

Global Update

St. Edward's University continues to establish new global partnerships and expand international opportunities for students. Here's an update.

- With a new year comes a new graduate degree. St. Edward's will launch the Professional Science Master's in Environmental Management and Sustainability in Fall 2012. Students will examine ecological issues through the combined disciplines of environmental science and project management in an intensive two-year, full-time program, which will be conducted in both Austin and Angers, France. Graduates will receive a joint degree from St. Edward's and the Université Catholique de l'Ouest.
- A \$3.75-million, five-year grant from Japan's Ministry of Culture will take the university's partnership with Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University to new levels. The grant will enable APU students to study at St. Edward's and vice versa. Additionally, the funding will support a religion and culture program for both APU and St. Edward's University students to study abroad together in Thailand and Malaysia.
- February found the hilltop abuzz with French cinema. The Tournées Film Festival was held on campus and showcased seven of the latest French films. The three-week event was made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture.

Hot Spots

Who needs Frommer's or Lonely Planet travel guides when you have globetrotting St. Edward's students? We asked several study-abroad returnees to give us the scoop we wouldn't find in any guidebook.



▲ Buenos Aires, Argentina

Hot Spot: At The Konex, which is an old factory, there is a giant percussion concert called *La Bomba de Tiempo* with a different special guest every week. It often sells out, so go early.

Insider Tip: Burn the midnight oil. **Emily Zipp '13** discovered many secret bars throughout the city where the social scene was at its best.



▲ Hangzhou, China

Hot Spot: Outside the city there are several gardens that will take your breath away.

Insider Tip: Take advantage of the local food markets. **Ximena Fernandez '14** marveled at the offerings: cat, starfish, shark, fried cockroaches and traditional fried ice cream.



▲ Geneva, Switzerland

Hot Spot: Lake Geneva is surrounded by the Alps and offers incredible views. People head there to relax on the grass, ride paddle boats, sail or just lie on the pier.

Insider Tip: Indulge in the cheese. **Juhi Tariq '12** found new appreciation for the vast number of *fromage* varieties.



▲ Amman, Jordan

Hot Spot: Wadi Mujib. This long canyon has a river that flows through it and runs into the Dead Sea. Visitors can climb through the canyon and slide down waterfalls in a gorgeous setting.

Insider Tip: Embrace the people. **Daniel Borgersen '13** was frequently invited to dine at people's houses, even by those he hardly knew: his taxi driver, his barber and new acquaintances.



▲ Paris, France

Hot Spot: Jardin des Tuileries, the gardens in front of the Louvre, is a great gathering spot. Bring your picnic blanket, a bottle of wine and a fresh baguette for the quintessential Parisian experience.

Insider Tip: Take in the art scene. **Alex McCormack '12** says the young, artsy community of Montmartre is the Austin of Paris. Although Montmartre is known for the Sacré Coeur church and the Moulin Rouge, its back streets are an artist's paradise with an abundance of street-art markets and cafés buzzing with locals.