Being A Student Delegate

Student delegates will travel alongside North Carolina business leaders and government officials. They will spend a week in Mexico, learning international business dynamics and protocol along with strategies for doing business in Mexico and making valuable connections. Student delegates will learn about conducting business in a foreign culture, and will be meeting with international traders, touring facilities, and participating in international events. The program will finish with each delegate completing an individual research project exploring international businesses of their choice.

Mexico

Mexico is the 16th largest exporter in the world, and 82% of these exports go to the U.S. Trade with the U.S. and Canada has tripled since the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994. More than 90% of Mexico's trade is under 12 free trade agreements with over 40 countries including China, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, the European Free Trade Area, and Japan. These trade agreements are one reason for Mexico's success.

Fun Facts

- The official name for Mexico is the United Mexican States.

- Mexico is the 11th most populated country in the world with around 117 million people (as of July 2012).

- The national symbol of Mexico is the golden eagle which features prominently on the coat of arms.

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Caitlin Ryan is a creative and well-rounded individual eager to work in the global fashion industry. In Spring 2013, she was an exchange student in Shanghai, China, studying the fashion market, brand management, and the Chinese language. Currently a senior seeking her Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Brand Management at North Carolina State University, College of Textiles, she intends to pursue her international career goals by attending the NC State Global Luxury Management program for her Masters degree, where she intends to spend a semester in France.

Lindsey Walters is a Senior at North Carolina State University, College of Textiles where she is completing a Bachelor’s of Fashion and Textile Management with a focus in Brand Management and Marketing. She has completed two internships with Glen Raven, Inc., fulfilling assorted tasks and working in various sectors of the company, from Trade Show/Event Coordination to Marketing efforts. Her passion is traveling and learning about other cultures. Upon graduation in December 2014, Lindsey will pursue a career in Marketing or International Business.

William D. Harazin, is a principal in the law firm of William D. Harazin, PLLC and an Associate Professor in the College of Textiles at North Carolina State University. He practices in the areas of Business, Corporate and International Law providing legal services to businesses, large and small. His international involvement includes being a member of the NC District Export Council, the former Chairman of the Board for the World Trade Center NC and past President of the NCWorld Trade Association. He is the Delegation Leader for the annual NCSU College of Textiles “Doing Business Internationally” Program. He was the Delegation Leader of the Inaugural NCBA Attorney Exchange to Taiwan in 2006. In addition, he is a past Chairman of the International Law and Practice Section of the North Carolina Bar Association, the 2009 Recipient of the NCBA’s International Law & Practice Section John J. Dortch International Service Award and a 2006 member of the US Foreign Service Selection Board. He is a law graduate of Southern Illinois University School of Law and a graduate of Illinois State University.

Irene Wazgowska is an NCSU College of Textiles Master of Science student in the Textile Technology Management program. With a background in the arts, the love for travel, and her current academic studies—she intends to pursue an international career in the apparel industry. As she continues her independent Spanish studies, she is particularly interested in having the opportunity to work within Latin America. She hopes to bring her artistic eye to an industry that is both utilitarian and fun in its nature. She strongly believes that the ability to do business internationally is important to the healthy growth of the industry. Global communication is key, and she looks forward to playing a valuable role in its process.

Ruthie Isaac is a senior at NC State University, earning her Bachelor’s of Science Degree in the College of Textiles. She is studying Textile Technology with a concentration in Medical Textiles. Ruthie is conducting a research design project sponsored by Hanesbrand Inc., which is generating ideas for reducing the amount of odor on a regular t-shirt while at the same time reducing the amount of antimicrobial contained on the shirt and minimizing the manufacturing costs. Ruthie is a member of the NCSU Student Conduct Board. She hopes to pursue a career within the medical textile industry dealing with artificial implants or heart valves. Ruthie also wants to one day be an entrepreneur and create an inexpensive artificial knee replacement that lasts longer than thirty years.

Hilary Walker is a senior at North Carolina State University, College of Textiles where she is pursuing a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Textile Technology with a concentration in textile design. She is currently working on a research project for the Army Research Office to design a new canine training sleeve that will closely mimic the human arm. She is also working on an independent study in which she is experimenting with different filling yarns on the jacquard weaving loom to expand her design horizons. Hilary is involved on campus as a University Ambassador and a founding member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She is interested in functional textiles and hopes to hold a job in the outdoor apparel field.

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