

## Study Abroad at HCC

This summer, a total of 23 HCC students and three HCC faculty joined students and faculty from 11 sister colleges to study nursing in Ecuador, the environmental sciences in Belize, or sustainable energy in Denmark. All three opportunities were delivered as "Troika" programs – a faculty-led and partnership-centered approach to study abroad developed by HCC that earned its nickname because a minimum of three colleges collaborate on each international program.

### Transcultural Nursing in Ecuador

HCC nursing professor Kathryn Smith led a total of 40 students, including 12 from HCC, and faculty from seven colleges to Ecuador. Offered twice this summer to meet growing demand, the transcultural nursing program examines nursing and health issues in Ecuador's capital city of Quito and the Amazon Basin.

In Quito, the group met with nursing students and faculty, toured hospitals and a nursing home, and experienced traditional Andean culture. In the Amazon Basin, the group toured a regional hospital, discussed health concerns, attended lectures on indigenous health care, and visited a Kichwa community, where they learned about medicinal plants.

### Biological, Tropical, and Environmental Sciences in Belize

HCC physical sciences professor Tom Klee joined colleagues from Brevard Community College and Highline Community College to lead 22 students on a 13-day trip to Belize as part of the inaugural biological, tropical, and environmental sciences study abroad program.



HCC nursing professor Kathryn Smith and HCC nursing student Nicki Harris learn about medicinal plants in the Amazon Basin of Ecuador.

The group, including six HCC students, spent a week in Belize's tropical rain forest and a week on a small island near the coral reef – the hemisphere's largest. Students learned about Belize's natural resources and the impact of human activity through lectures and by exploring the rainforest and nearby lagoon, snorkeling in the Caribbean, and visiting Lamanai, a magnificent Pre-Classic Mayan complex.

### Sustainable Energy in Denmark

HCC physics professor Desi Saludes led five HCC students on a two-week trip to Denmark to study sustainable energy technologies and policies. The group traveled alongside students and faculty from Crowder College, Iowa Central Community College, and Muscatine Community College.

Students attended lectures and toured research centers and manufacturing facilities throughout Denmark, a world leader in "green" energy technologies. By living with Danish host families, students immersed themselves in the host culture. The extraordinary experience was part of the class, "Perspectives in Sustainable Energy," taught by Saludes.

As HCC prepares students for an increasingly global society, the HCC Center for International Education continues to offer students international opportunities through Troika partnerships.



Students after climbing up and examining the inner workings of a 20-year-old wind turbine owned by the Danish Folkecenter and situated on the shore of the North Sea.



## District Offices Celebrated HCC's 40th Anniversary with a Picnic Lunch

The luncheon was paid for by the HCC Foundation.



## United Way

The college's annual United Way kick-off campaign began on October 6 with each campus hosting various events to mark the occasion.

This year's goal is \$30,900 which represents a 5% increase over last year's campaign. Organizers acknowledge that, with the current economic uncertainty, it will be a challenge to meet their goal. However, it is clear that HCC faculty and staff are already stepping up to the plate in order to assist those in need within our community! The campaign ends on November 21. If you have any questions regarding this year's campaign, contact Ginger Clark at 813.253.7022.