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Profiles in Excellence

The annual UNA publication highlights faculty accomplishments across several divisions of professional growth including scholarship, creative and artistic endeavors, grants, teaching awards and service. In 2010-2011 the total number of entries was 311; in 2011-2012 it was 309. Let's set a goal for an increase in 2012-2013. We use this data to show evidence of compliance with one of the SACS standards. SACS standard 3.3.1.4 asks for evidence of institutional effectiveness in the area of research. We cited contributions to *Profiles in Excellence* as one of the measures we would use to demonstrate compliance.

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New Faculty Introduction

Sean Collin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accounting and Business Law the College of Business. He is also the Executive Director of Legal and Administration for UNA's Institute of Export Research and Technology Transfer. Sean is admitted to practice law in three countries, has lectured in seven countries, and advised legal and consulting clients in commercial matters in over 50 countries. His specialty is international law and business with a focus on global innovation, intellectual property, commercialization, and technology transfer. Sean received his bachelor's degree in business and his law degree (honors) from the University of Otago in New Zealand. He also holds an LLM degree (distinction) from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He has lived and worked for 12 years

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outside of the United States and held numerous positions with companies, international law and consulting firms, universities, and non-profit organizations. Sean has also served as an accredited NGO representative at the United Nations in Geneva and New York. He is married to Yvette Collin, and they have four children, James, Amelia, Cruz and Huyanha. James and Amelia were adopted from Siberia, Russia. Both Sean and Yvette have been heavily involved in non-profit work for international adoption, orphan's rights, and the rights of women and children. Currently, both Sean and Yvette are board members of Sacred Healing Circle, a New Mexico based non-profit they founded that focuses on Native American issues. They also live on a Native American themed animal sanctuary here in the Florence area and are of Native American descent.

Partnership with Athens State University

On November 1, UNA and ASU signed an agreement to offer the UNA MBA degree on the ASU campus. Delivery will be a combination of face to face and online classes. Initial information sessions indicate substantial interest from the Athens area. Classes will start in January, 2013.

Study Abroad for Staff

Keep in mind that there are five scholarships of \$750 each for UNA staff to participate in 2113 Study Abroad trips. Shown to the side are the trips planned at this time. The deadline is January 15 to apply for the scholarship. For a copy of guidelines contact the International Affairs office.

Program Dates	Destination	Country	Faculty Director
May 12-June 1, 2014	Beijing	China	HPER Faculty
May 12-June 1, 2014			Geography Faculty
May 12-June 1, 2013	Tianjin	China	Dr. Bruce Gordon
May 12-June 1, 2013			Dr. Beth Garfrerick
			Dr. Pat Sanders
May 12-June 1, 2013	Tianjin/Nanjing	China	Prof. Chiong-Yao Chen
May 12-June 1, 2013			Prof. Charlton James
July 2013	San Jose	Costa Rica	Dr. Claudia Vance
			Dr. Scott Infanger
July 2013	London	England	Dr. Jeffrey Bibbee
			Dr. Lesley Peterson
			Dr. Marilyn Lee
2013 Spring Break	Paris	France	Dr. Keith Lindley
July/Aug 2013		Honduras	Ms. Charlotte Cramer
2013 Spring Break	Dublin	Ireland	Dr. Ian Loeppky
May Intersession 2013	Lima	Peru	Dr. Scott Infanger
			Dr. Mike Pretes
Summer 2014		Tanzania	Dr. Francis Koti
			Dr. Greg Gaston
Summer Semester	Magellan Exchange	Asia	
Summer Semester		Europe	
Summer Semester		Latin America	

