

The INTAPP Report

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Tree marks INTAPP founders' achievements

Nicole Hawkins, April Kappler and Katelin Kennedy left a lasting mark on Appalachian State University's history by founding International Appalachian. On October 1, 2006 INTAPP left another lasting mark in honor of the three founders. The Founders Tree was dedicated as a part of Homecoming weekend. Members of INTAPP were accompanied by Provost Stan Aeschleman and members of the Office of International Education and Development along with Nicole and April



to remember the hard work and dedication the three founders put in to form International Appalachian. During the service former President Douglass Hay, current President Chris Houska, INTAPP advisers Tim Zacher, Bob White, Nancy Wells and Jeanne d'Arc Gomis, as well as Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Jesse Lutabingwa all spoke to recognize the three founders and speak on the accomplishments and future goals of INTAPP.

- Douglass Hay

Special points of interest:

- INTAPP will celebrate three years of service to Appalachian State this Spring
- INTAPP was awarded Best New Organization by CSIL for 2005-2006
- INTAPP was awarded 3rd place in the 2006 Homecoming Float.
- INTAPP received the best presentation award at the Region VII NAFSA conference.
- Our website will be undergoing changes in the coming months, so look for a sharper, more personalized webpage soon!

Jesse Lutabingwa brings new height to International Programs

Jesse Lutabingwa, the newest addition to the Office of International Education and Development, was named Associate Vice Chancellor for International Programs at Appalachian State University. He began his position in July and since then has brought new vision, leadership and organization to international programs on campus.

"I want every student to travel abroad, but we know that's not realistic," Lutabingwa said. "So, it's important for us to work on infusing global issues into the courses we teach."

Already Lutabingwa has begun making changes in the department, beginning with the new name of the office—Office of International Education and Development. A new unit within his office—International Research and Development—was created to facilitate research

to seek sources of external funding for international activities and projects. He has also initiated an expansion of the International Education Council to promote and assist in developing curricula and programs with international emphases and supporting the international community.

Lutabingwa has had more than twenty years of experience in international education. Most recently he served as assistant vice president for international education and development at Florida A&M University, where he also served as an associate professor of public administration and associate director for international programs. He holds a Ph.D. in public policy and administration from Jackson State University, a master's degree from the School for International Training in Ver-

mont and a bachelor's degree from Wartburg College in Iowa.

INTAPP is very privileged to be under the leadership and partnership with Lutabingwa. He has already shown his great support in our organization by providing us some extra money from the office in order to continue to advance student international initiative.

"The search committee is very pleased that Dr. Lutabingwa has accepted this important position on our campus," Nina Jo-Moore, chair of the search committee said. "He will be a perfect person to carry forth the fine work that has already been accomplished in the area of international programs on campus and take us forward to even greater achievements."

- Ginna Clement

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New AID position sparks campus involvement

Stand Up Against Poverty

One of the turning points of International Appalachian is proudly marked by their movement to host an event for the Stand Up Against Poverty action. Launched by the United Nations Millennium Campaign, "Stand Up" was an exciting challenge to set an official Guinness World Record for the greatest number of people ever to Stand Up Against Poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). On October 15&16, the world came together, stood up, and reminded their governments of promises to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and help the billions living in extreme poverty. Appalachian had 1,214 students and faculty members stand up. The events began with a mass gathering in Sanford Mall on October 15. The biggest contribution to ASU's numbers was the event in which teachers were asked to talk to their classes about the MDGs or any topic related to poverty for 5 minutes. We participated in this event to raise awareness of the MDGs and to publicly demonstrate to policy makers the

growing global support for the achievement of the MDGs and for the strengthening of development policies in both Northern and Southern countries. This medley of events INTAPP AID put on were designed to coincide with [Global Call to Action Against Poverty](#) (GCAP) month of global mobilizations around the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. This act of Standing Up Against Poverty is our strong symbolic statement to take action as an international organization. The World Record was set this year at 24.5 million people.



INTAPP members, international students, and domestic students "stand up" against poverty on Oct. 15.

Raising Hopes: A week of awareness to the caste system

Upon the return of INTAPPer Leah Charbonneau, INTAPP AID organized a week of events to bring awareness about the caste system in India. The week was not devoted to showing ASU students the harshness of existing in a caste system but rather the effects it had on this society after the Tsunami. Events ranged from contact tables to free henna tattooing to documentaries and lectures. We raised money at each event for a village that did not have the resources to fix roofs. These roofs were rebuilt after the Tsunami with weak rubbish that is now collapsing and killing on average 3 people per month. INTAPP worked side by side with DELTA, and organization that originated out of this village after the Tsunami. Needless to say we were very successful. The fact that a student with a concern came to INTAPP to express this concern and bring awareness marks a turning point in our initiative.

- Jennifer Schroeder

INTAPP members prepare to study abroad

Amanda Edgell

"I have always been interested in working in sub-Saharan Africa. This program through SIT fit my interests perfectly, providing both classroom and real world experience in a sub-Saharan country, and the more I learn about Uganda, the more I fall in love with it." Putting to good use her studies in International and Comparative politics, Amanda will be studying in Uganda and Rwanda for the spring semester of 2007. Since high school her passion for politics has shown through with her continuing participation in Model United Nations. She is currently on the recruitment

committee, but was the Vice President of INTAPP last year. She is reluctant to say this was her favorite position she has held, but even with all the hard work, she says, "I enjoyed playing such a full-time role in INTAPP in its inaugural year."

Doug Hay

For the spring and fall of 2007, Doug plans to study Psychology in Valparaiso, Chile at the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso. "I wanted a South American country, and Chile just kind of worked out. I think that city is going to be amazing and I'm so happy that Chile is where I am ending up."

Doug is also currently on the recruitment committee, but was the president last year and before that the AppPeer coordinator. While being AppPeer coordinator, he raised the amount of AppPeers from 13 to 103. Doug is proud to have been a part of the first core executive, and all of the accomplishments that INTAPP has made in its short history. But with all business set aside, Doug's favorite past time is spending time with fellow members, "My favorite memories are all the times we have bonded, just when we are having a good time together as a group." - Hayley von Hollen

INTAPP gears up for spring orientation

Spring semester orientation is just around the corner! The Office of International Education and Development and INTAPP are delighted to welcome 11 new international students for the spring 2007 semester. Amy Bastow-Cox and the orientation

committee are working towards creating a fun and exciting orientation! We will need INTAPP members to help introduced ASU and the Boone community to our new guests, January 3-7th. Orientation committee is working with the Travel committee to

create an accumulation of information about things to do and see in the High Country. We look forward to meeting the new internationals, as well as seeing INTAPPers back in Boone early spring semester! - Amanda Felton

Recruitment levels at record high

INTAPP held a very successful recruitment drive in the fall! After much preparation done during the summer months, the recruitment committee was able to come back in August ready to put the word out about INTAPP. The entire process from start to finish lasted about a month and included several contact tables, special information sessions and postings all over campus. The response was incredible and INTAPP was able to secure thirteen new members who have already proven to be great assets to this wonderful organization!

Congratulations to our new members:
Amy Bastow-Cox, Carrie Burselson
Marianella Gonzalez, Sam Kingsbury
Ha Nguyen, Abby Osinjolu
Marie Principe, John Roberts



Tyler Roy, Amy Salahshour
Beatrice Schmider, Kyle Siefert, and
Krystal Williams

Also, a special thanks to the INTAPP Recruitment and Publicity committee as well as the executive board for all of their hard work.

Great job everyone!
- Nina Nido



INTAPP adds new alumni

Mandy Eggers

Former IFA coordinator and Current International Orientation committee member, Mandy has always been eager to work on a one-to-one basis with the international students. In her time with INTAPP she has helped put on International Ball and International café. She also recently attended the NAFSA conference with International programs. She spent her sophomore year studying in Germany and has a passion for learning new languages, "In order to understand a different culture, you must learn everything that is possible about it from their perspective. You can't do that staying in America and speaking only English." After graduating with a degree in Broadcasting/Electronic Media with a minor in German, she plans on doing an internship in Ecuador for a few months, then in the fall of 2007 plans to teach English in China. "Both are great opportunities to travel and explore and learn before I head on to either a "real" job or graduate school."

Amanda Lodder

With a major in International Business/Spanish and a minor in Latin America studies, it's obvious Amanda has a passion for other cultures. She has studied abroad

in Alicante, Spain and loves to spend time with the local Hispanic community and works with High Country Amigos for 5 hours a week. She also led an Alternative spring break trip last year to work at a Head Start center for Hispanic children in New Jersey. Currently Amanda works with INTAPP's social committee but has also held a position as the AppPeer coordinator. She was also a presenter at the NAFSA conference in Charlotte this semester. After graduation this December she plans on attending law school. She plans to use this degree and her fluency in Spanish to help defend the rights of immigrants and by doing this encourage all cultures to become more accepting of one another. She says, "I think the first step to "internationalizing" the world is to internationalize yourself. The more politically, globally, and socially aware you make yourself, the easier it is to encourage these traits in those around you."

Jordan Santoni

By joining spring semester of last year Jordan had only a short amount of time to make his mark in INTAPP, but he definitely did. An outgoing Economics and International Business major, he has been a great asset as the Freshman Seminar presentation leader for Study abroad in-

formation and has encouraged countless numbers of students to seek more information about study abroad. Jordan is always an avid participant in all of INTAPP's activities. One of his favorite memories is Senegalese dancing with International programs' Jeanne D'arc, IFA, and fellow intappers in the International ball and International Café. In 2004-2005, he studied in Barcelona, Spain, which helped him become fluent in Spanish. After graduation he plans on spending a short time in Thailand and Burma completing his study in an advanced meditation technique. When he returns to the U.S, he will be working with a professor at the UNC institute of Marine Science to lay the foundation for a new method in producing key ingredients for an Alzheimer's drug called "Bryostatin". Jordan says that, "with the successful expansion of the Bryostatin drug production company, I hope to partner with developing coastal communities in South America, Southeast Asia, and Australia to help promote the introduction of new technology, infrastructure, and educational programs by building schools in the regions where the Bryostatin production is hiring local workers."

- Hayley von Hollen

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Letter from the INTAPP president

Dear Open Minds:

This has been an exciting and progressive year thus far with INTAPP! The “roots” of our tree and organization are becoming part of the University’s landscape. We have truly become an organization that is recognized on all levels. Student, faculty, and administrator involvement alike has commended us on our efforts and more and more attention has been given to our efforts of internationalizing Appalachian State University.

This day in age it’s no secret that ASU truly has something special going on in the Office of International Education and Development. INTAPP is emerging as one of the premier organizations on campus gaining pres-

tige and recognition throughout Boone. Everyone involved with INTAPP has dedicated a tremendous amount of time and effort to bring International Appalachian to the levels it was first envisioned. We currently hold membership levels at thirty-six persons, just four away from our cap as an organization. The new members are full of worldly experiences and intrinsic personalities to make INTAPP a better Organization as a whole. Some of our new members hail from Nigeria, Kenya, Ecuador, and France. Others who were not born abroad definitely have international experience working for NGO’s, majoring in a foreign language, or study abroad returnees. This creates an excellent mixture of both old and

new members who have seen the world and can really contribute a global competency within INTAPP.

To all of our INTAPP family we extend a warm invitation to come and visit us in Boone and be our guest of honor. You are part of a global network of friends and peers at ASU and the center is with us in INTAPP. Thank you so much for all the support I have received by you all throughout the year.

Christopher Houska
INTAPP President