

Arcadia Updates

December 2006

Dear Colleagues:

Let me take a moment to greet you all and thank you for your advice, counsel, support and encouragement during the past semester. We have enjoyed working with your students on our programs around the world. It has been a pleasure to host many of you here at Arcadia University on our monthly Advisor visits. We have benefited from participating with many of you at regional NAFSA conferences, and at other professional venues. We have been encouraged by your support of educationally sound opportunities for your students even while you consider creative ways to challenge students to grow, reflect and contribute. As the number of possible avenues to study abroad increases, and as you grapple with new initiatives on your campus, we are particularly grateful to be included among the opportunities that many of you advocate for your students. We continue to look for ways to increase our support of your campus goals, to provide through our regional Assistant Directors solid information about courses, credits, and discipline focused opportunities. Our Resident Directors overseas, many of whom have now been with us for many years, continue to provide an ever-expanding network of support to students and parents. Your comments, critique and observations continue to inform what we do. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the work of our National Advisory Board who as a body, represent to us the concerns and issues that are present on many of your campuses and who continue to be a very valuable part of our program review.



We wish you all pleasant and restful holidays with your families and friends, a peaceful end to the year and renewed interest and commitment to our mutual vocation of encouraging students to broaden their horizons and challenge their assumptions.

With warmest wishes,

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Holiday Office Hours

It is at this time of year when most students are finally able to really focus on specific plans for spring study abroad programs. We look forward to continuing to work closely with you and your students in that planning process. To that end, we are writing now with information about our holiday schedule so that you can plan to be in touch with us, if necessary, when we are open during the coming weeks.

Our office schedule for the next several weeks is as follows:

Monday - Friday	11-15 December, 2006	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Every Day
Monday	18 December, 2006	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Tuesday	19 December, 2006	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday	20 December, 2006	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Thursday	21 December, 2006	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	22 December, 2006	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday	23 December, 2006	Closed
Sunday	24 December, 2006	Closed
Monday	25 December, 2006	Closed
Tuesday	26 December, 2006	Closed
Wednesday	27 December, 2006	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thursday	28 December, 2006	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	29 December, 2006	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday	30 December, 2006	Closed
Sunday	31 December, 2006	Closed
Monday	1 January, 2007	Closed
Tuesday	2 January, 2007	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Please note that on 27 December - 1 January, staff members will only be checking voicemail messages on a rotating basis (on 1-866-927-2234) and responding to questions or concerns related to students scheduled to depart for their programs on or before 1 January 2007.

The Arcadia Center for Education Abroad will resume regular business hours and operation on Tuesday, 2 January 2007.

Staff Comings and Goings in the Southwest Region

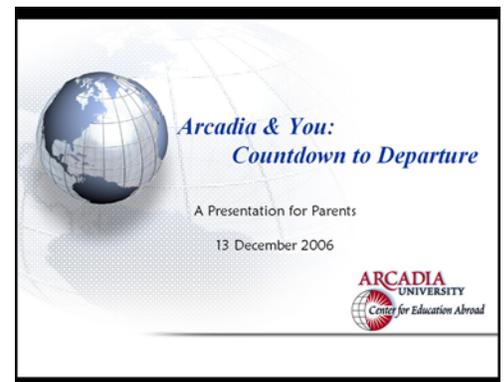
We are sad to bid farewell to Jane Chongchit, Assistant Director for the Southwest region, who is leaving Arcadia to pursue a career in the Foreign Service. We are very grateful to Jane for her endless enthusiasm, creativity, and cheerfulness over the past two years and we wish her all the best in her new career.

Elise Read Rayner has returned to our staff as the Assistant Director for the Southwest Region. Elise will be known to many of you as Elise worked with Arcadia University in the Southwest region from 1999 through 2004. Elise continues in a long and proud tradition of folks who have moved on from Arcadia for a brief period of time and have chosen to return. We are delighted that our employment opening in the southwest and Elise's desire to return to the field has coincided so serendipitously. Elise returns to us with a long-standing knowledge of international education, familiarity, knowledge and experience with our programs, an established reputation for integrity and commitment with our home institutions in her region, and an excellent working relationship with many of our domestic and international staff.

Webinar for Departing Students and their Parents to take place this week

We will be offering an informational webinar this Wednesday, December 13 from 8-9 pm for students (and parents) who will be studying abroad with Arcadia programs this spring. The presentation titled, "*Arcadia & You: Countdown to Departure*" is designed to address the following topics:

- Arcadia Services
- Visas & Immigration
- Issues of Health & Safety
- Shipping & Storing Personal Items
- Flight & Arrival Details
- Student Activities & Excursions
- Accommodation Details
- What to Pack
- Computer Access & Laptops



The presentation will be available on our website within a week of the webinar. Please visit www.arcadia.edu/cea or contact David Rudd at rudd@arcadia.edu for further details.

The Semester in Review

As we get ready to say goodbye to the fall semester and hello to the spring (although, it feels anything but spring-like here in Glenside!), we thought it might be helpful to give you a quick recap of some of the highlights of this semester's activities. Since the advent of the Arcadia Updates newsletter last summer:

- Our regional assistant directors have (collectively) made close to 300 visits to your campuses;
- We have hosted 6 Advisor sessions this fall (June-December) and welcomed 27 advisors from 18 different institutions to our office in Glenside as well as hosting an additional group of advisors at our headquarters in Spain;
- We developed new programs in China (Alliance for Global Education), South Africa, and Lecce, Italy

- Professor Dennis Dutschke joined our staff as Dean of Studies for the Center for Education Abroad.
- Began several initiatives designed to expand the level of pre-departure support we offer to parents and students including: open call-in nights; pre-departure webinar; deposit-incentive program.

Once again, we are grateful for your support. Your questions, comments, and critiques are always most welcome!