This report provides an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Office of International Affairs from August 2019-July 2020.

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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 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 marketplace.
- **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 & 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
  - Student Programming, Outreach and Engagement
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

766 international students

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT
FS09-FS19

* Highest in S&T history
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

**TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**

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TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY DEGREE LEVEL
FS09 - FS19
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POPULATION SERVED
(Includes enrolled students and OPT/STEM OPT students)
FS09 - FS19

FS19 NEW STUDENT PICNIC
SCHUMAN PARK, ROLLA, MO
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 Student 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 Student Orientation provides key information on immigration regulations, mandatory health insurance and presentations for other key department resources.

International Student Orientation gives new students the opportunity to meet other new students and to talk with current international students. The orientation program also provides newly arriving students the opportunity to check in with our office to complete the 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!

2019-2020:

2 formal student orientations
6 informal mini orientations
2 WELCOME RECEPTIONS
2 WEBINARS
2 MINI SESSIONS FOR ALI
IMMIGRATION SUPPORT SERVICES

International Student Services helps each student to ensure they have the required documents needed for entry into the United States and provides guidance relating to maintaining valid immigration status while students pursue their educational program.

IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT PROCESSING

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| NEW I-20/DS-2019s for           | FS19 | SP20 | 2019-20 TOTAL |
| INCOMING STUDENTS               |      |      |               |
| Immigration Documents Issued    | 228  | 117  | 345           |
| Students Who Enrolled at        | 133  | 64   | 197           |
| Missouri S&T                    |      |      |               |

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.
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>Advising Hours</td>
<td>318</td>
<td>110*</td>
<td>428</td>
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<td>Office Student Traffic</td>
<td>1,027</td>
<td>369*</td>
<td>1,396</td>
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*Due to COVID-19, the physical campus closed in March 2020, which minimized student traffic and in-person advising hours.

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.
VISITING SCHOLAR & INTERN SERVICES

International Affairs provides services to assist academic departments with hosting exchange visitors, and helps to facilitate research and recruitment efforts for Missouri S&T. Visiting scholars have been essential to our successful research efforts, and they have enriched the academic environment of our campus and community.

### VISITING SCHOLARS & STUDENT INTERNS

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<td>J-1 Visiting Scholars &amp; Interns Arrived</td>
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### 11 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

Belgium, Brazil, China, India, Iraq, Italy, Korea, Poland, Serbia, Spain, and Turkey

### TOP 5 HOST DEPARTMENTS

- Civil Engineering: 30%
- Geosciences, Geological & Petroleum Engineering: 25%
- Materials Science & Engineering: 10%
- Electrical Engineering: 20%
- Business & Information Technology: 10%

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HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES

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 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 health insurance through Missouri S&T or provide proof of insurance from other providers.

International Affairs tracks all J visa scholars and dependents and their insurance coverage for immigration purposes. The insurance advisor provides education on the health care system in the United States and assists students with finding health care providers, understanding benefits, and assisting with questions about claims.

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*The manual enrollment number represents the number of scholars and their dependents who have enrolled in health insurance through Missouri S&T monthly.

I have been working with the Insurance Advisor in International Affairs since the spring 2020 semester around my medications and insurance related concerns, and I am moved by the assistance she has provided throughout. “She never fails to say, “I am here to help you”, “I can further assist you if needed”, “Please do not hesitate to come to talk to me”, which is very encouraging.” She also helped me time and again, with my medication questions, and making sure I was getting the financial help for my medical equipment. Her support was invaluable at every step and I appreciate her time and efforts with me.

SIMRAN BHATIA
GRADUATE STUDENT
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE
STUDENT HEALTH, SAFETY & SECURITY

TRAVELING ON BEHALF OF MISSOURI S&T

International travel provides unique opportunities for academic achievement and personal growth. International travel also entails special risks. The Office of 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, offers pre-departure orientation for travelers, and gives assistance to travelers as needed. Safety of travelers is the top priority.

SITRAS COMMITTEE STUDENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, RISK ASSESSMENT, AND SAFETY

The Student International Travel, Risk Assessment, and Safety (SITRAS) Committee reviews student international travel requests and addresses health and safety risks for student travelers and the faculty and staff traveling with them. In 2019-2020, the SITRAS Committee reviewed international travel requests until March 2020 when a university-wide travel ban was issued in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

2019-2020:

44 student requests
42 faculty and staff assisted

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SPONSORED STUDENT SERVICES

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

OUR SERVICES:

• 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
• Third-party billing (Cashier’s Office bills the sponsoring agency directly for tuition and fees)

149 SPONSORED STUDENTS
25 sponsoring agencies
15 countries represented

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Before Thanksgiving break, International Affairs hosted over sixty sponsored students and their families for a traditional American Thanksgiving Dinner. 100% of surveyed participants were pleased with the event, and one student said it was the best food they had eaten while being in the United States.

In February 2020, we held a Trivia Night with international sponsored students and Kappa Delta Sorority. 95% of participants said they would attend similar events in the future that provided opportunities for international and domestic students to meet.

Each week, International Affairs staff hosted a sponsored student Coffee Talk to meet, talk, and enjoy a cup of coffee with the students. When the physical campus closed due to COVID-19, International Affairs finished the semester with a Virtual Coffee Talk.

“It’s very important for the students to have an opportunity to be part of a conversation that doesn’t relate to their studies. It sometimes comes back to academics, but it always moves quickly to another topic. It is fun to be a part of this conversation.” - LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTICIPANT
MISSOURI S&T OFFERS STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ABROAD FOR A SEMESTER OR YEAR.

“I feel like I learned a lot, not just about myself, but what I want to do as an engineer as well.”

DERRICK BARGER
SOPHOMORE, MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
STUDIED ABROAD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS IN ENGLAND
STUDY ABROAD/STUDENT EXCHANGE

NUMBER OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN ALL PROGRAMS ABROAD

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PROMOTING STUDY ABROAD

2019-2020:
25 informational sessions
7 special events

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PARTICIPATION IN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS BY LEVEL

- Freshman
- Soph
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate/Professional
- Unspecified

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STUDY ABROAD/STUDENT EXCHANGE

MINER MENTORS BUDDY PROGRAM

The Miner Mentor Buddy Program offers a comprehensive intercultural and educational experience for international students coming to Missouri University of Science and Technology. This program offers support and fosters community among our international and domestic students.

Peer bonding can be challenging as students adjust to life in a foreign country, especially for international exchange students who are studying at Missouri S&T for only one or two semesters. Social events offered throughout the academic semester help students gain new perspectives and insights into other ways of seeing the world.

In 2019-2020, 16 students were recruited for the buddy program. Each incoming international exchange student was ‘buddied’ with a domestic student who has returned from study abroad and is attending Missouri S&T. Miner Mentors events included a welcome picnic and scavenger hunt, attending intramural sports games, holiday themed meals and activities, professional sporting events, visiting national monuments and museums, and many other activities. Participating students are also encouraged to meet outside of scheduled program events to catch a movie, share a meal, study, and get to know the S&T campus and community.

“The Miner Mentors program is one of the best things to happen to me during my exchange and it allowed me to meet one of my best friends. It was easier to integrate into campus life and gave me someone to always talk to.”

PAULI KUKKONEN
SPRING 2020 EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM LAPLAND UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE, FINLAND
NEW PROGRAM

Missouri S&T and Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT) signed an agreement which includes study abroad. SIT is located in the heart of Tokyo, Japan and provides Missouri S&T students the opportunity to learn in cutting-edge STEM research fields.

Shibaura is the only private technology university in Japan to have been selected for the Top Global University Project which aims to enhance the globalization of Japan’s public and private universities so that students can “walk into positions of global leadership”. This agreement is one of only 2 universities Missouri S&T partners with in Japan and the only to be located in the major city of Tokyo.

WEINER ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2019-2020, nine students received scholarships of $1,000 each from the Weiner Endowment Fund to support study abroad. Scholarship recipients studied in the following locations.

- Universiteit des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France
- University of Hull, United Kingdom
- Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium
- University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
- Munich University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Cork Institute of Technology, Ireland
- Université de Strasbourg, France
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
STUDY ABROAD/STUDENT EXCHANGE

2019-2020: 9 scholarships awarded

MCKENZIE RUFF
JUNIOR, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Studied abroad in Fall 2019 at Universidad del País Vasco in Spain

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“I got to learn about how other cultures viewed Americans from a business perspective. I definitely feel the experience changed me for the better. Learning about another culture that closely is a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

KATLYN MAAS
SENIOR, BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, FALL 2019
STUDY ABROAD/STUDENT EXCHANGE

GLOBAL MINERS SPOTLIGHT

Information sharing is helpful to students who are interested in study abroad. Under the Global Miners Spotlight program, returning study abroad students provide information related to their experience(s) abroad, and what it means to be a Global Miner.

KATLYN MAAS
UNIVERSITÉ DE LILLE, FRANCE

When she decided to study abroad in the fall of 2019, senior Katlyn Maas, a Business and Information Technology student, already aspired to be a global leader in her field following graduation. Plans to be an international traveler and ambassador were at the forefront of her mind as Katlyn traveled to Lille, France to attend the Université de Lille with plans to study business and finance. Though the courses were different than she was used to in the states, the opportunity to study from the perspective of a European student was one she considers invaluable. “To say that my experience was wonderful would be an understatement. I met so many interesting people here, expanding my knowledge of other cultures and making new friends across the world. I would highly recommend a study abroad semester to anyone; it taught me independence, patience, and resilience in ways that staying in Rolla would have never taught me.”

DERRICK BARGER
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS, UK

Derrick Barger studied abroad at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom during the 2019-2020 academic year. As a sophomore in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Derrick is used to being challenged and is always looking for new and innovative ways to expand his horizons. Though studying abroad gives you the opportunity to experience your host country, it is also a perfect time to explore other places as well. Not only did Derrick do well academically, but he made lots of new friends during his time in the UK and together they went on adventures across the globe. “I passed all my 1st semester courses, made lots of friends, and have visited some wonderful places. So far I have gone to Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Serbia, Croatia, Hungary, Germany, Finland, Spain, Switzerland, and Morocco! I look forward to what else the future holds.”
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

MISSOURI S&T COLLABORATES WITH MORE THAN 90 INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Dr. Mohammad Dehghani, Missouri S&T Chancellor, with Dr. Juma Al Ghailani, Founder and Managing Director of Mazoon College in Oman 2019
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.
Mazoon College was founded as a women’s college in 1998. As an S&T affiliate, the school offers several degrees based on S&T’s curriculum and was one of the first schools in the Middle East to offer undergraduate psychology degrees. Mazoon enrolls more than 1400 undergraduate students, 70 graduate students and nearly 200 students in its General Foundation Program.

Through its affiliation with Missouri S&T, Mazoon has developed and implemented academic programs modeled after Missouri S&T’s accredited programs. Mazoon and Missouri S&T are hoping to expand their relationship to include graduate programs.

Dr. Susan Murray, Professor and Chair of Psychological Sciences, became the program’s academic lead on September 1, 2019.
Students at Mazoon College, Oman are eagerly anticipating new graduate programs.

In 2019-2020, Mazoon received the International Standards Accreditation Council (ISAC) award. Missouri S&T representatives visited Mazoon’s campus to review academic programs, observe classroom instruction, assist with accreditation processes and help update academic and administrative policies and procedures. Drs. Susan Murray and K. C. Dolan gave a risk analysis seminar and engaged with Mazoon students, faculty and administrators.

Once OAAA approval is granted, Mazoon intends to offer an array of graduate courses which are desired by current students and will help contribute to the economy of the region by fulfilling a vital role in the work marketplace.

Dr. Gregory Gelles, Chancellors’ Professor, and former chair of the Economics department at Missouri S&T, served as the academic lead for the project until his retirement in 2019. Dr. Gelles served as a Dean of Mazoon College for the 2003-2004 academic year and lived in Oman during that time.
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

GULF UNIVERSITY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Missouri S&T is partnered with Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) in Kuwait to establish the structure and curriculum for its new College of Engineering.

Established in 2002, GUST is the first private university in the State of Kuwait. GUST is preparing generations of young leaders and professionals for the demands of a new global technological era. The pedagogical theory and practice of GUST is based on the American model of higher learning, and the language of instruction is English.

Under the partnership agreement, Missouri S&T will help GUST establish a new college of engineering, develop curriculum for GUST’s engineering programs, and recruit faculty. In addition, S&T will help ensure quality control of GUST engineering programs, and guide the university toward earning engineering program accreditation by ABET, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

The partnership will allow Kuwait to retain an increased number of undergraduate 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 exchange and collaboration among students and faculty of both institutions.
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

MISSOURI S&T TEAM MEMBERS

GUST Liaison Office

- Dr. Jeanie Hofer, Associate Provost for International Affairs, GUST Co-Program Lead
- Amy M. Gillman, Sr. Director, International Affairs, GUST Liaison Office Director

GUST Faculty Team

- Dr. Joseph D. Smith, Wayne and Gayle Laufer Endowed Energy Chair and Professor, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, GUST Principal Investigator and Academic Lead
  - Dr. Kelvin Erickson, Curator’s Distinguished Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Dr. Mark Fitch, Associate Professor, Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering
  - Dr. Ralph Flori, Chancellor’s Professor, Geosciences, and Geological and Petroleum Engineering
  - Dr. Daniel Forciniti, Associate Provost of Faculty Affairs and Professor, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
  - Dr. Greg Gelles, Chancellor’s Professor, Economics
  - Dr. Douglas K. Ludlow, Professor, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
  - Dr. Stephen Raper, Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies, and Associate Professor, Engineering Management and Systems Engineering
APPLIED LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

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 (IEP). 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.

2020 RE-ACCREDITATION

In 2019-2020, the Missouri S&T Intensive English Program was re-accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) for the period April 2020 through April 2030. The IEP agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions. CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a specialized accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions.

IEP SEMINAR

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

CONVERSATION PARTNERS

The Conversation Partners program facilitates conversations between international and domestic students and promotes cross-cultural understanding. Through guided activities, students hear English with accents from all over the globe and share experiences that strengthen their conversational English.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

2019-2020

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The Pathway Program at Missouri S&T allows students to concurrently enroll in both academic courses and English language classes during their first semester on campus. 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 academic, credit-bearing courses in their academic department and English language classes in the Intensive English Program.

2019-2020: 20 student participants
The mission of 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 International Affairs’ cultural programming is to aid in reducing the stress levels of international students adjusting to a new living and learning environment. The staff and faculty of International Affairs have extensive experience working with international students; professional development and specialized training informs and improves the services offered.

Members of International Affairs 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.

Providing meaningful opportunities for students to share their culture and customs enriches our campus environment, promotes a sense of pride, and eases the adjustment to a new environment.
This program links students with host families and individuals from the community, creating positive and meaningful relationships that can often lead to lifetime connections. 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. This program aids in cross-cultural awareness and helps newly arrived students adjust to their community.

2019-2020:
- **34** international students
- **19** community members
- **11** countries represented
- Bangladesh, China, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, United States, and West Bengal

“The program of International Friends helped me expand my horizons, it also helped me with changing the whole experience of studying abroad. Not only that, I can proudly say that it introduced me to people who I not only call friends but also a family. Thank you International Affairs for this amazing opportunity!”

NADER ZAIN AL DEEN
In celebration of International Education Week, International Affairs hosted its annual Global Showcase on November 21, 2019. The goal of the event is to highlight the diverse culture at Missouri S&T and celebrate the importance of international education worldwide.

In addition to cultural displays, the event featured live entertainment, including a musical performance by a current PhD student from China, Xuecheng Ye, and a dance performance by the Aerial Swing Dance Club.
STUDENT PROGRAMMING

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EVENTS

2019-2020:

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KUWAIT NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION
FEBRUARY 28, 2020

international.mst.edu/student-programming-and-outreach
CULTURAL PROGRAMS

International Affairs’ cultural programming offers international students and the surrounding community 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 studying at Missouri S&T, and form long lasting cross-cultural friendships.

2019-2020:
- Summer Welcome Picnic
- Winter Welcome Party
- International Women’s Day
The Office of International Affairs conducted the following outreach activities in 2019-2020:

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**INTERNATIONAL INSPIRATION: VIRTUALLY CONNECTING GLOBAL MINERS**

International Inspiration: Virtually Connecting Global Miners was an initiative to promote community and cultural appreciation when the COVID-19 pandemic limited face-to-face interaction. A new topic was released each week to all international students and the international affairs staff. Individuals would upload suggestions for that week’s given topic to a shared, online bulletin board. The categories included recipes, movies and television shows, music, and travel destinations. Every Wednesday, the Office of International Affairs hosted a Zoom discussion to talk about that week’s bulletin board topic.

**MISSOURI S&T BAND AND THE 399TH BAND COLLABORATION**

The Missouri S&T Symphonic Band, and the University Wind Symphony were joined by members of the 399th Army Band for a free concert on February 16, 2020. The Arts, Languages and Philosophy Department partnered with the Office of International Affairs for this concert to increase global awareness on campus and in the community.

The program explored a diverse array of wind music either based on or inspired by cultures around the world. The ensembles performed music representing Japanese, Greek, Irish, Arabic, Spanish, Alaskan Native, Swahili and Native American Cultures.
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

CELEBRATION of NATIONS
One campus. One community. One world.

Celebration of Nations gives area residents and Missouri S&T students the opportunity to showcase and celebrate the vibrant cultural diversity that makes Rolla unique to the Ozarks.

Created in 2010, the annual event gets bigger and better each year thanks to outstanding participation and support from the community, sponsors, and the City of Rolla. Downtown Rolla comes alive for this family-friendly, multicultural event that includes international foods, cultural displays, live music and entertainment, arts and crafts, and many children’s activities.

4000 VISITORS EACH YEAR
80 NATIONS REPRESENTED

Chancellor Dehghani and his family kick off the 2019 Celebration of Nations parade.
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Watch the video at: nations.mst.edu

2019:
38 SPONSORS
64 VENDORS
26 STUDENT
13 EDUCATIONAL
16 PROFESSIONAL
9 OTHER
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