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IIEP board members Angus Taylor, Mike Byrnes, Laurie Burger, and Wenchan He, Kristen Brecht, and Robert Slater share insights about language preparation to meet industry needs.

Signal Berke dons John Grande’s with a special volume, “Bridging the Languages with Engineering,” on occasion of the IIEP’s 25th anniversary.

Damon Ranick delivers a pitch to “Just Add German.”

Wen Xiang shares strategies for teaching-Advanced-Technical-Chinese.

URl President David Dooley (left) introduces keynote speaker William Colgate (right), Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State, who spoke on leveraging science and technology for international diplomacy.

IEP Welcomes New Coordinator.

We are fortunate to have attracted a superb web to the IEP team: Coordinator Heather Price has an M.A. in Writing (Poetry and Fiction) ’02 from Johns Hopkins University, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing—Poetry from The Ohio State Uni-

"I have experience teaching Writing at Roger Williams University, Bryant University, and currently at URI, as well as working with minority students through the URI Talent Development program, and the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. She has already left her mark by polishing IEP students’ scholarship and grad school applications, refining grant proposals, and coordinating the IEP message through interlinking digital and social media outlets such as Facebook, Blogger, and electronic bulletins. She is now strategically de-

veloping our high school and alumni outreach, as well as the program’s online presence.

Welcome, Heather!

Heidi Kirk Duffy Center News

Things got to a great start at the Heidi Kirk Duffy Center this academic year. We welcomed 75 students into the IEP and TI Houses. This included 13 th-year students returning from their year abroad and 11 exchange students from France, Spain, Germany, and China.

We prioritized community-building programs this year which led us to have a very successful IEP retreat in the fall semes-
ter, run by the Student Organization Leadership Consultants, a group of URI students who have received advanced training in leadership and group development. We also had several other social and cultural programs organized by our own stu-
dent leadership group, House Council, and Emma Montague, our graduate housing advisor.

As a cohesive community, we were even able to survive four and a half days without power, thanks to Hurricane Sandy! While we are sad to say goodbye to some of our fall exchange students, we are looking forward to welcoming five exchange students in the spring, and several more returning from their year abroad.

5th-Year Ocean Engineering Students

On Their Year in Spain

“When I was working with IH Cantabria, I was working on ocean transport modeling. The majority of my projects were predicting or backtracking oil spills based on local ocean currents, wave states, wind speeds. I also worked with their modeling program to try to improve their predictions using a stochastic model of prediction.”

--Matt Perkins, ’13 SIEP/OCE

“IIn recent years, researchers in Spain have been looking into ways to harness ocean wave energy. Tenallia, the engineering research and design firm that I completed my internship with, has been involved in planning a demonstration site in the Bay of Biscay where companies can perform full scale tests on their prototype wave energy capture devices. My project involved determining the probability of weather windows. In other words, given an amount of time to do an installa-
tion or maintenance procedure that requires a significant wave height under a threshold level, how many times in any given month could a window of time like that be expected? My internship was a great ex-

perience and very relevant to my field of study (ocean engineering).”

--Lauren Schambach, ’13 SIEP/OCE

Thank You, Sensata!

We express our sincerest gratitude for the generous support of the IEP over many years to returning C.E.O. of Sensata Technologies Tom Wro, as well as to Sensata’s representative on the IEP advisory board, Don-

na Kimmel. Donna has left the company, but will still be serving on the board. Sensata will be represented by V.P. Business Development Gary Baker (’88 MCE/Applied Math). A big thank-you also to IEP alumni Neal Petrarca (’99 GIEP/MCE), Patrick Hartnett (’10 GIEP/CVE, ’11 MBA), Jennifer (Gail) Anderson (’00 GIEP/ELE) and newly hired Rumen Uauer (’13 CIEP/MCE) for presenting career opportunities at Sensata to a group of 40 interested IEP students on September 24.

TU-BS Exchange Alumni News

This fall, we checked in with former exchange students who studied at URI as students from TU-Braunschweig in Germany.

Sonja-Lara (Kurz) Bopperting (TU-BS exchange 2004-05) sends greetings from Switzerland, where she works for an engineering and consulting company in Zürich, south of Zurich. She arrived in 2008, and moved to Switzerland in 2009. She is still in touch with friends from RI, and was lucky enough to visit some this past August.

Stefan Marekzki (TU-BS exchange 2005-06) sends greetings from Harmsford. In 2012 his two-year-old daughter Finja welcomed a new playfellow: her brother Jesper was born in March. Stefan reports that he enjoyed attending the recent IEP alumni event in Braunschweig, and dubs it a great success!

Torben Schulze (TU-BS exchange 2009-10) finished his studies at the TU-BS in 2010, writing his German Diploma Thesis at Volkswagen headquarter in Wolfsburg. In fall 2010 he became father to a baby girl, and in May 2011 he married. For the past year he has been in the international CARaer program at Daimler Corp., which has included travel to the Detroit R&D facilities of Mercedes-Benz North America, and to Beijing.

Volker Stotfa (TU-BS exchange Spring 2010) graduated this year from his Logistics/Business Studies program at the Hamburg Uni-

versity of Applied Sciences and now works as a Junior Analyst in the Research & Analysis Department of Statista, the leading German statistics company on the internet.

Philipp Stein (TU-BS exchange Spring 2011) finished his Diploma in April, and now works at the Institute for Soil Mechanics and Foun-
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Ines Walthier (TU-BS exchange 2001-03) has been working as a geotechnical engineer in Connecticut since finishing her M.S. at URI in 2003. She and her husband purchased a house in Milford, CT in August.

Peter Wiedenhoff (’05 Dipl. -Wirtsch.-Ing. ’11 Dr.-Ing.TU-BS) is now a senior consultant with the Boston Consulting Group in Munich. In August Peter visited the IEP with his wife and talked to interested students.

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