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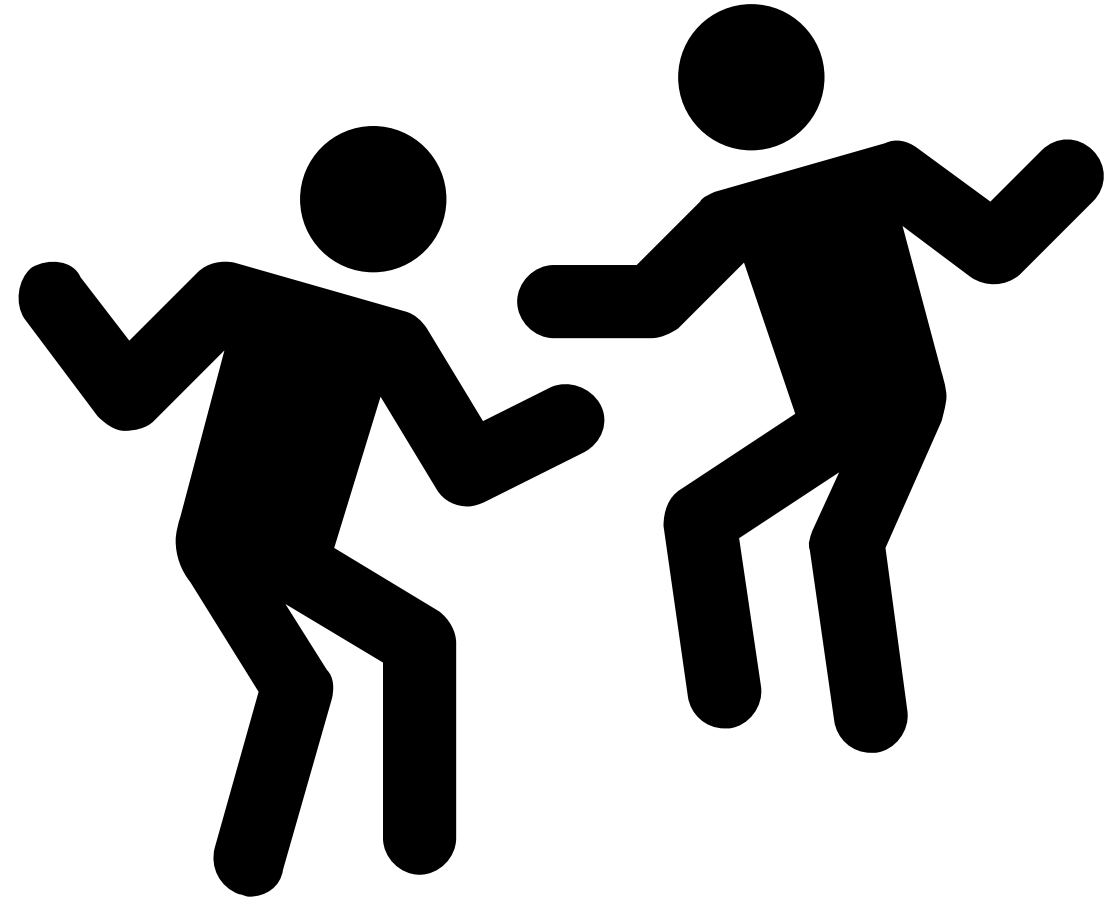
Graduate School
& International Education

Annual Report: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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Between July 1,
2018 and June
30, 2019, we
said hello to...





Casey Kraichoke



Emily Graham



Guymon Hall



Aaron Abbott



Erich Washausen



Leigh Marshall



Dean Needy

From January 2018 to October 2018, we shared Dean Needy with the Office of Research and Innovation where she was interim director. We got her back full-time October 1st.





We said good-bye to DeDe Long

- DeDe Long, long-time director of the Office of Study Abroad and International Education, retired from the University.
- Sarah Malloy was named the new director.

We also said
good-bye to

- Brittany D. Smith
- Amy Smith
- Suzie Greer
- Susan Byram
- Amanda Cantu
- Kathy White
- Romona West



Vision

The Graduate School and International Education assists the University of Arkansas in excelling at research, teaching, training, and service while fostering student and scholar success and enhancing the overall student academic experience.





MISSION

The Graduate School and International Education supports the strategic goals of the University of Arkansas to continue as a very high research university; recruits, retains and graduates high-caliber students; advocates for students and student success; facilitates intercultural and international experiences to increase global competencies; and assists in the development of international, interdisciplinary, and graduate programs.



Annual Report

Notable Achievements and Changes – unit wide

Graduate School

International Education

Interdisciplinary Studies

Notable Achievements and Changes – Unit Wide

- University Awards
- Professional Awards
- Other Awards
- Grants Received
- National Visibility
- Regional Visibility
- Recognitions
- Outreach
- Development



University Awards – Staff Senate

Employee of the
Third Quarter –
Jan/Feb/March 2019
– JoAnn Kvamme

Employee of the
Fourth Quarter –
April/May/June 2019
– LeAnn Suggs

Staff Scholarship
Awardee –
Kayla McGrew

Employees of the
Year (2018-19) –
JoAnn Kvamme and
LeAnn Suggs



University Awards – Staff Senate Employees of the Year

LeAnn Suggs

JoAnn Kvamme

Employees of the Year



But just to remind
everyone...

Employees of the Quarter and
of the year - 2018

- Amanda Cantu
- Cassie Franklin



Collis Geren Awards - 10th Annual Celebration

- Dave Dawson
- Adnan Alrubaye
- Cassie Franklin



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University Awards –
Hoyt Purvis Award for
Service in International
Education

- Lanier Nalley
- Leyah Bergman-Lanier
- Chelsea Hodge



U of A GSIE
Outstanding Mentor
Award

Dr. Anna Zajicek, Chair of
the Department of
Sociology and
Criminology, was
selected as the GSIE
Outstanding Mentor





Office of Nationally Competitive Awards

Sarah Malloy, Associate
Director of the Office of
Study Abroad and
International Exchange,
received the Staff Gold
Medal award.





Office of Nationally
Competitive Awards

Veronica Mobley, Brian Poepsel, and Katie Sabo, from the Office of Study Abroad and International Exchange, received the outstanding mentor award

University of Arkansas Alumni Society

Dr. Lee Lane, an alumnus of the University and member of our campaign committee, was awarded the Citation of Distinguished Alumni.



University of Arkansas Black Alumni Society

JoAnn Kvamme, Assistant Director of the Environmental Dynamics Ph.D. program, was awarded the Myron “Mike” Macczechko Diversity Advocacy Awards.



Sponsored Student Programs

Susan Byram was recognized for her contributions to the success of the sponsored student programs with the SSP Staff Recognition Award.





- Dr. Doug Rhoads, Director of the Cell and Molecular Biology interdisciplinary degree programs, was inducted into the UA Teaching Academy.
- Dr. Adnan Alrubaye, Associate Director of CEMB, was the recipient of the Master Teaching Award from the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty awards

Student Awards

- Oluwatobi Olorunsola, a doctoral student in Microelectronics-Photonics, was awarded the International Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship from the Society of Photographic Instrumentation Engineers.
 - In 2018, Ellen Czaplinski (a doctoral student in Space and Planetary Sciences) was one of only 10 graduate students selected from an international pool of applicants for an internship with the NASA-sponsored Center for Lunar Science and Exploration. She continues to be supported as one of only approximately 30 students selected annually to receive the prestigious NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship.
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- Gina Riggio, a doctoral student in Cell and Molecular Biology, won first place in the student poster competition at the Universities Council on Water Resources/National Institutes for Water Resources annual water conference in June 2019. Her project was funded through the Arkansas Water Resources Center 104B grant program and her major advisor was Dr. Kristen Gibson in Food Science.
 - Electa Hare-Redcorn, a student in the Public Policy Ph.D. program, was named a recipient of the Native American 40 Under 40 Award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

Professional Awards

Dean Needy received three significant professional honors:

- *Albert G. Holzman Distinguished Educator Award* and *Engineering Economy Wellington Award* from the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers.
- *Merl Baker Award* from the American Society of Engineering Education, Engineering Management Division.



International Visibility

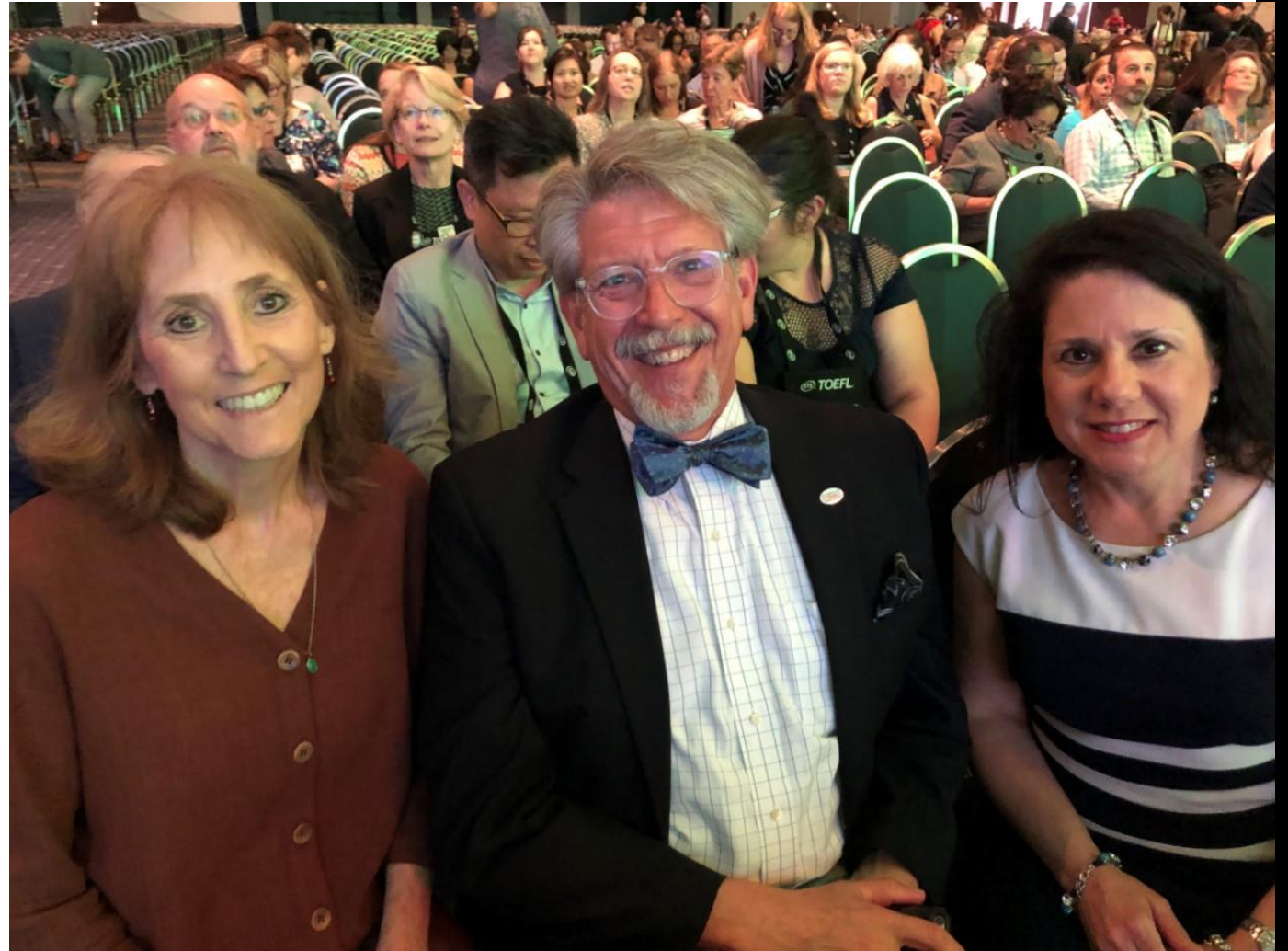
- DeDe Long, Director of Study Abroad and International Education, chaired the conference committee for the Fulbright Association annual conference in Puebla, Mexico in November
- Ms. Long represented the University at the awarding of the Fulbright Prize to Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin in January 2019.





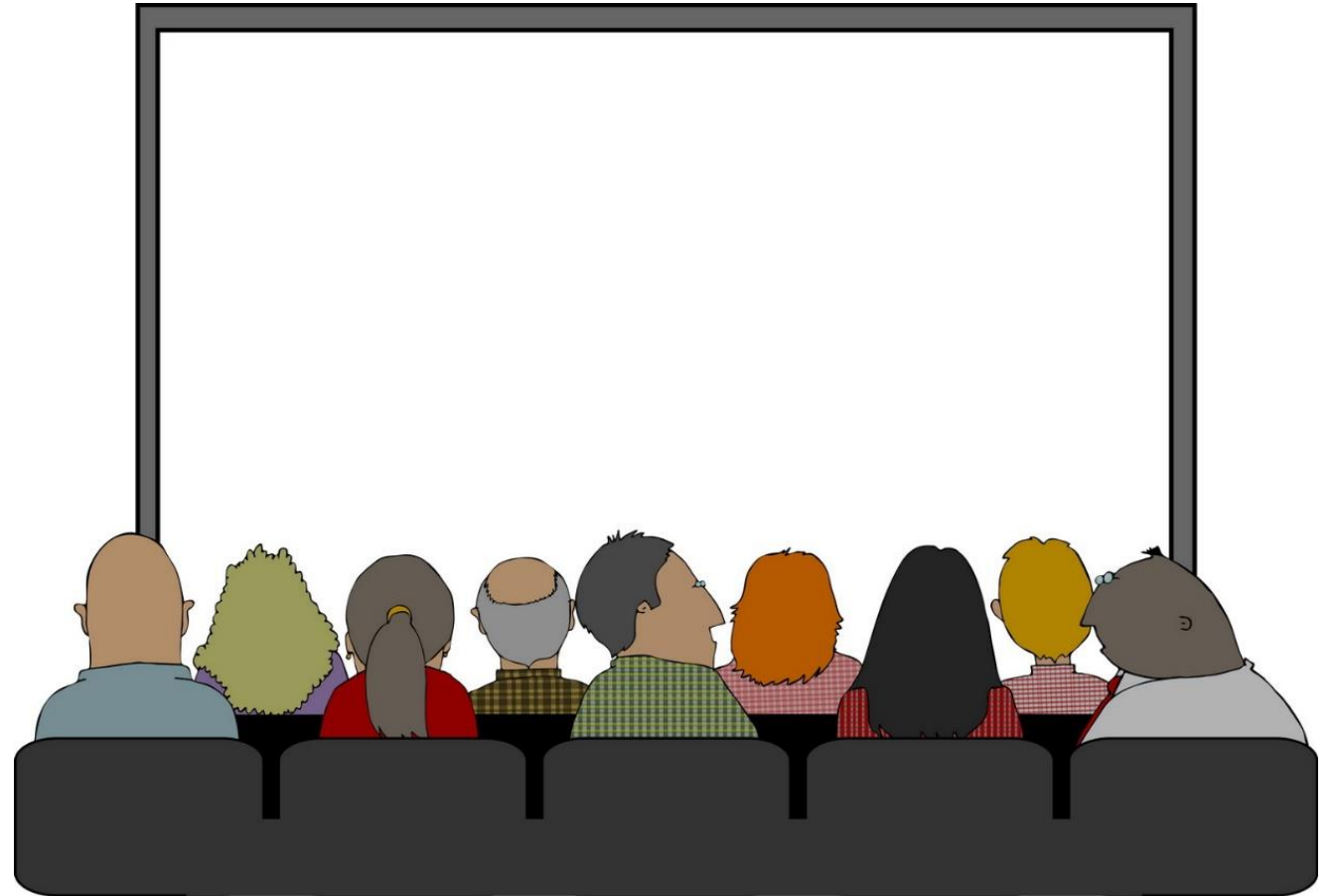
National Visibility

DeDe Long received the Life
Membership Award from NAFSA:
Association of International
Educators



National Visibility

The Environmental Dynamics program supported the National Council for Science and the Environment meeting, with the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, June 24-26, on the UA campus.



National Visibility - GPSC

- The Graduate and Professional Student Congress was recognized as the regional and national member of the year by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Schools – the only organization ever to win twice in a row.
- GPSC hosted the meetings of the national association in Fayetteville in November 2018.



Regional Visibility

Dean Needy was selected as the chair-elect of the *Conference of Southern Graduate Schools*



Regional Visibility - NAFSA Region III Conference

- Karl Anderson served as the chair of this years' conference
- Laura Moix was the conference planner.
- Dean Rom addressed the attendees at the SIO reception



Outreach

- Because of the efforts of Julie Olsen, Vicky Hartwell and Laura Moix, five U of A graduate student were awarded the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Scholar awards for the 2019-20 academic year.



Professional Awards

Yassaman Mirdamadi received the *Service Recognition Award for Professional Contributions to the National College Testing Association* this year for the ninth consecutive year.

She was also elected to serve as the Secretary of the Governing Board of the Arkansas College Testing Association.





Development

- Total Campaign Arkansas fundraising for GSIE/VPRI was \$2,897,147 as of June 30, 2019.
- During the *All in For Arkansas* campaign, GSIE received 55 gifts from GSIE alumni, staff and friends totaling \$6,862.



Development

Many members of GSIE traveled across the U.S. and the world to visit with alumni and friends.



Development

Michael Rau was selected as the winner of the 2018 University Advancement Winter Scene Holiday Design Contest.



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Graduate School

The Admissions Office processed 7,458 applications (fall 2018, spring 2019, summer 2019).

- 4,601 domestic graduate
- 1,553 international graduate
- 1,304 international undergraduate



Graduate School

- Fall 2018 graduate enrollment was 4,024, a 3.29% decrease from the previous year. As a percentage of the total University enrollment, graduate student enrollment decreased from 15.10% in Fall 2017 to 14.49% in Fall 2018, becoming the third lowest in the SEC after Alabama and the University of Mississippi.
- Graduate enrollment of under-represented minorities was 19.8% of total domestic graduate enrollment in Fall 2018 compared to 18.3% in Fall 2017; enrollment of under-represented minorities in doctoral programs increased from 169 in Fall 2017 to 174 in Fall 2018.



Graduate School

- In the most recent graduation year (2017-18), we awarded master's degrees to 1,114 students (78 fewer than the year before) and doctoral degrees to 204 students (36 more than in the previous graduation year).
- Graduate School staff completed more than 1,500 thesis/dissertation pre-checks and processed 460 submissions. As the result of a resignation, Julie Rogers single-handedly processed all thesis/dissertation submissions for spring 2019. She was more than happy to welcome Leigh Marshall as the new graduation specialist.



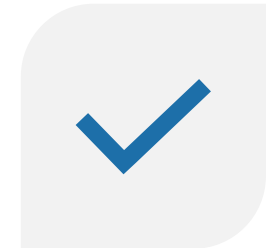
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THE OFFICE OF TESTING SERVICES TESTED APPROXIMATELY 30,000 STUDENTS, PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, AND OTHER CLIENTS IN 2018 AND RECEIVED A POSITIVE RATING OF 99% ON THE TEST TAKER SATISFACTION SURVEY.



TESTING SERVICES PARTNERED WITH TWO VENDORS THIS YEAR TO OFFER ADDITIONAL TESTS SUCH AS THE HEALTH SCIENCES REASONING TEST AND TWO TESTS FOR THE SOCIETY OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.



THE SLATE CUSTOMER RELATIONS MANAGEMENT MODULE WENT LIVE ON JULY 1, 2018



Graduate School

We launched the Razorgrad
Institute for Success and
Engagement (RISE) with 15
students.





Graduate School

In Fall 2018, there were 108 Distinguished Doctoral Fellows, 204 Doctoral Academy Fellows, 46 Benjamin Franklin Lever Tuition Fellows, 52 Master of Fine Arts Graduate Fellows and six Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Scholars.



Graduate School

We hosted our 10th Graduate Research Opportunities Forum, in March 2019. Faculty from the following institutions attended: North Carolina A & T University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Philander Smith College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, California State University, University of Providence, Fort Valley State University, Grambling State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Claflin University.





Graduate School

The Graduate Recruitment Assistance Fund continued to be an important resource for departments and programs with over \$47,000 being disbursed for recruitment-related travel by 22 units; 25 faculty/staff took advantage of our Best Practices in Graduate Education training sessions.





Graduate School

The *Attracting Intelligent Minds* (AIM) conference was held in September 2018. AIM is a diversity recruitment initiative that is sponsored by the Black Graduate Students' Association (BGSA) and the Graduate School and International Education (GSIE), with support from select faculty, staff and administrators. Sixteen outstanding students from HBCUs were selected to participate.



Graduate School

We hosted the Distinguished Doctoral Fellows and Doctoral Academy Fellows, plus guests and faculty members at the annual Doctoral Fellows reception in February.



International Education

The Office of Sponsored Students Programs held the annual Welcome Reception with the Chancellor in September for new and continuing SSP students along with their faculty advisors and international educators, and also hosted the SSP Recognition Program for graduates and visiting students in both fall 2018 and spring 2019.



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International Education

National events influenced the work of the International Students and Scholars office again this year. The “Hire American, Buy American” Executive Order created an environment of “Delay, Discourage, and Deny” among United States Immigration and Citizenship Services including documentation for every H-1B petition and delays in Optional Practical Training Applications. As was the national trend, the University of Arkansas experienced a decrease in the number of enrolled international students, but the University saw an increase in the number of scholars conducting research and teaching on the campus.





International Education

- In Fall 2018, international students comprised 5.2% of the University's on-schedule enrollment; international graduate students accounted for 17.8% of the total on-schedule graduate population.
- The enrollment of international graduate students decreased from Fall 2017 to Fall 2018 by nine students.
- The population of international undergraduate students decreased by 16 students between Fall 2017 and Fall 2018, continuing a downward trend.



International Education

The U of A implemented the SABIC Foundation Year Program, requiring intensive collaboration between Custom and Short-term Programs in ISS, Spring International Language Center, Sponsored Student Programs and the College of Engineering; the first cohort was composed of ten Saudi Arabian students and all of them were admitted to U.S. undergraduate degree programs by Spring 2019, five of them in engineering programs at the U of A.





International Education

- A total of 93 students actively participated in the International Culture Team (ICT) presenting their culture in at least two events.
- An additional 128 students/ scholars/ spouses presented at least in one event totaling 221 presenters for the year.
- These students represented 60 different countries. We had representation of two countries which had never been on the team before, Comoros and Laos.



International Education

92 international students and scholars were matched to 78 Friendship Families and individuals from the NW Arkansas region for friendships in the Friendship Family Program; results from the May 2019 survey of hosts and students indicates that over 74% of matches met monthly or more after being matched in 2018-2019.



International Education

- The University of Arkansas welcomed the eighth cohort of 28 PAPSS scholars (from Panama) to campus in August 2018. The total number of scholars enrolled at the U of A in Fall 2018 was 129. The Fall 2018 cumulative GPA for the PAPPS scholars was 3.241.
- In Fall 2018, there were 181 sponsored students from 25 sponsoring organizations and 38 countries.
- We presented five students the Peace Corps Prep Certificate.
- 140 students were enrolled in reciprocal exchange programs in 2018-19: 98 outbound and 42

Rome Center

185 UA students studied at the
Rome Center in 2018-19.



Rome Center

Rome Center faculty visited with
faculty and staff on the U of A
campus.



Interdisciplinary Programs

- Cell and Molecular Biology, M.S., Ph.D.
 - Environmental Dynamics, Ph.D.
 - Microelectronics-Photonics, M.S., Ph.D.
 - Public Policy, Ph.D.
 - Space and Planetary Sciences, M.S., Ph.D.
 - Statistics and Analytics, M.S.
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- CEMB: Doug Rhoads, Adnan Alrubaye
 - ENDY: Peter Ungar, JoAnn Kvamme
 - MEPH: Rick Wise, Renee Hearon
 - PUBP: Brinck Kerr, Valerie Hunt
 - SPAC: Larry Roe
 - STAN: Mark Arnold
 - Program Support: Julie Brogan, Emily Graham, and Terri Fisher



Interdisciplinary Programs

- Fall 2018 enrollment in interdisciplinary graduate programs was 269, a 1.1% increase over Fall 2017.
- In the 2017-18 graduation year, the Graduate School awarded 25 interdisciplinary master's degrees and 33 interdisciplinary doctoral degrees; accounting for 2.2% of the University's master's degrees and 16.2% of the University's doctoral degrees.



Interdisciplinary Programs

- The Public Policy program regained its position as the most diverse doctoral program on campus in Fall 2018 enrollments, with 34.8% racial/ethnic diversity (out of total enrollment) or 39.5% out of domestic enrollment.
- In Fall 2018, the Microelectronics-Photonics and Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D. programs were ranked third and fifth, respectively, in the percentage of international students in doctoral programs; the percentages were 68.6% for MEPH and 65.4% for CEMB.

Thank you
for all you
do!



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