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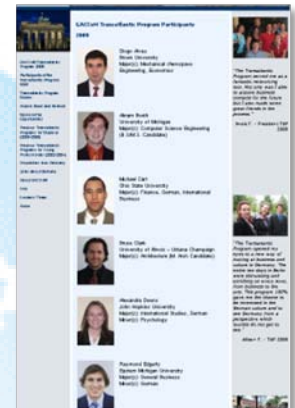
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I. The Faces of TAP 2009

The TAP team is pleased to welcome this great group of students to the TAP 2009, and we look forward to meeting all of them on May 23 for the start of the ten-day Immersion Seminar in Berlin. InWEnt, our German partner for the internship placements, is already in the process of placing them in internships in their respective fields throughout Germany. The main areas of study are business, international relations, engineering and architecture. We are especially excited that this year's focus on renewable energies will be well-represented by a number of participants who bring with them backgrounds and interest in this field.

Feel free to take a look at the profiles of our 2009 group which are now posted on our website under www.transatlanticprogram.org.



II. Alumni Corner

TAP Alumni Reunion Kick-off at the reception of the German Ambassador in Washington D.C.

On January 16, 2009, close to 40 TAP alumni (2005-2008) came from all over the United States for this special reunion in Washington, D.C. In addition to an alumni workshop, many networking opportunities, and gatherings, the highlight of the reunion was an evening reception at the residence of the German Ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Klaus Scharioth.

Ambassador Scharioth, the official patron of the Transatlantic Program, praised the program, saying it was an outstanding example of transatlantic cooperation in the area of youth and adult education. Simone Pohl, President and CEO of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, who also travelled to Washington D.C. for this special event, thanked Ambassador Scharioth for hosting this event. For more information read the article written by the German Embassy in Washington, D.C. on www.gaccomm.org/career-services/transatlantic-program and see the pictures on our website www.transatlanticprogram.org.



Simone Pohl and Amb. Dr. Klaus Scharioth



Friday, January 16th – Berlin Bar at Ambassador Residence



Saturday, 17th – Closing Event

As we look back at this special reunion, the TAP team would like to take this opportunity to thank our four TAP Presidents for their heavy involvement in keeping this Alumni Network going and becoming ever stronger. Special thanks to Matt and Laura for the kind words they delivered at the reception.

Who is going back to Germany?

Thomas Opp, TAP 2006, will return to Germany in May this year for his 2nd internship at the Ecologic Institute, a private not-for-profit think tank for applied environmental research, policy analysis and consulting. He is excited about this great opportunity and looks forward to working with them for one year.



Lauren Covert, TAP 2007, feels honored to receive a scholarship from the German Parliament: the Internationale Parlaments-Stipendium (IPS). She will work for 5 months in Berlin together with 119 other young politically- interested people from 28 different countries. The Bundestag, together with three universities in Berlin, will give the scholars an inside view into the political process in Germany.



John Shusterich, TAP 2008, will be travelling to Marburg on February 25th, where he'll be studying abroad at Philipps University until July. He has also created a blog where he'll periodically add journal entries and photos from his experiences in Germany. You can read the blog at <http://wiederschauen.wordpress.com>. John looks forward to staying in touch with all of you during the next six months!



III. TAP's Website gets a Makeover

Your TAP team will launch the new Transatlantic Program website with more information and more features this month. We are really excited about it and hope you will find it a helpful tool as well. The address will remain the same as the old one: www.transatlanticprogram.org.

The screenshot shows the TAP website interface with several callout boxes:

- Newly structured menu so you can quickly find the info you need:** Points to the top navigation bar with links like 'Students', 'Academics', 'TAP Partners', 'Placements', 'Alumni', 'TAP now & then', and 'Events'.
- Our Quick Links lead you through the website:** Points to a 'Quick Links' sidebar menu containing 'Application Process TAP 2010', 'The TAP experience', 'Newsletter', 'Photogallery', and 'Links about Germany'.
- Check out all TAP pics in our Photogallery:** Points to a 'Photogallery' link in the top navigation bar.
- Stay up to date with our News Corner:** Points to a 'NEWS CORNER' section listing recent news items.

The website content includes a 'Welcome to the Transatlantic Program' message, a 'NEWS CORNER' with the following items:

- Participants of TAP 2009
- TAP Alumni Reunion in Washington D.C.
- 12th Newsletter is now available

The right sidebar features logos for 'Official Patron' (German Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Klaus Scharioth), 'Sponsors' (Die Bundesregierung, KOMET GROUP, WHU), and 'GREETINGS'.

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