

Letter from the Program Director

With the arrival of a new class of JYM students in Munich, and with recruitment efforts well underway for next year's students, it is again time that we ask you to support our students and the program which makes their JYM experience possible.

JYM is an entirely self-financed program; we receive no funding from the university to meet our operating expenses. Through its Program Fee alone, JYM must cover all expenses related to the successful operation of the program each year. This includes basic costs such as rent, utilities and salaries, to program support such as Orientation, excursions, the Berlin Seminar, the hiring of instructors and tutors, etc.

We do everything we can to make sure that the JYM experience remains affordable for students, while ensuring the best program support possible. Yet even though our program fee remains lower than our competitors, it still costs a student about \$22,000 to live and study in Munich for a year.

Thanks to the generosity of JYM alumni this past year, as well as foundation and corporate friends of the JYM program, we were able to award a record number of scholarships to students accepted to the 2003-04 JYM program. 24 students were awarded JYM scholarships for the program which just began in September. 82% of JYM scholarships this year went to non-Wayne State University students.

However, there were still students left behind who didn't receive scholarship assistance. Despite my best fundraising efforts, only 52% of the JYM class of 2003-04 were able to receive scholarship assistance.

Just as students today decide to attend a certain college or university because of the financial aid and scholarship package offered, so too do students comparing study abroad options often make their ultimate decision based on the availability of scholarships. One of JYM's main competitors, in fact, makes a special effort of highlighting that they "commit over \$1.3 million to scholarships and financial aid programs." I'm sure you'll agree that this level of financial support illustrates the extent to which JYM has to compete for students.

From all accounts, JYM alumni continue to benefit from the lasting friendships and memories of their year in Munich. The numerous experiences of their JYM year have led to personal growth, a lasting appreciation of cross-cultural awareness and understanding, and even to career advancement. And as we discovered at the reunion in Munich, it seems that everyone can still speak German! Perhaps it is because of this continuing impact of the JYM experience that one alumnus at the reunion objected to being referred to as a "former" JYMer, since the JYM experience does indeed last a lifetime.

Please help us again this year as we replenish our JYM Scholarship Fund for next year's students. My hope is that we can improve on the \$18,500 raised from alumni donations last year for JYM scholarship assistance. If you prefer to assist us with the enhancement of JYM program initiatives such as the Munich Summer Fellows Program, the Vienna Seminar, or internship support, we would equally appreciate contributions to Program Development.

On behalf of the many JYM students whose lives will be made forever richer because of your generosity, we thank you most sincerely!

Mark Ferguson, Ph.D.
JYM Program Director

In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that we report the passing of Prof. Marvin S. Schindler. Many of you may remember him (even if in name only) as the Director of Wayne State University's Junior Year in Germany programs in Munich and Freiburg from 1975-93. He received the Silver Medallion from the Albert Ludwigs Universität Freiburg in 1982, and was made an honorary University Senator (Ehrensensator) in 1985. In 1987 he received the Bundesverdienstkreuz, Erster Klasse (Order of Merit, First Class) from the Federal Republic of Germany. Marvin Schindler had a keen intellect, a brilliant wit, a wonderful sense of humor, a huge heart and a winning smile. He died June 11, 2003 in Detroit after losing his struggle with several illnesses.

New Vienna Seminar planned

JYM is planning to introduce an optional Vienna Seminar beginning in spring 2004. This would be a welcome addition to the Berlin Seminar which has been a standing feature of the JYM program. Our ultimate goal is to offer three seminars under the rubric Cities of Modernity Berlin, Vienna, and perhaps Prague.

Theater Performance Workshop

In spring 2003 JYM supported a Theater Performance Workshop at our institute in Munich conducted by Janet Hegman Shier, Head of the Residential College German Program at the University of Michigan. As part of her course at the U-M (Deutsches Theater: Play Production Seminar), Janet and U-M students traveled to Munich, where her students united with JYM students for a combined workshop.

JYM Video

Coinciding with our 50th Anniversary, this year we began distributing a promotional video tape about the Junior Year in Munich. The 12-minute video was made by Tyler Stutzman from the JYM class of 2001-02 (Anderson University). While on the JYM program in Munich, Tyler continued his courageous battle with leukemia. He had just completed his studies at Anderson University shortly before his death in May, 2003. We were very fortunate to have had such a talented young man on the JYM program and are in his debt for the excellent video he made for us



- FAQs - DONATING TO JYM

If I make a check payable to Wayne State University, does the money go to JYM or to the university in general?

100% of your donation goes directly to JYM for the benefit of JYM students, regardless of their home school. No portion of your gift goes to any other account at Wayne State University.

Does JYM accept MATCHING GIFT donations?

Yes. You can double the impact of your generosity if your employer offers a MATCHING GIFT program. Contact your personnel office for the proper form and mail it with your check.

Are donations TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes. Gifts to the Junior Year in Munich at Wayne State University are tax-deductible as allowable by law. WSU is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, classified as a publicly supported educational organization and listed annually in Publication 78 of the Cumulative List of Organizations described in Section 170(c) of the Code. Wayne State University's Federal tax-free number is 38-78-0203K.

More answers to FAQs are posted on the alumni section of our website at www.worldbridge.wayne.edu



Illustrated History of JYM, 1953-2003

On the occasion of JYM's 50th anniversary, we produced a 120-page Illustrated History of the Junior Year in Munich, 1953-2003. If you missed the reunion, it's not too late to get a copy. For a gift of \$100 we will send you one. See the Donation Form.

Many more reunion photos are posted on the web at www.worldbridge.wayne.edu/jym/alumnihome.html

Junior Year in Munich



Stay in Touch with JYM!

Be sure to keep your contact information current so that we don't "lose" you if you move. Information about how you can update your mailing address and/or post information to the online Alumni Directory on our website at www.worldbridge.wayne.edu/jym

Special Thanks from all of us at JYM to the Class Contacts who helped make our Alumni Reunion in Munich a success!

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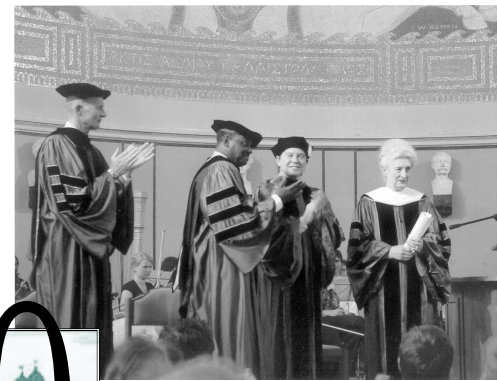
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JYM Alumni NEWS



JYM celebrates 50th Anniversary



Over 300 former JYM students and guests gathered in Munich, June 12-14, 2003 to celebrate 50 years of JYM as America's oldest study abroad program in Germany. It was a wonderfully inspiring experience for us to meet so many alumni and especially those who came from the very first JYM class of 1953!!

During the Opening Ceremony at the Ludwig Maximilian University, JYM alumni and guests were welcomed by Prof. Dr. Bernd Huber, rector of the LMU, and Dr. Irvin D. Reid, president of Wayne State University. Rector Huber welcomed former JYM participants back home to Munich, and President Reid spoke of the importance of long-term institutional cooperation and partnership.

To mark this milestone



In the history of JYM, President Reid conferred an honorary doctorate upon Dr. Marianne Riegler for her steadfast dedication to the Junior Year in Munich and its students, and her many contributions to German-American friendship and exchange. Frau Dr. Riegler first starting working for JYM as an instructor in 1955, served as JYM resident director from 1960-94, and has left a lasting impression on literally thousands of JYM students.

After the Opening Ceremony in the Grosse Aula of the LMU, festivities continued with a reception in the historic Lichthof of the Ludwig Maximilian University, an evening buffet on the grounds of the Studentenstadt, and a Bavarian Dinner finale at the L'wenbr%ukeller in Munich.

JYM students came from the following schools in 2002-04

Berea College	Metropolitan State College of Denver	Swarthmore College
Bowdoin College	Miami University of Ohio	University of Texas at Austin
Bryn Mawr College	University of Michigan	Trinity University
Cornell University	Millersville University	Truman State University
University of Dayton	Minnesota State University	Wayne State University
Emory University	University of Minnesota in Twin Cities	Wellesley College
Franklin and Marshall College	Northwestern University	Western Michigan University
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University of Georgia	Ohio State University	Wheaton College
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Grinnell College	University of Pennsylvania	Winona State University
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Harvard University	Rice University	
Hofstra University	Rutgers, The State Univ. of New Jersey	
Longwood University	University of San Francisco	
Marquette University		

51th Class of JYM students arrive in Munich

The 2003-04 JYM program began September 16 with the arrival of the 51th class of JYM students! This year's Orientation was kicked off with a hefty Bayerisches Mittagessen at the L'wenbr%ukeller. In many ways JYM Orientation hasn't changed all that much over the years. In addition to our annual inow-fill-out-this-form-too! marathon, the main part of Orientation still consists of language testing and German language courses, an introduction to university studies and academic advising. And we also still include a tour of Munich, a scenic Alpenwanderung, and the traditional trip to Neuschwanstein and Kloster Ettal. Orientation concluded with our traditional "I Survived Orientation" party, and now that the semester has begun, we're quite confident that all students are attending classes when not pursuing their newly energized Wanderlust!

"I came to Munich without knowing much of what I wanted or expected of this year, but I knew I had to come, because there was something inside of me burning to be here. I call this burning sensation a passion, because one thing was sure, right here in Munich was the only place in the world I wanted



to be. Throughout the year, the fire to become part of this culture and learn this language continually grew hotter and stronger. I believe a whole forest of fires was ignited inside of us this year. This was just the beginning. We're going places, and nothing is going to stop us." (Michelle Poniewozik, JYM 2002-03)

German-American Heritage Room

The class of 2003-04 has a new seminar room! Dedicated during our 50th Anniversary Celebration, the German-American Heritage Room was made possible by a generous gift from the German American Cultural Center (GACC) in Detroit, whose members were the original financial underwriters of JYM back in 1953. Commemorative plaques have been placed in honor of the GACC, as well as in memory of WSU alumnus Dr. Eugene C. Strobel (1935-2001), founder of the German-American Heritage Foundation International in whose name a JYM scholarship fund has been established thanks to the generosity of the DaimlerChrysler Corporation and the Heinz C. Prechter family's World Heritage Foundation. The bronze plaque made in 1963 by WSU professor Bernhard Goldman of Dr. John Ebelke

(1916-1960), the first director of JYM under Wayne State University sponsorship, also has been set into the paneling of the German-American Heritage Room.

The German-American Heritage Room will be used for regular JYM instruction and serve as a designated meeting place for reflection upon German-American partnerships - past, present and future. The room will also house a collection of books (both academic and fiction) authored by former JYM students, as well as JYM memorabilia.

"As an American in a foreign country during the war, I was forced to think about my views on it and challenge my own opinions. (Ö) Knowing these people personally, however, gives you a whole different perspective and forces you to question your own judgements. If our being here causes German-American relations to be just a little bit better than they were before, well, that's something to be happy about." (Jenny Shirey, JYM 2002-03)

Internships in Munich

The Junior Year in Munich has formed a partnership with CDS International so that JYM students have greater access to internship opportunities in Munich. For 35 years CDS International, formerly the Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft, has arranged international practical training programs for students and young professionals, including the prestigious Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship program and the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. We are most enthusiastic about this new enhancement of the JYM program which will allow us to better meet the interests and needs of our students.

Munich Summer Fellows Program

Now in its second year, JYM's week-long Munich Summer Fellows Program for outstanding first-year college students of German is becoming an excellent way of rewarding promising students of German language and culture, with the hope of recruiting them for the JYM program.

Between their freshman and sophomore year, Munich Summer Fellows experience what it's like to live in the StuStadt, discover student life with the help of our current JYM student mentors, visit the alps as well as theatrical productions in Munich, and of course, learn lots about the LMU and JYM.



"I had a great time in Munich this summer! I think the idea of sending prospective study abroad students to Munich for a week really helps to give them a better idea of what the experience will be like and if it is the thing for them. I had never been to Europe before, so thanks so much for an awesome opportunity to see new things, travel inexpensively as a student, and most importantly try out my German skills with other students and native speakers. I think your program is wonderful!" (Sarah Ottney, 2003 Munich Summer Fellow)

2003 Berlin Seminar

The Berlin Seminar continues to be a high point of the year for many JYM students. While in Berlin students visited the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, the Humboldt University, the Pergamon Museum, the J disches Museum, the Museum Karlhorst, Kreuzberg, as well as Potsdam and Sanssouci. The evening cultural program consisted of seeing theatrical productions at the Maxim Gorki Theater, the Volksbühne, and the Berliner Ensemble. A special JYM tour of the Tageszeitung (TAZ) was arranged by Prof. S'nder, and students received a special invitation to visit the Bundestag and meet with representative Ernst Bahr, Mitglied des Bundestags (SPD- Brandenburg). A lasting impression was made when the group attended a reading by 2001 Kleist Prize winner Judith Hermann, author of Nichts als Gespenster (2003) and Sommerhaus, sp%oter (1998) sponsored by the Literarisches Colloquium Berlin and the Fischer Verlag.

Junior Year in Munich Donation Form

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With your gift of \$250, we will send you a copy of the Illustrated History of the Junior Year in Munich, 1953-2003 from our Munich office while supplies last.

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