

DSC offering study opportunities in Europe

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DAYTONA BEACH — Daytona State College is offering four separate opportunities to study abroad in 2013, in Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Spain.

Daytona State's spring travel program includes two, eight-day courses in Germany, which boasts the largest economy in Europe and fifth highest gross domestic product in the world.

"Directed Study in European History" will examine the history of this economic powerhouse, and "German Literature in Translation" will explore some of the greatest German literature of all time. These courses are offered in Spring B and will take advantage of the time between the Spring and Summer semesters for travel, May 10-18.

The course offered in Great Britain, "Cultural Geography," is a Spring A course and will run during spring break, March 7-16. The course will emphasize the historical and cultural significance of the British Isles through site visits in England and Scotland.

Students interested in Italy can take "Humanities Overseas Study Program" May 16-27, and experience Venice, Verona and Florence as they study architecture, famous museums and works by great artists including Michelangelo and da Vinci. To touch down in Spain, students can take "Art Appreciation" and examine Spanish painting, sculpture and architecture in Madrid, Toledo and Cuenca in Summer A session, June 17-26.

Each course is three credits. Financial aid and Bright Futures scholarships may be applied to help cover the cost of these programs. For more information, go to www.daytonastate.edu/studyabroad, or contact John Brady, manager of global education and affairs at 386-506-3837.

In other area college news:

- **KEISER UNIVERSITY:** Keiser University will have its first statewide commencement ceremony on Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre in Orlando to celebrate the accomplishments of its graduates throughout the state of Florida and those who attend classes online throughout the nation. The university expects more than 400 graduates, including about 60 from the Daytona Beach campus.

Usually, Keiser University graduation ceremonies are held campus by campus each year during the summer. A recent online survey indicated that students from across the state and nation desired a second opportunity to participate in a statewide winter ceremony. U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster of Florida's 8th Congressional District and Congresswoman Corrine Brown of Florida's 3rd Congressional District will serve as commencement speakers.

- **KEISER UNIVERSITY:** In a two-week toy drive ending Dec. 21, Keiser University's 15 Florida campuses, including the one in Daytona Beach, collected countless toys valued at nearly \$15,000 to help make the holiday season a little brighter for the children of military families served by Keiser's partner, Operation Homefront. Each campus held a kick-off event in remembrance of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7.

"In the nearly four decades of Keiser University's service to the community and our state, the outpouring of support for this event which directly benefits Florida's military children has been one of the most rewarding charitable projects we have ever undertaken," said Belinda Keiser, vice chancellor of community relations and student advancement at Keiser University. Belinda Keiser is also wife of the university's co-founder and chancellor, Art Keiser.

"On behalf of our 18,000 students and 3,500 employees we extend our heartfelt thanks and warmest holiday wishes to Operation Homefront and all of the American military heroes and their families for their service, honor and sacrifice," she added.

Operation Homefront: A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Operation Homefront was formed in February 2002. It was developed to support the families of deployed service members immediately following 9/11. Operation Homefront is headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, and has evolved into a major nonprofit.

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