

# International Programs

Study Abroad and International Student Services



## Meet HyeJoo, Eunji and Jung Eun from Soonchunhyang University, South Korea

While eating lunch at Red Robin one Saturday afternoon, just after visiting Hershey's Chocolate World and before checking out the Hershey Outlets, the three exchange students from Soonchunhyang University spoke with me about their impressions of Shippensburg and the differences and similarities between the USA and South Korea.

### *What was your first impression of Shippensburg?*

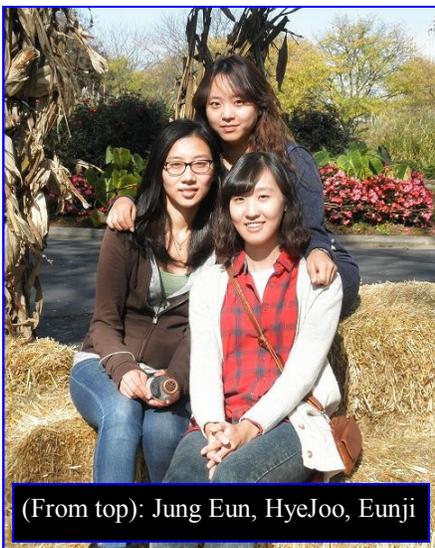
**Jung Eun Hong:** I thought it was a big university.  
**Eunji Park:** It's beautiful, peaceful.  
**HyeJoo Yoo:** I was surprised it's in the country.

### *What do you like best about America so far?*

**HyeJoo:** Meeting new people and having American experiences, trying new foods like cheesecake. People are friendly and always saying "hi."  
**Eunji:** Cars don't rush and they yield for people. People are polite and say "thank you" and "sorry" more often than in Korea.  
**Jung Eun:** I have good, challenging, high-quality classes and labs. Working on projects is a good learning process. Teachers are very helpful and excited to have exchange students in their classes.

### *What do you miss most about home?*

**Everyone:** Food!!  
**Jung Eun:** I miss having close relationships with students from my major. Here people study more individually.



(From top): Jung Eun, HyeJoo, Eunji

### *What is something you'd like your classmates at Shippensburg to know?*

**HyeJoo:** Some students here are very conservative and afraid to ask us questions about where we come from.  
**Jung Eun:** Some students think we're really different, but we're not.  
**Eunji:** It seems like many students

don't have an interest in learning about our culture, but we'd really like to share it with them.

### *What advice do you have for other students who want to study abroad?*

**HyeJoo:** Be open and think positively.  
**Eunji:** It's a good experience to learn about another language and culture. We are not different people.  
**Jung Eun:** Be interested in other countries and be open minded.

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The most cost-efficient way to study abroad is through Shippensburg's exchange programs—one of which is with

## Soonchunhyang University

in South Korea. The university will provide a free room, partial reimbursement for your airfare and a weekly stipend. This is an opportunity for all majors to study Asian culture.

### Study Abroad in...

# South Korea!

### Fun Facts about South Korea:

- It has the most sophisticated IT infrastructure in the world and is world-renowned in information technology.
- When you enter a South Korean home, the first thing you do is remove your shoes.
- Many children learn taekwondo as a routine part of their education.

For more information on studying abroad in South Korea, check out Soonchunhyang University's Web site:

<http://www.sch.ac.kr/english/index.jsp>

## Study Abroad Ambassador Describes His Experience in Japan

**Name:** Charles Vaughn

**Location:** Tokyo, Japan

**University:** Temple University,  
Japan Campus

**Semesters Abroad:** Fall 2009 &  
Summer 2010

**Major:** Finance

**Minors:** Economics, International Studies

Although Charles learned a lot from the economics, business, Asian culture and Japanese language classes he took while abroad, the most important lesson he learned didn't come from the classroom.

"I definitely learned how to be patient," he said. "We have such a high-paced society here (in America). In Japan, people like to

take their time. I also learned to be patient with myself when learning a new language and culture. It wasn't always easy."

Charles recognizes that the thought of studying abroad in a foreign country, especially one with a very differ-

When Charles Vaughn studied abroad in Japan, he benefited in ways he never imagined. Studying abroad isn't just about taking classes in a foreign country, it's about learning new cultures, embracing differences, learning independence and definitely about having fun.



Charles made the most of his study abroad experience by volunteering with a Community Outreach Program in Tokyo, where he studied at Temple University, Japan Campus. He volunteered to teach English to Japanese high school students two to three times per week, and even embarked on a weekend-long adventure outside of Tokyo to teach English to students during an intensive language program.

"It was most fun eating lunch with the students," says Charles. "They were much more relaxed. And we had a chance to speak Japanese with them, too."

ent language and culture, could seem intimidating to many students, but for anyone hesitant to study abroad, he says, "Don't be afraid to do it. Just make sure you plan early. Planning early is key."

Charles was born in Japan and knew a little bit of the language and culture before studying abroad, but he grew up in America and always dreamed of one day going back to his roots.

"Going to Japan was something I always wanted to do," says Charles, "and I used every shred of my will power to make it happen."

# Upcoming Events and Deadlines

## Study Abroad Deadline:

If you plan to study abroad, all necessary paperwork must be submitted by these deadlines:

**Summer 2011**      **March 23, 2011**

**Fall 2011**      **March 25, 2011**

## Other Events:

March 25-26, 2011:  
International Student  
Leadership Conference

April 6, 2011:  
International Photo  
Contest Deadline

## Study Abroad 101

Want to study abroad?

Think you *might* want to study abroad?

Come to Study Abroad 101 to find out more about these amazing opportunities!

**Held in DHC 102 at 3:30 pm**

**November 18, December 2**

**February 17, March 31, April 7, 21**

## International Student Organization —

- Share your culture and learn about other cultures with the ISO.
- International and American students welcome!
- "ISO is the club that joins cultures together, by hosting cultural expos, cultural trips, and cultural functions."

~ Rohan Smith, Jamaica,

Former Special Programs Officer



### ISO General Meetings:

Held at 4pm in the Student Life Center lounge (basement of McLean Hall) Nov 18 and Dec 2 and 9. Additional meetings in the spring.

[http://www.ship.edu/international/international\\_student\\_organization/](http://www.ship.edu/international/international_student_organization/)