. Stanley A. Hamel established a $3,800 European travel fellowship for UNH graduating seniors and recent alumni; Martha and Bill Jackson offer a $5,000 study abroad scholarship each semester for students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need; Mel Rines, with the support of the UNH Emeriti Council, established an international service grant to, in his words, “get students thinking early on about philanthropy, international engagement, and taking responsibility.’ Their first awards totaling $17,000 were granted to Students Without Borders, for important projects in Peru and Uganda. We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the passion of donors supporting such vital international engagement.

There are many more compelling stories in this issue, including the lifesaving research and frontline work of our alumni in the global effort to combat Ebola. I hope you will enjoy reading the UNH International Educator and share your own international stories through this important venue of “international communication.”

Thank you for your support of UNH’s international education!

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