This fall semester Dr. Bober has undertaken two trips to promote international program exchanges for study in hospitality and tourism management. In November, Dr. Bober visited five cities in China with Rubee Li Fuller, Director of International Program and developed collaboration agreements programs with three schools, ShenYang University, Hubei University and Shijiazhuang Technical College. Dr. Bober was hosted at ShenYang University by our former visiting scholar, Prof. Rachel Wang. “ShenYang is a completely modern and fast-growing industrial center. The hospitality program there has over 1,000 undergraduate majors, so there is considerable potential for future collaboration and exchange at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.”

In December, he travelled to Athens, Greece and the island of Corfu with College of Professional Studies’ Dean Dr. John Cicero to confer with The European Center for Tourism Studies (ECTS), an affiliate of the Glion Swiss Hotel School and Manchester College in England. The agreement with the ECTS includes the potential for students there to complete a Roosevelt University bachelor's degree; and, to allow Roosevelt University to offer an onsite master's degree in hospitality and tourism management. “Programs such as these raise the visibility of our degree programs on the global market,” Dr. Bober explained. He is hopeful that our Chicago-land students will be able to participate in semester long studies and summer abroad programs in both locations.

Student Service-Learning Project, ‘Bridges to Enlightenment,’ Benefits Job-Coaching Program

Students in HOSM 311 Organizational Development and a team from HOSM 324 Special Events Management hosted the third annual fund-raiser for the Marriott Foundations Bridges from School to Work job-coaching program at DeLaCosta Restaurant on Sunday evening, December 9.

“Through this service-learning project, students gain real world experience working as teams to create the event,” said HOSM 311 Prof. Carol Brown, “plus we act on the University’s social justice mission. We topped our previous years’ total by raising $6,800!”

HOSM students also hosted a check-presentation ceremony to which the job-club members were invited on Wednesday, December 12. Bridges Executive Director, Ken Upshaw attended to receive the check. “The work that all of you have done and the outpouring of support that you have provided to the community is amazing,” Mr. Upshaw said as he accepted the check. “Because of this project, we are able to provide needed programming for our young people and we are able to keep the Jobs Club up and running.”

“I’m so proud of the work we’ve accomplished this semester,” concluded Prof. Brown.
Bridges to Enlightenment Fund-raiser at DeLaCosta
Hosted by HOSM Students

Clockwise from upper left: Ken Upshaw, Prof. Brown, Lezlie Keebler, DeLaCosta general manager, HOSM student Jeff Smith, Tad Asbury, Vice-Chairman of Marriott Foundation from Washington DC

All HOSM students gather with Prof. Brown (center), Prof. Host (center rear) and Ms. DeMille, far right, to celebrate.

Ken Upshaw receives $6,800 check from Prof. Brown at Holiday reception for all Bridges student participants hosted by HOSM classes.

Silent auction room at DeLaCosta with HOSM student Ryan Somodji on right.

Volunteer opportunities are resume-building as well as service-learning in action. Visit our HOSM BlackBoard site for the full list.

HOSM students are always encouraged to take advantage of the many industry-related volunteer opportunities which are regularly shared on the program’s BlackBoard Community site.

Prof. Bill Host led a team of student volunteers at the both the MPI-Chicago Area Chapter meeting held this past March and the Greater Midwest Chapter of PCMA Student Day Program held this past September. At both events students acted as guides of the hotel section of the historic Auditorium building.

“HOSM students not only gain valuable resume-building experience and industry exposure through these volunteer opportunities, but these events are also service-learning in action,” said Prof. Host.

“Most agencies who request student volunteers are not-for-profits charities and trade or professional associations,” he added. The experiences gained and the networking opportunities are priceless.

HOSM students have volunteered for events such the Y-Me Fundraiser and Silent Auction, the annual DIFFA (Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS) Gala, The Chicago 2016 Olympics Bid Fundraiser Dinner, AIA Chicago Design-night Awards Gala, and numerous conferences.
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The Hospitality Students Association (H.S.A.) organized a full roster of events for fall including with an opening social at Pisano’s Restaurant, a resume workshop, and holiday/finals week cookie break.

Plans for the spring include, a welcome back social, a networking mocktail social like last year’s very successful event. Plans are also being developed for a service day on RU’s Founders Day.

H.S.A. President Megan Sheets said, "The Hospitality Student Association provides a fun and enjoyable atmosphere for students to learn about the hospitality industry,"

Holly Foltz, H.S.A. Vice-President added, “My vision for the club is to provide networking and professional growth opportunities for the students in the Hospitality department...to engage students and help make sure they get the most they can from their time in college. After all, school is more than just what happens in the classroom!”

H.S.A. meetings will be held on Thursdays at 3pm. All are welcome...