

Residential Academy International Student in Residence Pilot Project Fall Term 2004

Purpose of Program

This pilot project for an International Student in Residence was designed to allow an Italian undergraduate majoring in American Literature to study American Literature at the UO and to live with Residential Italian FIG students in the Residence Halls, in order to help UO students learn Italian, study Italian culture, and experience programs that promote international understanding. This pilot laid the groundwork for future language theme halls at the UO, populated by more residential FIGS and attractive also to upperclassmen and international students. It also generated interest in study abroad and in the appreciation of diverse people and cultures, at the same time as it contributed to our efforts to stimulate intellectual activity where the students live. The complex Director in Hamilton, Amy Juve, reported that, coincidence or not, the floor in Tingle where Antonella Antonelli lived in Fall 04 was extraordinarily peaceful, non-destructive and happy.

Duties of International Scholar in Residence

- Live in the Residence Hall where the Italian FIG and Spanish FIG are located
- Meet weekly with the Director of the Residential Academy
- Plan one major event to promote understanding of Italian Culture and connections between the Residential Italian FIG and the Residential Spanish FIG. (Antonella participated in the Culture Shock panel and a movie night).
- Participate in Italian tables and dinners to help students learn Italian
- Collaborate with the Italian FIG faculty and attend Connections Class
- Participate in the Italian Culture Class as invited by professor Psaki
- Participate in RA training before Fall term
- Attend RA meetings as possible
- Report to designee of Residence Life Director, Sandy Schoonover

Description of Coursework

Student will enroll in 14-15 credits of course work, including 2 courses in American Literature or American History (8), an elective chosen by the student (4), and Public Speaking EdLd 199 (2)

Scholarship Details

Scholarship includes Fall 2004 Tuition Waiver, provided by International Studies (approx. \$5,600) (Tom Mills), Fall 2004 stipend for single room with 16-meal plan (\$3,412), provided by Undergraduate Studies (Karen Sprague), and a \$250 Fall stipend provided by Undergraduate Studies (Marilyn Linton). The student will be in residence at UO September 9 to December 10, 2004. The student will submit an application through the International Programs office (Magid Shirzadegan), and submit Housing Contract to Housing. The student will be responsible for incidental fees and transportation.

Criteria for Selection

The Italian student chosen for this scholarship student is a high achiever (#1 in her American Literature program in Macerata, Italy), outgoing, supportive of others, good at working in a group, able to adapt to cultural surprises, interested in teaching, well organized, able to set priorities, good at following through, dependable, and eager to learn about how American students live and learn. She had substantial English speaking skills and more than met admission requirements for the UO to be admitted for Fall of 2004.

Process of Selection

This Scholarship was announced in March 2004 in Italy at the University of Macerata, where there is American Literature program. Students applied, and one student plus two ranked alternates were selected by the Director of the Residential Academy, in consultation with the Chair of the Department of American Literature at the University of Macerata.

Evaluation

The student from University of Macerata who won this scholarship, Antonella Antonelli, turned out to be an extremely successful member of Tingle Hall, Hamilton, an enthusiastic participant in the Italian Culture FIG, an excellent student of American Literature and Public Speaking, a good resource for students studying Italian, and a general source of stimulating intellectual activity in the residence halls. She was very reluctant to leave in December, and we were sorry to see her go. We hope the future holds more such possibilities.