# ANNUAL REPORT: 2018-2019

This report provides an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Office of International Affairs from August 2018-July 2019.

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ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of International Affairs leads Missouri S&T’s efforts to promote international education and increase global awareness on campus and in the community. We are the primary resource for campus internationalization by providing first-class service to students and scholars, leading international education efforts, and developing strategic partnerships.

WE STRIVE TO:

- **Achieve seamless service** for our student and scholar constituents from initial contact, through graduation, employment, and alumni commitment.
- **Provide leadership** for the recruitment and retention of international students and scholars.
- **Develop programs** that cultivate skills required in the competitive global market, so S&T graduates can demonstrate they are globally competent, culturally sensitive, and aware of the changing international market place.
- **Foster an environment** on the campus and in the greater community, which increases global awareness and cultural competencies.
- **Create mechanisms** for faculty members, staff, and students to engage globally and gain valuable experiential learning opportunities by working with our partners on campus and around the world.

OUR SERVICES:

- International Student Recruitment & Enrollment
- International Student & Scholar Services
  - Student Orientation Programs
  - Immigration Support Services
  - Student Advising Services
  - Visiting Student & Scholar Services
- International Student Health, Insurance, Safety & Security
  - Student Health Insurance
  - Student International Travel, Risk Assessment & Safety
- Sponsored Student Services
- Study Abroad/Student Exchange Programs
- Global Partnerships
- Applied Language Institute
- International Student Programming & Outreach

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STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND ENROLLMENT

855 international students

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT FS08-FS18
## STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND ENROLLMENT

### TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

![Pie chart showing the top 10 countries of origin](chart.png)

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TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY DEGREE LEVEL
F2008 - F2018
STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND ENROLLMENT

CHINA RECRUITMENT

CAP PROGRAM
Through strategic partnerships with various universities abroad, Missouri S&T has established a pipeline for recruiting new students. An International Cooperative Academic Program (CAP) leads to a bachelor’s degree from the international partner institution and a master’s degree from Missouri S&T. Program participants typically complete three years of study at the international partner institution and one or more years of study at Missouri S&T, which leads to the bachelor’s degree from the international partner institution (3+1+1). Upon satisfactory completion of the bachelor’s degree, qualified students will go on to participate in a Missouri S&T graduate program, which will result in a master’s degree from Missouri S&T.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER AGREEMENTS
An Articulation Agreement provides students the opportunity to begin coursework at the international partner institution and complete a bachelor’s degree at Missouri S&T. Participating students complete at least one year of coursework at the international partner institution, and complete the final 60 credit hours at Missouri S&T (as stipulated in the Transfer Agreement).

Curriculum guides are developed by Transfer Admissions to ensure seamless transfer between institutions. Student participants are subject to all existing requirements for admission (GPA, TOEFL/IELTS). Faculty collaboration through these strategic partnerships is vital to graduate recruitment and retention.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT FROM CHINA PARTNER SCHOOLS

[Graph showing New Student Enrollment from China Partner Schools]

UG Transfer  PhD  MS/ MBA  CAP (3+2)  Undergraduate Full-Paying  FTE  Total

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STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

International Affairs is a resource to all international students studying at S&T in a variety of matters related to their stay in the USA. Each year, our dedicated staff helps hundreds of students with questions concerning immigration status, as well as social and personal adjustment to life away from home.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM
International Orientation is designed to welcome new incoming students to Missouri S&T and to help make their transition to campus as smooth and successful as possible. International Orientation provides key information on immigration regulations, mandatory health insurance and presentations for other key department resources. International Orientation will also give new students the opportunity to meet other new students and to talk with current international students. Following International Orientation is an informal information fair that allows campus departments, student organizations and various community businesses to provide relevant information to new students. The International Orientation also provides newly arriving students to check in with our office to complete our immigration process for SEVIS registration and enrollment.

MINI ORIENTATION PROGRAM
The Mini Orientation Program provides new international students who are arriving after the formal international orientation the opportunity to learn about the immigration regulations and maintaining visa status, completing all necessary procedures for immigration check in and general information relating to office request forms, advising hours, class registration, and mandatory health insurance.

WELCOME RECEPTIONS
The Office of International Affairs hosts welcome receptions for our new and returning international students each academic semester. The welcome receptions provide an opportunity for newly arriving students to mingle with other new students, current students and staff members within the Office of International Affairs. Music, dancing, sports, food and great company are the perfect ingredients for kicking off the start of a new semester!
SEVIS COMPLIANCE
Accurate completion of federal immigration reporting requirements. The International Affairs office processes critical data changes that are reportable in SEVIS, the federal government’s international student database.

IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT PROCESSING

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<td>OPT Requests</td>
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<td>Immigration Documents Issued</td>
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<td>102</td>
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<td>Students Who Enrolled at Missouri S&amp;T</td>
<td>156</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>216</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotals</strong></td>
<td>451</td>
<td>162</td>
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STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

STUDENT ADVISING SERVICES

International Affairs provides daily advising sessions for students to communicate questions or concerns related to campus resources, campus issues, cross cultural adjustments, visa benefits, and basic immigration regulations. Advising is provided through 15 minute daily walk-in advising sessions and personal appointments which may require a longer advising session. Students are supported through flexible and responsive advising.

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<th>STUDENT AND SCHOLAR ADVISING</th>
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<td>Walk-in Advising Meetings</td>
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<td>130.25</td>
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Our dedicated staff is here to help all international students with questions concerning immigration status, as well as social and personal adjustment to life away from home.
International Affairs provides services to assist academic departments with hosting exchange visitors, and helps to facilitate research and recruitment efforts for Missouri S&T. Missouri S&T has hosted hundreds of visiting scholars over the years. These visitors have been essential to our successful research efforts, and they have enriched the academic environment of our campus.

### Top 5 Countries of Origin

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<th>Visiting Scholar Origin</th>
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### Top 5 Host Departments

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<th>International Faculty, Staff, and Visiting Scholars</th>
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<td>J-1 Visiting Scholar Requests Received</td>
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<td>31</td>
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<td>39</td>
<td>26</td>
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### Special Events

Missouri S&T’s College of Engineering and Computing co-hosted a recognition ceremony for scholars to honor their contributions in research. This ceremony also allowed other faculty members to meet and learn about research being conducted by visiting scholars and discuss future collaborative opportunities. It also served to provide recognition to the visiting scholar and their host faculty member and emphasized the importance of their contribution to our campus, our community, and our partnerships.

Missouri S&T also recognized an Electrical and Computer Engineering faculty member who continually hosts student interns in our Electro-magnetic Compatibility (EMC) Lab. The student interns spend several months in the laboratory; they participate in cutting-edge research on electromagnetic compatibility and signal, and power integrity. The internship program also serves as a graduate student recruiting opportunity for Missouri S&T’s EMC lab.
STUDENT HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

All international students on an F or J visa are required to enroll in health insurance through Missouri S&T. All campuses of the University of Missouri System enroll international students in the same insurance plan, which is currently through Aetna Student Health. Dependents of international students and students on optional practical training (OPT) or post-completion academic training (AT) may also choose to enroll in the health insurance through Missouri S&T. International scholars and their dependents on a J visa are required to have health insurance meeting the Department of State requirements in order to maintain their visa status. The same health insurance available for international students is also available for scholars and their dependents. Scholars and their dependents may choose to enroll in the health insurance through Missouri S&T or provide proof of insurance from other providers. Scholars and dependents who enroll in health insurance through Missouri S&T are provided the same services as international students. The insurance advisor tracks all J visa scholars and dependents and their insurance coverage for immigration purposes. A primary goal of the insurance advisor is to educate students about how health insurance works in the United States, how the healthcare system in the United States works, and how to get the highest level of benefit of the health insurance and healthcare system. The advisor also assists students with finding health care providers, understanding benefits, and assisting with questions about claims.

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<th>2018-2019 Enrollment</th>
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<td>Students</td>
<td>739</td>
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<td>12</td>
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<td>Monthly</td>
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International travel provides unique opportunities for academic achievement and personal growth. International travel also entails special risks. Safety of travelers is the top priority.

**STUDENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, RISK ASSESSMENT, AND SAFETY**

The Student International Travel, Risk Assessment, and Safety (SITRAS) Committee was formed in 2018 to adequately review student international travel requests and address health and safety risks for students traveling abroad in conjunction with S&T, and for those accompanying them.

All students who travel internationally for university-sponsored or university-related purposes, and any faculty or staff members traveling with the students, are required to receive approval from the Provost and/or his/her designee and their academic or administrative department. Faculty or staff traveling without students should follow the travel approval process within their department.

International Affairs manages the risk management approval process for student international travel, enrolls students in travel insurance, provides faculty and staff information about university provided insurance coverage, presents pre-departure orientations for travelers, and gives assistance to travelers as needed.

**2018-2019:**

- **82** student requests
- **60** faculty and staff assisted

For more information, visit: [international.mst.edu/travelingonbehalfofmissourist/sitrascommittee](international.mst.edu/travelingonbehalfofmissourist/sitrascommittee)
SPONSORED STUDENT SERVICES

THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROVIDES AN EXPERIENCED, DEDICATED TEAM TO ASSIST SPONSORING AGENCIES AND STUDENTS.

OUR SERVICES:

- Specialized assistance with the application process (for students and sponsors), and pre-departure advising until arrival
- Shuttle service from the airport upon arrival
- Specialized welcome orientation
- Personalized counseling and assistance with courses, housing, meal plans, student accounts, information about the community / liaising with campus departments as needed
- Fulfilling sponsor requirements, such as providing transcripts each semester or verifying information on students as requested
- Weekly local shuttle service, shopping and local errands
- Regular cultural trips and events have included a tour of the Capitol in Jefferson City, a visit to the St. Louis City Museum and tour of Busch Stadium, and a visit to an American rodeo
- Third-party billing (Cashier’s Office bills the sponsoring agency directly for tuition and fees)

SPONSORED STUDENTS

172

24
sponsoring agencies

15
countries represented

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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MISSOURI S&T OFFERS STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ABROAD FOR A SEMESTER OR YEAR IN 93 PROGRAMS IN 38 COUNTRIES.
STUDY ABROAD/STUDENT EXCHANGE

PROMOTING STUDY ABROAD

During the 2018-2019 academic year:

• 22 information sessions were offered to students interested in learning more about study abroad opportunities and staff members participated in 8 informational events.

• A study abroad fair, held Fall 2018 provided students the chance to explore study abroad opportunities and talk to campus departments about studying abroad.

• Returning study abroad students were filmed promoting their study abroad experiences, and their videos will be posted to International Affairs’ YouTube channel.

• Students were recruited for a new buddy program that will begin in Fall 2019.

NUMBER OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN ALL PROGRAMS ABROAD

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<td>2018-2019</td>
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PARTICIPATION IN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS BY LEVEL
(includes experiential learning and for-credit programs)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD FOR CREDIT
BY ACADEMIC YEAR
STUDY ABROAD/STUDENT EXCHANGE

NEW PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT
Missouri S&T and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) signed an agreement which includes study abroad. USFQ is ranked as the #1 university in Ecuador and #57 in Latin America. This agreement offers Missouri S&T students the opportunity to study abroad in the Galapagos Islands and Quito, Ecuador. The agreement is unique because it incorporates the opportunity for Missouri S&T students to study abroad at USFQ while promoting the mining engineering program to degree seeking students transferring from USFQ.

SCHOLARSHIPS

BOEING
In spring 2018, Boeing made a donation of $5,000 to support study abroad. Two scholarships of $875 each were awarded for Summer 2018 and three scholarships of $1,000 each were awarded for students studying abroad in Fall 2018.

WEINER ENDOWMENT FUND
Eight students received scholarships of $1,000 each from the Weiner Endowment Fund to support study abroad. Scholarship recipients studied in the following locations:

- Utrecht University, Netherlands
- HKUST Engineering, Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia
- HKUST School of Science, Hong Kong
- Universidad Publica de Navarra, Spain
- Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia
- Universitat Politecnica de Valencia, Spain
- Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

We recognize the importance of global engagement in the advancement of research, the pursuit of technological improvements, and the conveyance of knowledge for the betterment of our nation and the world. Vibrant student and faculty exchange programs and international linkage agreements are central to our mission of solving the world’s greatest challenges. To this end, we provide support to our faculty, staff, students, and alumni to pursue international learning, teaching, and research experiences that prepare them for success in a rapidly changing global economy.

International Affairs leads campus internationalization initiatives and is the campus resource for developing strategic international partnerships. From basic agreements to complex partnership programs, International Affairs promotes and facilitates international linkage agreements for Missouri S&T, and maintains the comprehensive partnership database.

MISSOURI S&T IS PARTNERED WITH OVER 72 INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

Abdullah Gul University, Turkey
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University, India
Ankara University, Turkey
Bahcesehir University, Turkey
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Bangladesh
Beijing Institute of Technology, China
Cankaya University, Turkey
Central China Normal University, China
China University of Geosciences, Beijing (CUG), China
China University of Petroleum - East China (formerly Huadong), China
China University of Petroleum, Beijing (CUP), China
Cork Institute of Technology, Ireland
Cukurova University, Turkey
Dalian University of Technology, China
Embassy of Ghana, Washington, D.C., Ghana
ESIGELEC Rouen, France
Gebze Technical University, Turkey
Global Engineering Education Exchange (G3E), IE, USA
Gulf University of Science and Technology, Kuwait
Harbin Institute of Technology (prev. Harbin Architecture and Civil Engineering Institute), China
Hohai University, China
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, School of Engineering, Hong Kong
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, School of Science, Hong Kong
Housing and Building National Research Center, Egypt
HuaZhong University of Science and Technology, China
Institut polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais, France
Istituto di Scienza e Tecnologia dei Materiali Ceramici (ISTEC) del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Italy
Istituto Dominicano de Minería Inc. (ONDIMIN), Dominican Republic
INTI International University and Colleges, Suband, Malaysia
Istanbul Sabahatîn Zaim University, Turkey
Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
Koya University, Iraq
Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait
Maltepe University, Turkey
Mazoon College, Oman
Middle East Technical University, Turkey
Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dominican Republic, Dominican Republic
National Pingtung University, Taiwan
National Research University of Electronic Technology (METI), Russia
Northeast Petroleum University, China
Perm State University, Russia
PES University, India
Pontificia Universidad Católica Del Peru, Peru
Principe Sultan University, Saudi Arabia
Regimote of Côte d’Ivoire, Côte d’Ivoire
Samtske-Javakheti State University, Republic of Georgia
Selcuk University, Turkey
Shantou University, China
Shenzhen University, China
Shenzhen University, China
Shibaura Institute of Technology, Japan
The Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
The Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
The Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Dominican Republic
Tierku College of SNUED, China
Tianjin University, China
Tonghua University, China
Tonghua University, Department of Industrial Engineering, China
Unisinos University, Brazil
Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería, Nicaragua
Universidad Privada Del Norte, Peru
Universidad Publica de Navarra, Spain
Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador
Universidad Tecnica del Cibao Oriental (UTECO), Dominican Republic
Universita degli Studi di Perugia, Italy
University of Balamand, Lebanon
University of Bologna, Italy
University of Brescia, Italy
University of Palermo, Italy
University of the Western Cape, South Africa
Wuhan University of Technology, China
Xi’an Shiyou University, China
Yildiz Technical University, Turkey
Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, China
Zhengzhou University, China
Zhongyuan University of Technology, China

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GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

IVORY COAST DELEGATION VISIT


During his visit, Mr. Ayekon Kobon met with Interim Chancellor Maples, the College of Engineering and Computing, and the Admissions Office to learn about programs offered and campus facilities and to discuss opportunities for students from the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire to come to Missouri S&T.
Since 2018, Missouri S&T and the Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST), a private university near Kuwait City on the Persian Gulf, have been working together under a five-year cooperative agreement. Under this agreement, Missouri S&T will help GUST establish undergraduate engineering programs in engineering management, electrical and computer engineering as inaugural majors, followed by chemical, environmental, civil, petroleum, and mechanical engineering. A second five-year phase will focus on creating a program in mechanical engineering.

The project will leverage Missouri S&T's institutional experience to help GUST establish the selected engineering programs based on existing Missouri S&T curricula, and guide the institutions towards ABET accreditation. Engineering faculty representatives from each selected department will be key in accomplishing the project goals.

The partnership will allow Kuwait to retain greater numbers of students in their home country to earn engineering degrees and will allow Missouri S&T to offer advanced degrees to GUST graduates. The agreement also allows for international visits and collaboration among students and faculty of both institutions. Collaborative research opportunities will available to GUST and S&T faculty.
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

REPUBLIC OF GHANA

In July 2019, Missouri S&T forged a new connection with the Republic of Ghana with the signing of a three-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the university and Ghana's ambassador to the U.S. University leaders expect the agreement to attract new students from the West African nation in the coming years. The agreement is "intended to stimulate and facilitate the intellectual life and cultural development of both parties", including opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students from Ghana to study at S&T, both on campus and via distance education. Leaders of Missouri S&T and Ghana also hope to provide professional development opportunities for the citizens of Ghana, and support Ghanaian students interested in careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics with a particular interest in mining engineering.

MAZOON COLLEGE, OMAN

Since 1999, International Affairs has provided administrative leadership, oversight and management of Missouri S&T’s international affiliation agreement with Mazoon College in Oman. Each year, Missouri S&T team members visit the Mazoon campus to conduct a program review and advise the college regarding areas of improvement. The visiting team generates a comprehensive report that is shared with Mazoon’s administration. The annual report highlights the growth of the university, makes recommendations to strengthen the academic programs reviewed, and identifies challenges and opportunities for the institution as it moves forward.
For over 20 years, Missouri S&T’s Applied Language Institute has developed permanent, ongoing language programs for S&T’s international community through the Intensive English Program. The mission of the IEP is to assist international students in attaining the proficiency level needed to meet language standards and promote a successful transition to academic programs.

Programs in the Intensive English Program are developed to assist with acculturation. IEP students are encouraged to participate in campus-wide programs. On-site evaluators from the Commission on English Language Accreditation stated in their report that “cultural activities represent a real strength of the program.” Acculturation research indicates that language proficiency is a primary stress factor for international students and support programs are critical for their success.

**CONVERSATION PARTNERS**
An interactive program held on Tuesday afternoon at 3PM during the semester. This program facilitates conversations between international and domestic students and promotes cross-cultural understanding.

**INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM SEMINAR**
This class helps students develop skills in listening critically and engaging in discussion topics led by guest speakers. Topics have included presentations by S&T faculty, time management, reminders of immigration policies, issues of academic ethics, and safety tips provided by law enforcement agencies.

**PATHWAY PROGRAM**
The pathway program at Missouri S&T is a program where students can concurrently enroll in both regular academic credit bearing courses and English language classes. Students who meet all admission requirements at Missouri University of Science and Technology except English language proficiency are admitted into the Pathway Program. They take mainstream academic credit bearing courses in their academic department and English language classes in the Intensive English Program to improve their English language proficiency. Students admitted into the Pathway Program can take courses in their academic degree program during their first semester as long as the total number of credit hours do not exceed the Pathway Program’s allowable limit.
INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM ENROLLMENT 2018-2019

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CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

The mission of the International Affairs’ cultural programming is to offer international students and the surrounding community at large the opportunity to gain an understanding of each other’s diverse cultures and backgrounds. Programs provide international students the chance to enhance their experience while adjusting to a new academic environment in the United States.

A primary goal of IA cultural programming is to aid in reducing the stress levels of international students adjusting to a new living and learning environment. Staff and faculty in the IA have extensive experience in working with international students; professional development and specialized training informs and improves the services offered. Members of IA are front-line contacts for recently admitted students; having a pre-departure connection to someone in the US eases the adjustment and adaptation to a new environment.

Best practices indicate that these connections increase the yield in both arrival and retention of international students. Providing meaningful opportunities in which students can share their culture and customs enriches our campus environment and promotes a sense of pride; thereby easing the adjustment to a new environment. The following are established programs that have been developed over time.

These programs allow Missouri S&T international students opportunities to share their culture with the campus and the local community.
STUDENT PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) was created to ensure that concerns of the Missouri S&T international student population are addressed and to create an environment of positive communication. Students and Missouri S&T representatives work together to ensure that student concerns are addressed, while communicating a clear understanding of the rules and regulations of the university. This advisory council was established by the office of International Affairs, campus administrators and international student leaders in 2001. A monthly meeting is held the third Friday of each month. Attendees include officers from all international student associations and staff members of the office of International Affairs and other campus representatives who serve as guest speakers.

MISSOURI INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

This statewide event is sponsored by Study Missouri and is held at the Capitol in Jefferson City. International Affairs hosts a Global Missouri Scholar competition requiring the submission of an original essay, which addresses the importance of global awareness and cross-cultural competencies. Essays are judged based on the quality of content and writing. Consideration is given for second language learners. Students are selected to become “Global Scholars” and represent Missouri S&T at this state function.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

This program links students with host families and individuals from the community, creating positive and meaningful relationships that can often lead to lifetime connections.

International students arrive in Rolla and seek ways to adapt to their new environment. This time of transition is a perfect opportunity to meet new people and make friends. With this in mind, the International Affairs team developed the International Friends Program, especially for students in their first year of study. Since 1994 more than 200 community participants have been actively involved in supporting more than 600 international students. Students participate in local activities with their mentors, visit in local homes and share cultures and traditions.

This program can be an important part of their successful experience at Missouri S&T. It offers insight for international students into activities such as cooking, shopping, taking the driver’s examination, sharpening language skills and learning firsthand about the American way of life. It provides American partners with an opportunity to learn about international cultures and customs.

Members of the community are matched with one or more newly arrived international students. Community members are encouraged to share American culture and customs and in the process, learn about their international student’s culture and viewpoints, which facilitates intercultural understanding. This program aids in cross-cultural awareness and helps newly arrived students adjust to their community.
2018 GLOBAL SHOWCASE

An annual event held in conjunction with the national observance of International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. Global Showcase features cultural items, photos and other materials from the home countries of Missouri S&T students, faculty and staff. Attendees can sample candies from different countries while participants demonstrate talents in music, song and dance. American students who have participated in study abroad programs will also share their experiences and memorabilia.
STUDENT PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MASTERS CLASS

International student ambassadors are invited to serve as panel discussants for Dr. Harvest Collier’s Master Student Class. Students respond to questions from domestic students regarding differences in educational system, their expectations of the United States and the reality, and many other topics. In 2018-2019, 4 international students from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Morocco participated.

’S&T WELCOMES YOU’ THANKSGIVING EVENT

’S&T Welcomes You” was an initiative where faculty and staff were asked to invite international students and scholars to their homes to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving. Some departments also hosted Thanksgiving potlucks and invited international students and scholars. The shared holiday season festivities gave participants the opportunity to exchange cultural customs and traditions associated with Thanksgiving celebrations.

In 2018-2019, 58 students signed up to attend a dinner, and 15 faculty and staff members signed up to host in their homes or offices.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

Assistance is provided to student organizations to help them achieve goals for success in planning their public programs and communicating critical information to their membership. This in turn encourages collaboration and participation in public programs such as Celebration of Nations & Global Showcase. Advice is provided on an individual basis by appointment or through questions asked at the International Student Advisory Council. Student leaders who have specific concerns are advised to seek assistance from appropriate support programs on campus: Student Involvement and Leadership Development and the Counseling Center.

Typical support includes guidance on publicizing events & activities, support for questions that student groups have regarding immigration status; assistance in inviting honorary guests to special events; reminders of the importance of submitting timely applications for funding; helping international students understand the complexities and importance of student government in American universities; transitions for student officers; loaning materials for exhibitions which could include country flags.
International Affairs assisted in hosting the following special events for international students in 2018-2019:

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Celebration of Nations gives area residents and Missouri S&T students the opportunity to showcase and celebrate the vibrant cultural diversity that makes Rolla, Missouri unique to the Ozarks. Created in 2010, the annual event gets bigger and better every year thanks to outstanding participation from the community, great sponsors and full support from the city of Rolla. Downtown comes alive for this multicultural event that includes live music and dance, ethnic food, arts, crafts and displays and children's activities.

The Celebration of Nations team also offers international community awareness for local organizations and events, including programs about Celebration of Nations and specialized presentations about different countries and cultures.

Watch the video at: nations.mst.edu
STUDENT PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

2018:

4000 visitors each year
80 nations represented
95% satisfaction in the experience

63 VENDORS
32 student organizations
13 educational booths
18 professional vendors

40 SPONSORS
20 monetary donations
20 in kind donations

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