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BUSINESS STUDENTS GO ABROAD; EXPLORE GLOBAL BUSINESS AND CULTURE IN DENMARK AND GERMANY

While many Northeast students were at home, enjoying a couple days of fall break this past October, five Northeast students and two business instructors were on a long plane ride --- coming home from a 10-day educational travel experience in Denmark and Germany.

From October 5 – 10, business instructors Cara Hoehne and Karen Spray, along with co-instructor Brith Jøker at Aarhus Business College in Aarhus, Denmark, introduced the students

to Danish culture, along with a first-hand look at Danish and German business practices, distribution and promotion of goods and services in a global economy, cultural differences, and the business implications of these differences.

The class began as a pilot course, which uses the latest technology to bring the Northeast and Aarhus classrooms together in real time. The class is in its second year of instruction: year one, during the fall of 2017, was solely classroom instruction with no travel; this year saw the Northeast students traveling to Denmark and Germany; during fall 2019, Northeast



*Northeast students begin their studies in Copenhagen, Denmark.
Here, posing in front of Copenhagen's famous pier, are (l-r) Maria Lucas,
Logan Connot, Shanae Baker, Hallee Held, and Chloe Bohuslavsky.*

will host Jøker and her Aarhus students. The class will now become a permanent fixture in the business division, as a required class for the AAS-degree business students. (cont. on page 2)

Business Students (cont. from page 1)

Jøker sees this partnership with Northeast as a real opportunity for her students.

“For the Danish student, they get to know American students and speak English, and they will learn about marketing at the same time,” she said, “which I think is quite a good experience for them.”

The Northeast students who participated in the educational travel are Shanae Baker, sophomore, from Petersburg; Chloe Bohuslavsky, freshman, Shelton; Logan Connot, sophomore, from O’Neill; Hallee Held, sophomore, from Leigh; and Maria Lucas, sophomore, from Madison, but a native of Guatamala.

While the Northeast students experienced a different culture --- including different foods, modes of transportation, and languages --- Connot thinks that the Danish students learned a lot from their interaction with Nebraska students as well. She hopes the Danish students have gained a new perspective of what life in Nebraska and in America is like.

“I think their idea of what Americans and the American school system are like is very different from what it is,” she said. “I think they’ve been very surprised at what they’ve learned.”



Although they are in Denmark, the five students (foreground) from Northeast can still work with their classmates, who are in their classroom in Northeast’s Maclay building (background). ZOOM technology allows for the Nebraska and Danish students to become one class every Thursday.



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Once again, the Health Information Management Club and the Center for Global Engagement would like to ask your help in donating to **HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGES** for those students who will be spending the holidays in the residence halls.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items like

- *Microwaveable, single-serving meals
- *Pull-top, ring-tab soups
- *Easy Mac & Cheese
- *Ramen Noodles
- *Peanut butter and crackers
- *Cheese and crackers
- *Pudding
- *Beef jerky
- *Popcorn
- *Applesauce and individual fruit cups
- *Pop-tarts

Easy drop-off locations can be found at the following:

- MC 140 (Sara Kirby's office)
- MC 142 (Pam Saalfeld's office)
- MC 146 (Tina Mazuch's office)
- AAH 248 (Penny Hochstein's office)
- CWC 1282 (Taylor Christiansen's office).

Cash donations can be given to either Tina Mazuch or Pam Saalfeld.
All donations should be received no later than **NOON** on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**.

Thank you for all you do to make our students' holidays brighter!
Have a wonderful holiday season!

NORTHEAST AND COLLEGE 360 SIGN MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGE

Northeast Community College and College 360 in Silkeborg, Denmark have made their global partnership official with the signing of Memos of Understanding between the two colleges. The signing ceremony was facilitated via ZOOM technology Thursday morning, November 29th (Thursday afternoon Denmark time) when both Dr. Chipps and the College 360 president, Henrik Toft, put pen to paper at their respective sites. Also present at the signing were Ole Tormod Bøndergaard and Bente Strange-Hansen, last year's faculty leaders for the College 360 students' visit; and John Blaylock, Lyle Kathol, Amanda Nipp, James Curry, and Pam Saalfeld, representing Northeast Community College.

The first MOU signed Thursday was an agreement between the two colleges for College 360's March 2019 visit. From March 12 - 19, thirty College 360 students and two faculty leaders will be on campus, during which they will be participants in business classes in the mornings and visit area businesses during the afternoon. The students will also participate in college activities, such as Wacky Wednesday and Monday at the Movies, during the week. The students will reside in the dormitories and eat in the cafeteria to give them a true, albeit brief, college experience and allow for students from both countries to become acquainted. The signed agreement lays out the cost per College 360 student, educational expectations, campus regulations, responsibilities of both institutions, and the like.

The second MOU that was signed by both President Chipps and President Toft is a broad-based agreement that would create the possibility for Northeast students to participate in a similar educational experience abroad at College 360, as well as potential faculty exchanges and longer-term student exchanges.

Northeast's relationship with Denmark-based colleges has been a mainstay of the college's global initiative since 2013 when Northeast entered into a Memo of Understanding with Aarhus Business College in Aarhus, Denmark. Through that partnership, Northeast students have recently traveled to Aarhus (see story on page 1), and Northeast faculty have participated in several exchanges. The addition of College 360 will provide even more opportunities for students and faculty to participate in affordable and educational experiences abroad.



College 360 President, Henrik Toft (far left), signs the Memo of Understanding between College 360 and Northeast while Ole Tormod Bøndergaard and Bente Strange-Hansen look on. Bøndergaard will accompany thirty College 360 students to Northeast for an educational travel experience in March.



Dr. Michael Chipps, president of Northeast Community College, signs the Memo of Understanding with College 360, located in Silkeborg, Denmark, from the President's Cabinet Room in the Maclay Building. The simultaneous signing was made possible via ZOOM technology.

THREE NORTHEAST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO GRADUATE IN DECEMBER

The Office of Global Engagement wishes to congratulate our three international students who have completed their studies at Northeast and will graduate at the end of fall term. The December graduates are Gisele Ble, Cote d'Ivoire; Landry Fagbohoun, Benin; and Marie Millimouno, Guinea.

Ble, a Business Administration major, will be transferring to Gulf Coast State College in Panama City, Florida; Fagbohoun, a Pre-Professional Nursing major, will continue his studies at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs. Millimouno, who will graduate with a Business Administration degree, will return to her home country of Guinea.

If you have any of these students in your classes, please wish them well as they leave Northeast for exciting future endeavors within the U.S. and the world.



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**Be the first one to email the correct answers to
saraak@northeast.edu and win a fabulous prize!**



- 1) What Scandinavian country's holiday traditions include the annual construction of a 42-foot straw Yule Goat?
- 2) With origins from Germany, what is the name of the "half-goat, half-demon" creature who can be summoned on the eve of St. Nicholas Day to punish misbehaving children?
- 3) This modern tradition in Japan includes dining on what Western food on Christmas?
- 4) Most Finnish people visit a _____ on Christmas Eve to relax.
- 5) Every year on December 24, the streets of Caracas, Venezuela are closed to traffic so that people can _____ to church.
- 6) In what Central European country does a single woman face away from the door to her home and toss a shoe to find out if she will marry the coming year? If the shoe points toward the door, she will marry; if the heel does, then it will be at least another year.
- 7) London, England lays claim to what Christmas novelty that "popped" into existence in the 1840's?
- 8) What popular holiday bloom originated from southern Mexico?

