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Transatlantic Program 2009

A delegation of 20 select students from universities and colleges across the United States travels to Germany to gain in-depth knowledge about German politics, economy, history, and culture.

**Special features:
Visitor program including German language classes and two- to six-month internships with German companies.**

May 23 – December 31, 2009

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Message of Greetings by German Ambassador Dr. Klaus Scharioth



I am very pleased to be offered to serve as patron of the GACCoM Transatlantic Program for students, an honor which I gratefully accept, for this outstanding transatlantic exchange program holds truly remarkable benefits for its participants.

Starting off in 2002 as a week-long trip for young professionals, the Transatlantic Program has since developed into an internship program for American undergraduate students wishing to gain two to six months of work experience in Germany. One rather unique feature of the program is the intensive 10-day immersion seminar in Berlin in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Chicago, which includes interactive language building activities and provides participants with an initial taste of German culture before they are sent to their respective traineeships at a variety of German industrial and business companies, as well as public and private institutions.

I especially appreciate that the program is mainly designed for undergraduate students in their junior or senior years, who generally have fewer opportunities to participate in international internships. The diversity of majors among the participants ranges from engineering and computer science to business, finance, and international relations. In their fields of specialization, these students gain first-hand experience working and living in Germany. At the same time, they serve as young ambassadors of their native country, exposing Germany to new ideas and sometimes different approaches, an aspect which makes the internship a valuable experience for both sides. I believe these friendly encounters provide a solid basis for the German-U.S. relationship, which is marked by close cooperation, mutual trust, and friendship.



Of the numerous government and privately sponsored student exchange programs between our two countries, the German government ranks the Transatlantic Program among the highest. That is why it has been generously providing seed money to allow the development of a specifically business and career-oriented program for young Americans. Today, the participants and other sponsors co-finance the program. It is only fitting that the seed money has come from the European Recovery Program (ERP) -better known as the Marshall Plan - which was initially designed to rebuild Europe after World War II. The original funds were partially invested in the German economy under a revolving loan system still in effect today. Not all of the repaid money has to be employed in industrial projects, but can instead be used for the advancement of transatlantic encounters. This enables us to continue vigorously supporting this scholarship program as a token of appreciation and gratitude to our American friends.

I strongly encourage members of the TAP alumni network to spread the word about this excellent program and to discuss their personal experiences as well as how the internship influenced their views and ideas for the future. They should furthermore use their knowledge about Germany and German companies in their professions, perhaps by continuing their German venture at a German subsidiary or an American company with ties to Germany. At the same time, I urge companies with transatlantic business connections to contribute to this program through sponsorship, thereby making its continuation possible and establishing contact to an outstanding group of American students with German-language capabilities and German work experience.

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the program: the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, as the initiator and organizer of the program; the German language departments of various American universities for the promotion of the program in the U.S.; the private and public sponsors; the German companies offering internships; and GACCoM's partner InWEnt, who helps in the internship placement process as well as the organization of the program in Germany.

Klaus Scharioth



Background Information on the Transatlantic Program

The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest in Chicago (GACCoM) developed in 2005 a program for undergraduate and graduate students in the U.S., which is now in its fifth year. In 2008, GACCoM was honored to welcome German Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Klaus Scharioth as the patron of the Transatlantic Program to foster German-U.S. relationships in the area of professional development.

GACCoM's Transatlantic Program 2009 offers an extraordinary opportunity to a select group of well-qualified, motivated students from across the United States. The program consists of an initial intensive 10-day program in Berlin (with day trips to Hamburg and Dresden) comprised of company visits, tours, discussions, interactive German language classes, intercultural training and a pre-internship orientation, followed by individual two- to six-month internships at German companies or organizations. The group will also meet for an interim seminar in Cologne during the internship phase for internship review and intercultural training.

Through this unique program the participants experience modern Germany and its business culture while improving their German language skills and gaining hands-on experience in their areas of study. The students discover Germany first-hand in a business rather than an academic setting, make professional contacts, and have the opportunity to form valuable friendships. Upon returning to the U.S., the students act as ambassadors for Germany and share their newly-gained knowledge with fellow peers to help enhance transatlantic understanding and cooperation.

Participants become part of the Transatlantic Program Alumni Network the aim of which is to strengthen the ties between former participants and keep them involved with the German-American business community. This Transatlantic Program Alumni Network offers a select pool of internationally-trained young professionals to German companies and German subsidiaries in the U.S.. Since German can be a very valuable tool in a business setting and can enable additional career opportunities, the program is also intended to motivate U.S. colleges and universities to continue offering German as a foreign language and to expand their business German course lists.

The German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi) generously co-finances the Transatlantic Program with funds from the Marshall Plan, or European Recovery Program (ERP) as it was formally named. Additional contributions are made by endowed sponsor Komet of America, Inc., official sponsor WHU (Otto Beisheim School of Management) and, of course, by GACCoM itself. Furthermore, the program is enthusiastically supported by Professor Helga Kraft of the University of Illinois at Chicago, who leads the interactive German language-building activities together with two German language instructors from Berlin. Our German partner InWEnt – Capacity Building International helps to set up and administer the internship part of the program. We also receive excellent support from the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), the Goethe Institute Chicago, and a large number of universities and colleges throughout the U.S. who consider this business-related program to be a very helpful, practical supplement to their schools' German programs.

GACCoM sincerely thanks the German Government and all other parties for their contributions and their continued support of the Transatlantic Program.



Academic Outline of the Program

Part 1 of the Transatlantic Program 2009 Ten day Immersion Seminar in German Language/Culture

The objective of this ten day program is to introduce students to German society, culture, business, and political life, and to prepare them with the German language and culture skills needed in their internships. The main focus lies on becoming versed with German business practices as well as improving German language skills. Language materials such as news articles, current culturally-oriented texts and interactive language exercises are prepared by specialists in German culture and language instruction. The materials are chosen for students with a language proficiency of at least two years of college German.

During language and culture instructions held in the morning, an emphasis will be placed on communication skills. Interactive language-building activities are held by the German language head instructor together with two German language instructors. The German language practices primarily take the form of role-playing and small-group work and are designed to help students prepare linguistically and culturally for topics they will discuss during visits with German companies and governmental agencies, to adapt to their new surroundings in Germany, and to work and live in Germany. Total: 45 contact hours through interactive German language classes, presentations, cultural immersion, company visits and feedback. Students will receive a certificate of completion for the academic portion of this ten day immersion course.

Part 2 of the Transatlantic Program 2009 Conferring Credit for individual Internships

For colleges that have internship courses listed in their catalogues

The following suggestions are based on courses offered at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). For the minimum 2 month internship program students could receive 3–4 credit hours for a course equivalent to Ger 492, plus additional 3–4 credits if they enroll in a course equivalent to Ger 493 after returning to campus. For this course they write a report/term paper relating their internship experience to the academic debate on international business.

For those who would like to add internship courses to their curriculum, these are sample courses from the Department of Germanic Studies at UIC:

- *Ger 492 Internship in International Business*: 0 to 12 hours. Student placement in an international organization in a German-speaking country or its U.S. subsidiary.
- *Ger 493 Internship Seminar: Business*: 1 to 4 hours. Academic component of the internship experience. Studies in the field of the internship and further investigation of related topics.

For colleges without internship courses in their catalogues

For the minimum 2 month internship program students could receive 3–4 credit hours in “Independent Studies.” If they hand in a report/term paper on their internship experience after their return, they could receive another 3–4 credits in “Independent Studies”.



Program for the visit of the U.S. student delegation to Germany Berlin – Hamburg – Dresden – various internship locations

[The official language of the program is German]

Saturday, May 23, 2009 Berlin

- Start of Part 1 of the Transatlantic Program: Insight into German politics, economy, history, and culture
- Arrival and welcome of all participants in Berlin
- Getting to know each other and briefing session with the participants – TAP Alumni will also be joining the group to share experiences

Sunday, May 24, 2009 Berlin

- Introductory seminar by InWEnt: Living and working in Germany
- “Das neue Berlin”: Presentation and guided tour of historic and modern Berlin highlighting this year’s 20th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall
- Dinner with Presentation: “The Internet Start-Up Scene in Germany” – a testimonial by sportme GmbH Managing Director & Member of the founding team

Monday, May 25, 2009 Berlin

- Morning Session: German language classes, taught by Helga Kraft (Professor of Germanic Studies at UIC) with Anne Rosenberg and Ingo Fehrmann (German Language Instructors)
- Onsite presentation about Rainwater Use & Management and Green Roof Technology at Potsdamer Platz by expert from the Technical University of Berlin
- Reception and presentation by Editor-in-Chief of “Der Tagesspiegel” with insight into the headline production of one of Germany’s leading newspapers in Politics and Business

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 Berlin

- Morning Session: German language classes
- Visit to the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi). Talk with the Head of the Department for Small and Medium-sized Companies
- Presentation at the Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt) about “Elections 2009: Germany Elects Its President, Chancellor, and EU Parliament President”
- Networking event with German students of the Technical University of Berlin

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 Dresden

- Daytrip to Dresden
- Visit to the Volkswagen manufacturing facility, “The Transparent Factory” (Gläserne Manufaktur) where VW’s luxury car “Phaeton” is produced
- Visit to the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK Dresden). Presentation by the Head of Department of Business Trends and Statistics about the economic development of Dresden since the German reunification and prospects for the future
- Walking tour through Dresden’s historic city center



Thursday, May 28, 2009 Berlin

- Morning session: Presentation by representatives of Berlin Partner GmbH at their Business Location Center along with guest speaker, Head of the Department of Energy at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), discussing energy efficiency and climate change in Germany
- Afternoon session: German language classes
- Free evening for students to explore Berlin on their own

Friday, May 29, 2009 Hamburg

- Daytrip to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
- Guided tour through headquarters and manufacturing plant of Airbus, one of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers
- Guided tour of the Hafencity, the modern redevelopment on Hamburg's waterfront, with the President & Partner of DS-Bauconcept GmbH
- Dinner at Café Oktober along with presentation by the founder of Oktober Betriebe about the company's concept promoting integration and vocational training in Germany

Saturday, May 30, 2009 Berlin

- All-day workshop with cross-cultural trainer on intercultural topics and internship preparation
- Sightseeing boat tour along Berlin's river Spree through the historical and modern Berlin
- Optional evening viewing of the final game of the German Football-Federation Cup

Sunday, May 31, 2009 Berlin

- Opportunity to attend a German church service (optional, e.g. at the Kaiser-Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche, symbol of Berlin's resolve to rebuild the city after the war)
- De-briefing and review/evaluation of Immersion Seminar
- Guided tour of the German Reichstag, seat of the German Parliament
- Farewell dinner and official closing of Part 1 of the TAP 2009

Monday, June 1, 2009 Berlin

- Individual travel of participants to their respective internship locations in Germany

Thursday, June 4, 2009

- Start of Part 2 of the TAP 2009 – internships with German companies and organizations

(Individual internships)

Thursday, July 9, 2009 to Saturday, July 11, 2009

- Interim Seminar in Cologne: Review of initial internship experiences and intercultural training. Cultural program included

(Individual internships continue)

July 31, 2009 to December 31, 2009

- End of internships (varying individually) and end of the Transatlantic Program 2009

January 2010 (Date and Location to be determined)

- 5th Annual Transatlantic Program Alumni Reunion



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From Fin de Siècle to Theresienstadt. The Works and Life of Elsa Porges-Bernstein. (co-edited), 2007.

Writing Against Boundaries. Nationality, Ethnicity and Gender in the German Speaking (co-edited), 2003.

Ein Haus aus Sprache. Dramatikerinnen und das andere Theater, 1996.

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Transatlantic Program Alumni

The Alumni Network is supported by the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest Inc. (GACCoM), and offers a valuable platform to strengthen ties between former Transatlantic Program participants and to keep them linked to the German American business community.



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Take advantage of the great benefits of being a Transatlantic Program Alumni:

- ✓ The elected Co-Presidents of each year organize and facilitate the alumni network. The overall mission is to build up and strengthen relationships within the alumni network by coordinating numerous activities, events and social get-togethers, such as the annual reunion.
- ✓ Alumni share their experiences and subsequent opportunities among their peers.
- ✓ Alumni promote the program and serve as resources for future participants to ensure the ongoing high-quality standard of applicants and the continued success of the program.
- ✓ A quarterly e-Newsletter provides the alumni with information and updates on the Transatlantic Program and the alumni.
- ✓ Upcoming GACCoM events of interest as well as career opportunities are communicated by the program coordinators.
- ✓ Alumni have a preferred standing within GACCoM's Career Services. This service specializes in matching bilingual job seekers from a wide range of fields and experience levels to vacant positions at client companies in the US.

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**Matthew
Bigelow**

Transatlantic Program 2005

Permanent Address

*Online Content Manager, Editorial Department
Journal Communications, Inc., Rushmore, TN*

"The Transatlantic Program connects students who are passionate about German language and culture with the opportunity to grow both professionally and personally and the alumni network carries that connection beyond the confines of the program."



**Eric
Bartling**

Transatlantic Program 2006

Permanent Address

*Foodservice Market Research Associate
The NPD Group, Rosemont, IL*

"Being in the TAP gave me awesome access to areas of Germany - business, politics, social - I wouldn't have otherwise had the chance to experience. It's a pleasure to serve as a co-president of the alumni-network and work with the other alumni to help keep these unique German-American experiences and opportunities available to our group as we venture into our careers."

Alumni Presidents



**Laura
Harvey**

Transatlantic Program 2007

Permanent Address

Chemical Engineer (In Job Transition)

BASF, Ludwigshafen, Germany

"The Transatlantic Program has afforded me incredible opportunities to explore and learn in Germany. Without the program and the internship, I can honestly say I would not be where I am today, able to pick up and move to Germany again on my own, able to function normally here within the language and society....For me, it has been a journey full of fun, culture, and education!"



**Anaïs
Flores**

Transatlantic Program 2008

Permanent Address

Student, Ohio State University

Majors: Sociology & German

"The Transatlantic Program is a truly unique experience that opens your eyes to the German business world. It allows you not only to build language skills and to acquire key cultural knowledge but most importantly, to build relationships with an amazing group of people."



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- Business Representation for German Companies in the U.S.
- Event Management
- VAT Refunds
- Collection Services
- Career Services: Search of bilingual (German/English) Employees.
- Conferences on current Topics such as Wind Energy, Biofuels, Energy Efficiency, etc.
- Special projects such as the Transatlantic Program

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