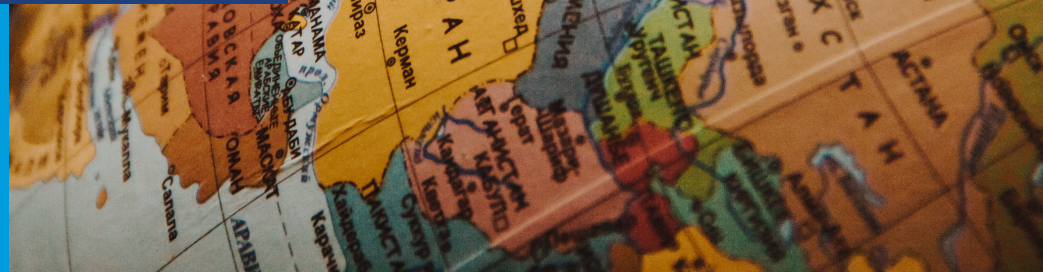




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WELCOME

by Gianna Pinto, Managing Editor

Hello! Welcome to the December issue of *Global Leaders of Penn State*, the Global and International Studies (GLIS) program newsletter. To start, thank you so much for reading. We want to welcome you back to campus for the spring semester. For our fourth issue of the 2021–22 school year, we will spotlight student Payton Deeney '24, the Liberal Arts Alumni Mentor Program, Global Experiences Coordinator Brandon McCartney, and clubs and organizations we find useful to GLIS majors.

If you have any feedback or would like to submit a story, please email glis@psu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you and cannot wait to show you all the opportunities that GLIS has to offer.

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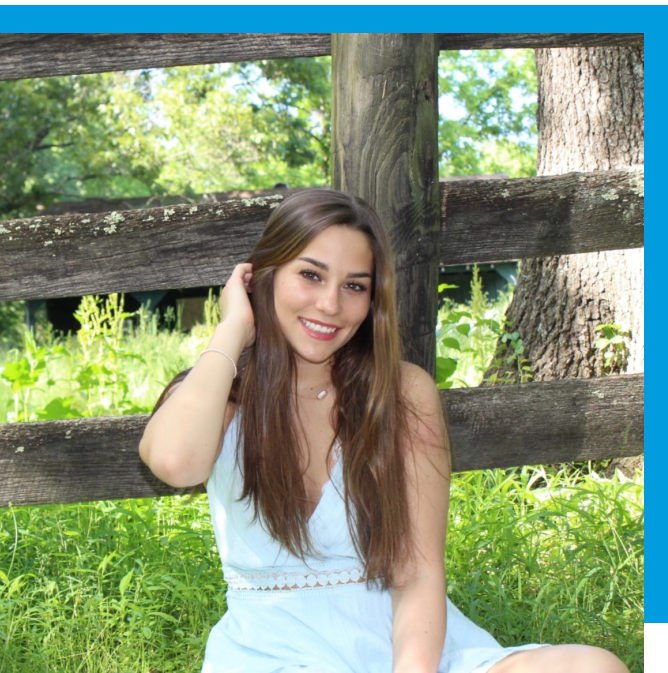
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

by Gianna Pinto



Payton Deeney '24

"I love that this major allows me to expand my language skills and learn more about what interests me."

Payton Deeney '24

Hometown: Fauquier, Virginia

Payton Deeney is a second-year student majoring in GLIS in the Culture and Identity pathway and with intended minors in French and Arabic. In addition, Payton is planning to study abroad in France in spring 2023 in order to build on her French skills. Throughout her life, Payton has traveled to many places around the world. Of these places, her favorite was Toulouse, France, where she was able to put her French language skills to the test. This trip to France served as the inspiration for Payton's desire to study abroad, as she truly enjoyed the people, the language, and the culture.

Much of Payton's love for traveling stems from her childhood as a military child. Because of her parents' role in the military, Payton has lived in seven different places. Two of these places included Japan for four years and South Korea for two years. Payton's diverse childhood fueled her love for foreign cultures and languages and served as the basis for why Payton was so drawn to the GLIS program. The ability to learn about what interests her has proved to be a big deciding factor in choosing her major at Penn State.

In her free time, Payton enjoys spending time with friends, listening to music, and painting. She is also involved with Trilogy, a special interest organization that supports THON.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

by Abigail Picozzi

Liberal Arts Alumni Mentor Program

Apply at mentor.la.psu.edu!

The Liberal Arts Alumni Mentor Program is a great opportunity for Penn State students to be matched with alumni in their field of choice to provide all sorts of valuable connections. We reached out to Lauren Granese, student and alumni relations coordinator, to find out more.

How does the program work?

- Once a student completes their application, they will be matched with a mentor within 2–4 weeks when a good fit is identified. Once assigned a mentor, they are matched for one year, after which they can renew their mentorship, or opt for a new mentor.
- To participate, you must be 18 years old, an undergraduate student in the College of the Liberal Arts at Penn State University Park or World Campus, have at least a 2.0 grade-point average, have completed your first semester at the University or have a minimum of one remaining semester before graduating.

What does the program do for Liberal Arts students specifically?

- This program opens the door to connect students to the 90,000+ Liberal Arts alumni. It helps them build skills, build a support network, and better articulate where they want to go after their time at Penn State. It gives them the tools and support necessary to succeed in their career field of interest and explore potential pathways.

What opportunities does the program provide?

- Some activities that students have done with their mentors in the past include:
 - Shadowing their mentor at work for a day
 - Doing mock interviews
 - Having your résumé and cover letter reviewed
 - Discuss major choice and global experience opportunities
 - Talk about workplace etiquette, work-life balance, and more!



A student mentee sits with his alumni mentors during a 2019 luncheon.

GLOBAL EXPERIENCES SPOTLIGHT

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Brandon has served as the Liberal Arts Career Enrichment Network's global experiences coordinator for the past five months. Brandon works on the development of embedded courses, short-term education abroad programs, and also helps students with many other aspects of their academic and career journey. Students can meet with him to discuss how to search for internships and jobs, as well as how to prepare for and perform during interviews. He can also help with implementing students' education abroad program into their résumés and provide tips to prepare and explain their experiences abroad in interviews. These tactics are very important to help you stand out as an applicant.

Brandon is a great resource for students who are looking to begin networking and need some guidance on where to start. He has studied abroad and worked as an academic adviser, so he has plenty of experience that he can provide for College of the Liberal Arts students. He helps students start the process for their education abroad program, and then refers them to the right person who will help them complete it. This provides students the opportunity to get an overview of the program before committing to and meeting with an education abroad advisor, while also gaining testimonial perspective on what to expect when studying abroad.

To schedule a meeting with Brandon, students can log in to their Nittany Lion Careers account and go to Counseling Appointments to find a slot that best fits their schedule. In-person meetings are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Zoom meetings are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Brandon McCartney,
Global Experiences
Coordinator

"Having that international experience can be very beneficial for people's career development."

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS SPOTLIGHT

by Kelly Zahour

Penn State has hundreds of clubs and organizations on campus. The Global and International Studies clubs and organizations spotlight is a guide for GLIS students to clubs that can benefit and connect like-minded students with similar interests. Over the next few issues, we will spotlight clubs and organizations that GLIS students might find interesting enough to join.

The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children: Penn State Chapter

FIMRC is a nonprofit organization here on Penn State's campus that aspires to provide healthcare to families in countries that are not medically developed. The Penn State chapter travels abroad over spring break to one of FIMRC's locations (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, India, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, and Uganda) and assists medical professionals while working to advance health education in the community. If you would like to learn more, email Veronika Ilibasic at vpi5007@psu.edu.



The Global Medical Brigades

The Global Medical Brigades is the largest student-led volunteer movement for global health. It not only provides students with experience in the global health field, but also aims to provide healthcare to less-developed countries around the world. Chapters of this organization support rural healthcare through in-person 7–9-day medical brigades to Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, Ghana, and Greece, or virtually through Medical TeleBrigades in Honduras. For more information, email Jamie Kennedy at jak6009@psu.edu.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED)

by Kelly Zahour

The Penn State International Affairs and Debate Association

The Penn State International Affairs and Debate Association (PSIADA) works to increase awareness and knowledge of international relations and diplomacy, the function of international bodies, and the diversity of the world's population by hosting and participating in Model United Nations conferences. This organization holds weekly events for members, hosts two conferences, along with traveling to other universities to participate in conferences. PSIADA encourages all levels of experience in public speaking and diplomacy to join. For more information email President@psiada.org.





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