

Students attend Salzburg seminar on global citizenship

Four Brevard College students recently attended the Salzburg Global Seminar on Global Citizenship in Salzburg, Austria.

Brevard College students Kevin Manion, Margaret Whitman, Harmony Whitt and Kimberly Williams were chosen to join students from other small private colleges in the southeastern United States for an intensive week of study, exploration and interaction.

The purpose of the program is to provide an intensive seven-day international experience for participants to explore pressing issues of global concern and to view such issues from a perspective both literally and figuratively outside the borders of the United States.

"I had no idea that one short week could change how I saw the world," said Whitman, a junior history major from High Bridge, N.J. "The concept of a global community and the importance of general humanity were stressed greatly during the week."

"I gained a genuine sense of connection to the fact that we as human beings have more commonalities than differences," said Williams, a senior wilderness leadership and experiential education major from Melbourne Beach, Fla.

Manion, a senior wilderness leadership and experiential education major from Syracuse, N.Y., said the group was encouraged to "look beyond only the concerns within our country's borders." He added that he personally felt inspired to continue to educate himself regarding global issues and to "become a more productive citizen of this world we all share."

Whitt, a junior business and organizational leadership major from Candler, said that her experience left her feeling a responsibility to share what she learned as well as to be

an advocate for others around the world whose voices and stories are never heard.

"I am very pleased that our students were able to have this experience, and I look forward to their sharing their experiences with others on campus in the coming months," said John Hardt, Brevard College's vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. "I have been privileged myself to participate in similar programs of the Salzburg Global Seminar, so I know firsthand some of what they were able to learn and experience."

The Salzburg Global Seminar was established in 1947, as a way to educate the next generation of world leaders. The students studied and lived at the Schloss Leopoldskron, an 18th century baroque estate that has been completely retrofitted to accommodate modern technology. The terrace of the Schloss was featured in a memorable scene in the 1965 film "The Sound of Music."

The program is underwritten in part by the Mellon Foundation, as part of the Mellon Fellows Community Initiative Program, which



Brevard College students Kimberly Williams, Harmony Whitt, Kevin Manion and Margaret Whitman recently attended the Salzburg Global Seminar on Global Citizenship in Salzburg, Austria.

has earlier supported Brevard faculty to attend similar programs in Salzburg. Each Brevard student received a \$500 grant from Brevard College to help pay travel expenses. All other expenses related to the experience were paid by the Mellon Foundation grant.

The seminar was created to "make students more aware of global issues and of what it means to be a 'global citizen', more discerning in their assessment of information pertaining to world affairs, and more understanding of America's place in the world as well as of non-Americans' perception of the U.S.," according to the official Web site.

Professors promoted, granted tenure by board

The Board of Trustees granted tenure and promotion to associate professor to Betsy Burrows, Kathryn Gresham and Kyle Lusk according to an e-mail from President Drew Van Horn, Wednesday.

The tenure process is a long one, generally beginning the summer before. Tenure is like a permanent job contract for college professors.

Academic tenure in particular is intended to protect teachers and researchers when they oppose popular opinion, openly disagree with authorities, or spend time on controversial subjects.

The board also granted promotions from associate professor to professor to Barbara Boerner, Jennifer Frick-Ruppert and James Reynolds.

Feature photo: Students John McGuire and Matt Kilpatrick sift through leaves to build worm habitats.

Worm farming is part of an Ecology lab to test how the worms react to different types of food.

The students made 15 worm habitats in total and introduced different types of food.

The worms were placed in a dark cabinet in the ecology lab where they will be monitored for the remainder of the semester.

At the end of the semester the students



will measure different aspects of the habitats such as biomass, weight, difference in habitat volume, length, count, etc.