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*Director, Office of International Education*

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*Office of International Education*



*The Office of International Education hosts the International Education Week, an initiative developed by the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for the global environment and attract future leaders to study abroad, learn and exchange stories of their experiences across the globe.*

This week gives Albany State University students, faculty, staff and community members a chance to share and appreciate global engagements at ASU. This year's theme is "Embrace Glocal: Think Global, Work Local." "Glocal" is an adjective by definition, characterized by both local and global considerations, which is critical as we face present challenges that come with immigration and diversity. We welcome you to celebrate the 2018 International Education Week with us!





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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**Global Fair**

**President's Welcome**  
President Marion Fedrick  
Albany State University

**SGA and Royal Court Welcome**

**Mayoral Proclamation**  
Mayor Dorothy Hubbard  
City of Albany, Georgia

**Opening Remarks and Awards**  
Dr. Nneka Nora Osakwe, Director  
Office of International Education



**The Importance of Travel Abroad**  
Dr. Rajeev Parikh, Provost  
Albany State University

**Lunch is served**



**Think Global: Student Panel**  
Mary Davis, Moderator  
Office of International Education

**Cultural Presentation**



**Work local: Adult Panel**  
Sherrell Byrd, Moderator  
Albany Business League

**Closing Remarks**  
Dr. Nneka Nora Osakwe  
Office of International Education





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## 2018 IEW PRESENTERS



### **DR. NNEKA NORA OSAKWE**

*Director, Office of International Education*

Dr. Nneka Nora Osakwe is a professor of English and the Director of the Office of International Education at Albany State University (ASU), Georgia, and has been serving in higher education for over 28 years. She leads the ASU internationalization efforts, which ensure high academic quality for students through study abroad, international students' enrollment, curriculum and co-curriculum internationalization, global learning engagements, and international partnerships. She recently initiated the acceptance of ASU as one of eleven institutions to participate in the American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization LAB 2018-2020. She developed and led first ASU study abroad programs in China, Peru, and Ghana, and mentors faculty to lead new programs to various countries. Dr. Osakwe is a 2018 recipient of the U.S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Grant of \$88,000. Her project will foster ASU Pathways to Africa, Asia, The Caribbean, North and South America.



### **SHERRELL BYRD, EMCEE AND MODERATOR**

*Founder and Chair, Albany Business League*

Sherrell Byrd is the founder and chair of the Albany Business League, an organization that supports and empowers African American business owners to reach their next level in business in Albany, Georgia. A busy entrepreneur, she is the owner of LadyByrd Enterprises, LLC., which encompasses LadyByrd Event Design and the BAM Agency. She serves as a subject matter expert in the areas of nonprofit management, serving as a resource for many nonprofit organizations across the country. Sherrell is a sought after speaker, trainer, facilitator and host for numerous conferences and seminars.



### **MARY DAVIS, MODERATOR**

*Study Abroad Coordinator and Advisor | Office of International Education*

Mary attended The University of Georgia for her bachelor's degree and completed two study abroad tours to France and China. A linguist by training, Mary taught English at Sichuan University in China for several years before returning to the U.S. to pursue graduate studies at Georgia State University. Mary simultaneously worked with Georgia Gwinnett College's Office of Internationalization as an English language instructor, developing specialized programs for international student groups. She has also worked in Georgia State University's College of Arts and Sciences International Programs Office, specializing in long-term exchange programs, before coming to Albany State University as the Study Abroad Coordinator in the spring of 2018.



# 2018 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS

## HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN PANEL STUDENTS

*Dr. Florence Lyons, Honors Program Director*

Levi Koebel

Kristin Martin

Sabrina Netters

## FREDRICK DOUGLASS GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

Chiagoziem Sylvester Agu

## SEMAU (SOUTHEAST MODEL AFRICAN UNION) DELEGATES

Christine Nnyamah

Osbaldo Rodriguez III

Morgan Bush

Kiana Jackson

Roneisha Scott

Ja'Karis Burns

## BENJAMIN A. GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tamia Hurst

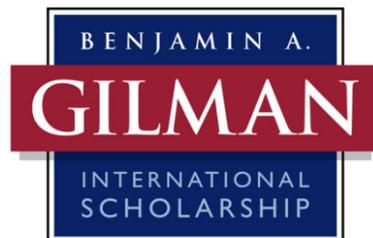
Vivia Johnson

Aleshia Thomason

Edward Carter

Nikesia Patrick

Asia Clemmons



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARDS

Manuel Ivan Gabbari Blanco

Outstanding Service

Aishat Motolani

Outstanding Achievement

## STUDY ABROAD FAIR JUDGES

Dr. Florence Lyons, Velma Fudge Honors Program

Tracy Williams, Career Services

Antonio Leroy, Center for the African American Male

Domonique Hines, Distance Learning/ Online



## STUDENT PANEL

### *Think Global: International student experiences in the United States and Abroad*



#### **CHIAGOZIEM SYLVESTER AGU**

*Country of origin: Nigeria | Major: Biology with a concentration in Biotechnology*

"I am always looking forward to the opportunity of submerging myself into an entirely unfamiliar culture, learning how multifaceted the world truly is and most importantly developing a sense of cultural awareness that would allow me to view the world past the scope of my present reality and becoming a true citizen of the world"



#### **GERRYSON ENGELHARDT**

*County of Origin: Curacao | Major: Accounting*

Gerryson is 28 years old, and a Cum Laude graduate of Darton State College. He can speak four languages: Spanish, English, Dutch, and Papiamentu. Gerryson will be soon graduating from Albany State University in December of 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree n Accounting.



#### **AISHAT MOTOLANI**

*Country of origin: Nigeria | Major: Biological Science*

Aishat is a senior international student at Albany State University who has been accepted to Nova Southeastern University to study medicine in Fall 2019. She has served as the student editor for ASU Global Issues magazine for three years and serves as the President of the Global Ambassadors since 2017.



#### **CHRISTINE NNYAMAH**

*Country of origin: Nigeria | Major: Chemistry*

"My career goal is to become a neurosurgeon and open a Foundation which will provide financial assistance and mentoring to students from third world countries who aim to become physicians. I am a member of the Velma Fudge Grant Honors program, a delegate for the 2018 South Eastern Model African Union session, and I am a proud Golden Ram!!!!!"



#### **RONEISHA SCOTT**

*Country of Origin: USA| Major: Nursing, Minor: Business Administration*

" I studied abroad in Europe in Spring 2018. I plan to pursue higher education and study acting/theatre in Europe while travel nursing"



#### **RAVEN SMITH**

*Country of origin: USA (Camilla, Georgia) | Major: Psychiatric Social Work/ International Social Work*

"I had the opportunity to Study Abroad in the beautiful country of Trinidad & Tobago and in Jamaica, I appreciate the experience both countries had to offer."

## ADULT PANEL

### *Work Local: Integration of global experiences in local communities*



#### **AMNA FAROOQI**

*Country of origin: Pakistan | Community Organizer, 9to5 Georgia*

Amna Farooqi is a community organizer in South Georgia with 9to5 Georgia. Originally from Maryland, Farooqi ended up in the South by way of Israel/Palestine. She served as an intern at The White House, assisting Jewish, labor, and progressive outreach, and West Wing Writers, a speechwriting firm founded by Obama/Clinton speechwriters. She moved to Georgia to work in congressional campaigns and is now living in Southwest Georgia.



#### **DANIEL CRUZ**

*Country of origin: Guam | Warriors Football, MCLB*

"I am originally from the small Pacific Island of Guam. My Island is a Territory of the United States. I believe understanding the hardships my ancestors experienced has helped me to embrace my Culture and to always overcome. I have learned that complaining does not create resolution. Standing up and getting involved will bring resolution."



#### **LETICIA ALVIRA-WATSON**

*Country of origin: Puerto Rico | Assistant Professor, Albany State University*

In 1986, she moved with her family to Michigan where she continued her passion for teaching as director and teacher of an ESL Migrant Program. As an entrepreneur, she created her own business tailoring 8-week Spanish courses for all professional and serving as Translator/Interpreter for different government and community agencies in the Community. In addition to being a professor at ASU, she hosts a weekly radio program, Latino Soul on ASU 92.7 FM.



#### **GILBERT UDOTO**

*County of Origin: Kenya | Entrepreneur*

He is a well accomplished Business Entrepreneur in Albany, Georgia, Owner of several businesses, including Sandtrap Entertainment Center, Odyssey Records and founder of Albany Cares



#### **DR. MIHOKO NODA**

*Country of origin: Japan | Associate Professor of Fine Arts*

Dr. Noda has studied with Evgeny Rivkin and received several scholarships and awards including, the Director's Music Excellence Award, and the winner of The University of Georgia concerto competition. Dr. Noda teaches Japanese language classes for the ASU Foreign Language Institute. Her most recent internationalization effort includes the establishment of a new relationship between the ASU Study Abroad Program with Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan which began the summer 2017. Dr. Noda recently published an article entitled "Internationalizing Ear Training and Sight Singing Through an International Lens" for the ASU Internationalizing the Curriculum Project.



#### **DR. CHARLES OCHIE**

*Country of origin: Nigeria | Director of Graduate Programs, Founder of the Albany Second Chance Program, former Criminal Justice Chair*

# 2018 STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

## JAMAICA: SOCIAL WORK STUDY ABROAD

Joi Bell  
Sharell Dodson  
Brandis Mitchell-Lutrell  
Raven Smith  
Kanecia Thomas  
Brittany Welch  
Santianna White  
Brianna Wright



## PARIS & LONDON: HISTORY STUDY ABROAD

Kierra Collins  
Adrianna Mallette  
Tiana Rogers  
Roneisha Scott  
Destiny Wilkerson



## BELIZE: BUSINESS STUDY ABROAD

Jamarious Allen  
Tamera Clark  
Damien Horton  
Amber Whitaker



## INDIA: NURSING STUDY ABROAD

Edward Carter  
Makara Fail  
Aleshia Thomason  
Paul Uriah



## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: STUDY ABROAD

Asia Clemmons  
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## CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA: FREDRICK DOUGLASS SCHOLAR

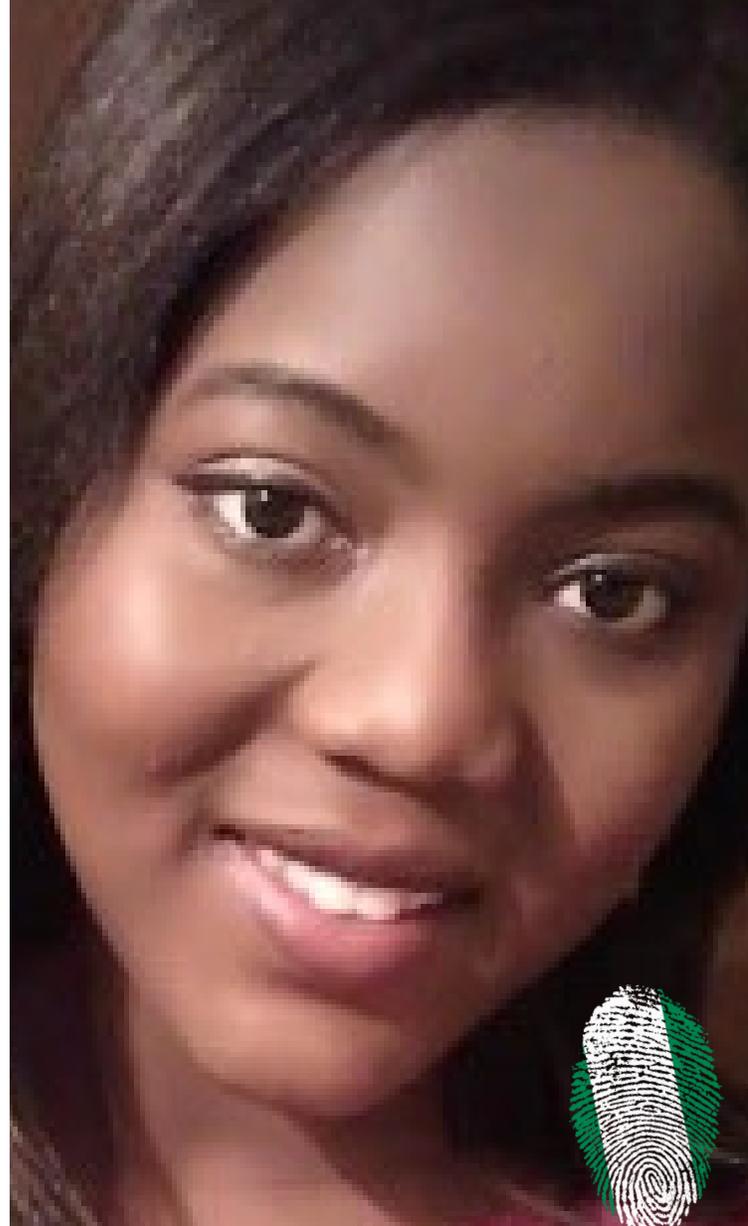
Chiagoziem Sylvester Agu

## CIEE STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPANTS

Morgan Bush (Barcelona, Spain)  
Tajorean Jenkins (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

## CAMP ADVENTURE PARTICIPANTS

Zaria Jones-Dudley (Italy)  
Rachel Murray (Netherlands)



## 2018 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE AND ACADEMIC AWARD- AISHAT MOLOLANI

Aishat Motolani is a senior international student from Nigeria studying Biological science at Albany State University. She was recently accepted into Nova Southeastern University-Dr. K.C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-KPCOM), as a first-year medical student for Fall 2019. As a student assistant for the Office of International Education, she is actively engaged in on-campus Global events, working as a student editor for the Global Issues magazine and as President of the Global Ambassadors. She has been involved in scientific research at Biotechnology Lab and Computational Chemistry Lab at Albany State University and was recipient of an internship at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), and conducted research on Down Syndrome. She was one of ten students selected nationwide to give an oral presentation at the annual Emory STEM symposium.



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD- MANUEL GABARRI**

"There are unbelievable experiences waiting for you out of your country. Exploring them will bring you unexpected knowledge that will enrich your life and give you a better understanding of what is happening around the world. Open your eyes and your mind, let the world talk to you"

Manuel Gabarri, is a well-rounded member of the Spanish community. He explored different areas of education such as Management, Microsystems, networks. He also studied Professional Education in Music, in which the piano was his main instrument. He performed in many concerts in the Professional Conservatory of Music in Ferrol (Spain) from 1999 until 2004. After running his own business called " Gabarri y Rios S.C.", he decided to move to Norway, not only to help his family, but to learn from other cultures. This inspired him to do this more in the years to come by traveling to France, Dominican Republic, Portugal, Czech Republic, Belgium and last but not least, the United States of America where he decided to return to studying Management at Albany State University.



**BEST STUDY ABROAD STUDENT AWARD - ALESHIA THOMASON**

"This was a humbling experience that has taught me to not only be thankful for the little things that are often taken for granted here in the U.S but also how to interact with individuals form a different culture. Which I feel that study abroad is all about, it's about coming out of your comfort zone and growing as a person. These are lifelong skills that will follow me as I advance my career."

Aleshia Thomason is a senior nursing major here at Albany State University from Columbus, Georgia. This past summer she traveled to Kerala, India with Mrs. Rodd, Dr. Childs, and three other classmates. Their journey abroad was three weeks of learning, adapting, and bonding.

After obtaining her BSN in May 2019, she plans to work at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia as a Critical Care Nurse, before going back to obtain a master's in nursing. Aleshia encourages not only nursing students, but ALL students to study abroad for personal and professional development.



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE AWARD - GERRYSON ENGELHARDT**

"I like everything that has to do with business and financial problems, which is why I am majoring in business administration and completing my bachelor's degree in accounting. I am always working toward accomplishing my goals. Honesty is one of my characteristics, being someone important and having the resources needed to help others is who I want to become.."

Originally from Curacao, Gerryson Engelhardt is a 28 year old Cum Laude graduate of Darton State College. He is fluent in Spanish, English, Dutch, and Papiamentu. During his time at Darton State College, he served as President of the Student Government Association. Now as a student at Albany State University, Gerryson has served in many leadership capacities, including International student mentor and student assistant in the Office of International Education, having created a program called Country-Project. He currently serves as a student assistant for the Office of Student Life and Engagement. He will graduate December 2018 with a degree in Accounting.

**2018 STUDY ABROAD FACULTY**

- Dr. Kathaleena Monds, Belize
- Dr. Irma Gibson, Trinidad & Tobago
- Jan Rodd, MSN., Nursing in India
- Dr. Donyale Childs, Nursing in India
- Dr. Annalease Gibson, Jamaica
- Dr. Matthew Stanley, Paris & London



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- Is home to approximately 30 international students,
- Employs over 50 faculty and staff with international background,
- Has over 200 students who studied abroad since 2010,
- Has 51 students who have received the Gilman's Study Abroad Scholarships from US-Department of State since 2013, and
- Has sponsored 12 ASU-Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs to Belize, China, France, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Portugal, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy, and Greece.



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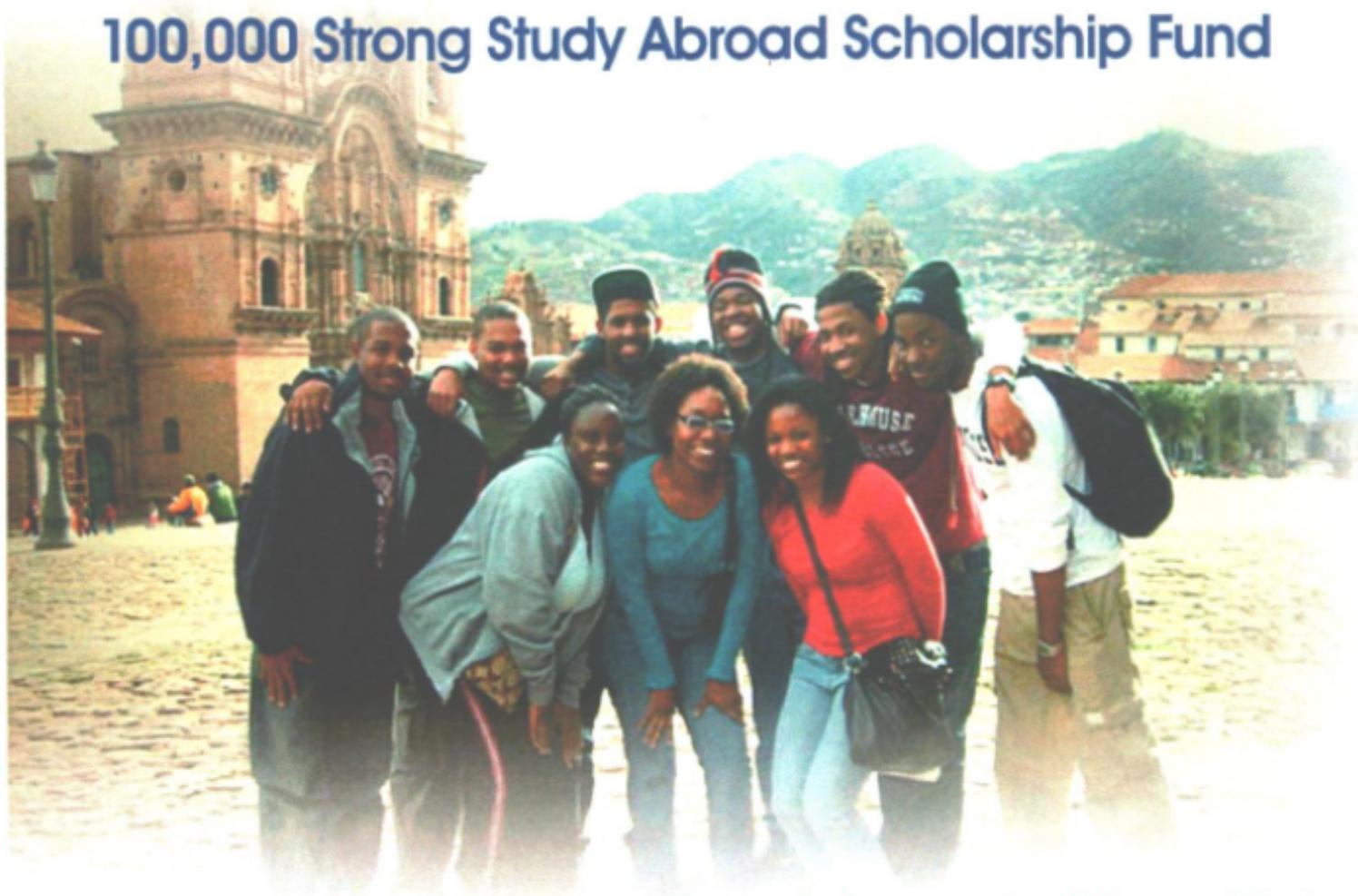


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