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COME JOIN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION!

The 6th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration will be held Thursday, January 30th 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Wortmann Ballroom! Festivities will include student performances, a Lion Dance, a Chinese feast, trivia, and door prizes. Faculty, students and friends from the community are welcome!

HISTORY OF THE YUCATAN

Are you interested in the Yucatán, the ancient and living Maya, and how modern Mexico interprets its indigenous past and present? Dr. Wallace Fuentes is teaching a course in the fall 2014: Hist 299: The History and Public History of the Yucatán. In the first part of the semester, we will learn about the history of the area and about how museums, archeological sites, and tourist attractions manage and present cultural resources. During Fall Break, we will travel to Cancún and Mérida, and visit many of the sites we read about. Upon our return, you will be able to use the field research you conducted in Mexico in a group project analyzing a real world problem: how can this rich indigenous past and present be best represented to Mexicans and foreign visitors? If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dr. Wallace Fuentes at wallacefuentes@roanoke.edu.

STUDY IN OXFORD, SUMMER 2014!

Experience a wonderful opportunity to study at Oxford for the summer! Between June 30 and August 9, 2014 a select group of students from participating Virginia colleges will have the unique opportunity at St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford in England. The program follows the English system, combining lectures and weekly tutorials conducted by Oxford dons. Included are excursions to Shakespeare productions in London and Stratford-upon-Avon. Nitra Eastby ’14, attended the program last summer. She described her experience as “a perfect summer... learning from the most celebrated experts in Tudor and Stuart English history and Shakespearean literature completely transformed my appreciation for the era.” She also noted that her “six weeks in Oxford changed me as a student and opened my eyes to a different side of England, all while making good friends, meeting brilliant professors and seeing new places.” If you are interested contact Dr. Miller, or pick up a flyer in the History Department.

MAYAN FILM MOVIE NIGHT!

Come and see an animated retelling of the Ancient Maya creation myth “The Popol Vuh.” The event will be held January 27th at 7:00 pm in the Pickle Lounge, and will also include popcorn & chocolate, as well as raffle prizes!
GRADUATES ABROAD:

This past fall Kathleen Ouyang, ’13, studied in China for a 14 month language learning and research trip with the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. In her experiences, she researched the impact of heritage tourism in the city of Xi’an, one of the oldest cities in China and the starting point of the renowned Silk Road. She evaluated historic sites from a tourist’s point of view, interviewed travelers to the city and analyzed and collected economic information about the domestic and foreign tourism industry in Xi’an. Her journey included many unique opportunities, such as visiting Inner Mongolia, feeding tigers at the Siberian Tiger Park Reserve, and attending a real Chinese wedding!

Last August Tessa Syndor (’15) embarked on her journey to South Korea to study at the Ewha Women’s University in Seoul. Tessa had received the Benjamin A. Gilman scholarship to study in a foreign country. She is the third Roanoke student to receive the award in the past two years. Tessa says that she had a wonderful and memorable experience. She explains “During my experience in Korea I came to understand a little more about a complicated and beautiful culture, so different from ours. I came to love things that are completely foreign to me: the sound of the language, and the taste of Kimchi (spicy fermented cabbage). South Korea taught me that anything is possible if I put my mind to it, and that there is great beauty in things that are different.” Tessa is an English major, and she dreams of teaching English as a second language in a foreign country after graduation.

DR. STELLA XU’S FELLOWSHIP IN INDIA:

Dr. Xu will be a part of a program to facilitate the study of a country in Asia this coming summer. ASIANetwork Faculty Enhancement Program, with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is putting on the program “India: Religion, Globalization, and the Environment in the 21st century” from June 10 to July 1, 2014. Dr. Xu would like to participate in the faculty enhancement program to apply what she will learn to her World History and INQ270 courses.