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A Message from the Director

Boston, Massachusetts - I want to thank each and every one of you for taking part in our Summer English Language Program Series this past summer. We all made many memories and friendships that will be with us the rest of our lives.

I remember seeing your faces for the first time at the welcome reception that first Sunday evening and again the next morning at the program orientation. Many of you were nervous and did not know what to expect. But within in a week I could see that all of you were well on your way to making new friends, exploring Boston, eating wonderful lunches at Dewick and concentrating on your studies.

We want to capture all those memories so we can share them with your fellow classmates and participants of both the past and the future.



ET 6 and SI Welcome Reception. Left to Right: Kevin Paquette, Jenny Croteau and Eric Thomas

As many of you already know, we have posted the slide show at <http://ase.tufts.edu/esl/alumni/memories.asp>. We also want to post your updates there periodically so we can

continuously stay in contact. We hope that you all will contribute. In addition, we encourage you to check back to this website to find special discounts on tuition that friends and family of alumni may receive for coming to our 2010 programs. The dates have been announced:

Summer Institute for International Scholars: July 4th - August 13th.

English Today 6 Week Program: July 4th - August 13th.

English Today 4 Week Program: July 18th - August 13th.

Thank you again and please keep in touch!

- Kevin Paquette

Applying to Universities and Graduate Programs in the U.S.?

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Deadlines for undergraduate admissions are typically late December into early January (the Tufts deadline is January 4, 2010). Every university has its own system, but applications usually include;

- the application form (most schools use the Common Application now; see www.commonapp.org);

- Additional information may be requested by individual schools;
- an application essay (usually called the Personal Statement) and/or several short answer essays;
- letters of recommendation (typically 2-3, depending on the school);
- SAT or ACT exam scores;

- for international students, TOEFL exam scores;
- a high school transcript.

Although you can still mail in paper applications, many universities now prefer online applications. Application fees range from about \$30 to about \$70. Check individual school websites for more information.

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Student Highlights



Yukari with new friends in Boston.

After the English Today six-week program at Tufts University, **Yukari Watanabe** attended another English language program in the Boston area.

She sent us photographic proof of her expanding social network! Having exhausted the language resources of Boston, Yukari is now exploring Montreal, Canada. Where to next????

“Those who do not study are only cattle dressed up in men’s clothes.”

- Chinese Proverb

Back in Serbia, English Today four-week participant **Nevena Popovic** spent some time in the mountains with friends. She is now busy preparing for the SAT, which she plans to take in October in the hopes of studying in the U.S. after high school. Good luck, Nevena! As motivation to study hard, Nevena sends along this photo from the last day of summer classes at Tufts.



Ariel's newlywed daughter Marian and her husband Jarek, who is from Poland.

ET 4 instructor Ariel Hoover went from one busy job to another. After SELP, Ariel not only made the cake for her daughter's wedding, but also prepared 72 tiny jars of peach preserves as table favors for the wedding guests! She sent us a picture of the bride and groom, Marian and

Jarek, on their big day. Congratulations, Ariel and family!

Instructor Updates



Instructor Updates continued...

Manju Hertzig, ET 6 week instructor, reports that her house in Mexico is almost finished! Anxious for an end to the difficult project of building and remodeling from a distance, Manju, who continues to teach at Roxbury Community College in Boston, looks forward to moving into her new home early next year.

Afternoon Workshop instructor Joe Hughes traveled to Niagara Falls after the summer program. Here he is enjoying the sunshine and fresh air:



ET 4 instructor Dana Risley still misses the summer and her wonderful SELP classes despite visiting Denmark and trying to learn a little Danish! Now back to work at the International School of Boston, Dana continues to be amazed by the “linguistic prowess” of her younger students.

“Teaching is the greatest act of optimism.”
- Colleen Wilcox

Staff News

Program Assistant **Jenny Croteau** happily continues work at the SELP office a few hours per week. Her classes in the English literature Ph.D. program at Tufts are going well, and she thoroughly enjoys the variety that

teaching a first-year writing course adds to her busy schedule. In other news, Jenny recently walked the Freedom Trail with her grandmother (“Babci”), her mother, and other relatives. While wandering the streets of



Jenny laughs as her mom and Babci try to read a map of the Freedom Trail .

Boston, she couldn’t help thinking of all the SELP students who walked the trail before her!



Jenny and Eric on the final Boston Harbor Cruise.

Eric Thomas, Resident Director for the summer of 2009, has completed his move to Somerville and is hoping to take some time off before applying to graduate programs in journalism. He is currently planning trips to Puerto Rico, Spain, and Austria in the upcoming year.



Eric leads a group of Resident Counselors at an orientation activity.

University and Graduate Program Admissions continued...

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Once the university processes your application, it will contact you about scheduling an interview, either on campus or with an interviewer in your area.

For general undergraduate application information, help choosing a university, tips on writing college admissions essays, and more, check out these resources:

For general information:

- <http://collegeapps.about.com/>

For admissions information specific to international students:

- http://www.justcolleges.com/college/coll_usadmit.htm

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Graduate programs vary in content, structure, and admissions processes,

but applications for all programs are usually due early in the calendar year (typically after undergraduate deadlines). You should check the requirements of individual graduate schools, but most applications include:

- an application form;
- an application essay, called a Personal Statement or Statement of Purpose;
- letters of recommendation (usually from professors in your area of study);
- standardized test scores (for graduate school, the GRE (plus a GRE subject test for some programs); for law school, the LSAT; for business school, the GMAT; for medical school, the MCAT);
- academic transcripts;

- a resume or curriculum vitae (this may not be required, but is a good idea to include).

Depending on the kind of program to which you are applying, you might consider contacting faculty members with your research interests to see if you will work well together. Interviews may or may not be part of the process. Contact individual schools for more information, and check out the following resources for advice, essay-writing tips, and more:

For general information:

- <http://gradschool.about.com/od/admissionsadvice/a/overview.htm>

For locating and choosing programs:

- <http://www.gradschools.com/Article/choose-american-school/80.html>



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