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Meredith's Study Abroad Program is Nationally Ranked

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According to Meredith's study abroad web page, "Increasingly, all students are finding themselves graduating into a world that requires global understanding." This statement fits in with one of Vision 2010's biggest goals—global connectedness. Kevin Morrison, Betty Webb and Amanda Beasley lend their insight about Meredith's study abroad program and what the new ranking means for our campus.

An important aspect of college is experiencing diversity, and participat-

ing in study abroad is one way to learn about new cultures. Meredith's study abroad program was recently ranked #24 in the Open Doors 2007 report of international education exchange among master's institutions. In the 2005–2006 school year, 144 Meredith students participated in study abroad. The Institute of International Education publishes the yearly Open Doors report, and the report's results are based on a survey of about 3,000 U.S. colleges and universities. The report is based on surveys showing the percentage of

students participating in study abroad programs for academic credit.

Kevin Morrison is Meredith's Associate Director of International Programs. He says the recent ranking "means increased visibility for Meredith as an institution with an increasing commitment to international education." His duties include managing Meredith's summer study abroad programs, arranging pre-departure orientations, advising students about studying abroad and helping international students with immigration.

Betty Webb has

hopes for future study abroad projects. She says, "I hope Ecuador will emerge as a site for a combination art and science program, and I would like to see an undergraduate business program in China soon." She also says it's not too late to sign up for this summer's programs in the UK, Costa Rica, and Spain. "We would love to have 3-5 more qualified students in each," she says. As Director of International Programs, Webb oversees all international programs and

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WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy/
Wind. Low 48, High 28.

Thursday: Sunny. Low 33, High 49.

Friday: AM Clouds/PM Sun. Low 45, High 60.

Saturday: Partly Cloudy. Low 36, High 60.

Sunday: Sunny. Low 44, High 62.

Monday: Partly Cloudy. Low 46, High 70.

Tuesday: Scattered T-Storms. Low 42, High 69.

Source: www.weather.com
Information retrieved
Tues. Feb. 26 at 4:00 p.m.

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Since February 3, Meredith College has hosted the "Families of Abraham" exhibit in the Frankie G. Weems Gallery in the Gaddy-Hamrick Art Building. "Families of Abraham" is a photographic, narrative exhibit celebrating the life and faith traditions of Jewish, Christian and Muslim families in Charlotte, N.C. According to the press release written by Melyssa Allen in the Meredith marketing department, the exhibit captures eleven families in their faith practices

and in their day-to-day lives; it was taken over the period of one year by the eight award-winning documentary photographers who joined curator and project director Eleanor Brawley. The exhibit features the work of Brawley, Byron Baldwin, Donna Bise, John Daughtry, Donna Foster, Chris Keane, Tina Manley and Nancy Pierce.

When the exhibit opened on February 3rd, Brawley, a published poet, photographer, and award-winning TV producer, provided an introduction to the exhibit in Kresge Auditorium. In the introduction she

discussed the concept behind the exhibit, its development—including the research and selection of the families and photographers involved—and the production of the exhibit and accompanying public television documentary and book. She discussed not only the concept of the exhibit, but also her two-and-a-half year journey and how it affected her life and the way she saw the world. Following the lecture was a reception where she signed books and posters.

According to the press release, the Islamic Center of Raleigh, Temple Beth Or and

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church have worked with Meredith's gallery staff and religion department faculty to shape programs that will expand on themes of the show. There are several events still available to attend, including lectures, panel discussions, and other events set to run through April 6, 2008.

- March 11: Women Building Community, Panel Discussion,

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