### HEIDELBERG ALUMNI U.S.





Dear HAUS member.

We hope you are enjoying your summer! Are you getting ready for the big HAUS Anniversary event? We are looking forward to celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of Heidelberg University Association and HAUS the weekend of September 14-16 in New York. We expect several guests from Heidelberg led by Rektor Bernhard Eitel. Come and join us for a fun and interesting program in the Big Apple!

On a different note, HAUS just awarded several new scholarships to outstanding students. Three are attending the Heidelberg summer program, two are pursuing a Master's degree. Heidelberg University

Association will be part of the upcoming *Deutschlandjahr* with the newly created series »Heidelberg Lectures«. Below, you will also get an update on our HAUS Scholarship recipient 2017 as she returns to Alaska and learn about alumni activities from coast to coast.

After ten inspiring and eventful years, we want to THANK YOU for your contributions in building this HAUS!

We hope you will enjoy this issue of HAUS Blatt.

Herzliche Grüße,

athleen Lauren

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# THE HAUS YOU BUILT TURNS 10! COME CELEBRATE IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 14–16

Heidelberg University Association and Heidelberg Alumni U.S. (HAUS) look back on ten successful years! You all helped build this HAUS and it is your Heidelberg home away from home. Come celebrate the HAUS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Meeting with us in New York City the weekend of September 14.–16. President Bernhard Eitel will fly in from Heidelberg for this occasion. The head of Heidelberg Alumni International (HAI), Silke Rodenberg will also participate. Additional guests form Heidelberg include Vice-President for International Affairs Dieter Heermann and Elisabeth Trnka from the International Office.

Join us for an interesting and fun weekend. The activities include a welcome reception and lecture by Heidelberg Professor Alexander Zipf on Friday night, a ferry ride to Staten Island with a talk by District Attorney Michael McMahon on Saturday morning, and a special Anniversary event at Dr. Henry Jarecki's house on Saturday evening. Finally, we will enjoy the »Ausblick« from One World Trade Center while saying *Auf Wiedersehen* on Sunday morning.

### Please see the detailed invitation/program online

To register for the weekend, please click here no later than August 24.

Regardless of whether you can attend the festivities, you are welcome to support future HAUS alumni activities by donating **here**.

#### PICTURE PERFECT HEIDELBERG

Even if you aren't able to celebrate with your fellow alumni in September, you can still participate by contributing »YOUR« special Heidelberg picture. We are planning a HAUS photo montage with Heidelberg pictures special to HAUS members. It could be your favorite photo from your time in Heidelberg or from when you went back to revisit the town and retrace your steps. Please submit the pictures (black and white or color are welcome) to Anniversary@heidelbergunversity.org. Feel free to include a brief note explaining why it is special. By sending your picture, you agree that it can be included in a  $10^{th}$  Anniversary online photo album and/or a slide-show at the Anniversary event.

### THE TALE OF THE TRAVELING T-SHIRT

You may have seen that the very first HAUS National Meeting T-Shirt from 2008 has been on quite the cross-country road trip to gather alumni signatures! It started in the Big Apple, then was off to Sacramento, Chicago, Columbus, and then stopped over in sunny LA. If you missed it in your neighborhood you can make your mark at the Anniversary meeting in New York.



First HAUS National meeting T-Shirt from 2008 signed by alumni

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#### DEUTSCHLANDJAHR: NOBEL LAUREATES TALK AT HEIDELBERG LECTURES

Heidelberg University successfully submitted a project proposal for the **Year of German-American Friendship**.\* The initiative Heidelberg Lectures received funding for three lectures by Nobel Laureates in 2018. Prof. Dr. Harald Zur Hausen and Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ketterle will give talks in San Diego, Seattle and the Research Triangle in North Carolina in November and December. Heidelberg University created the project to showcase the synergies between academic tradition and cutting-edge science perfected in Germany. The lectures will demonstrate the research expertise and academic depth of Heidelberg University. Heidelberg University Association hopes to receive additional funding to continue the Heidelberg Lectures in 2019 with exceptional researchers and lecturers from Heidelberg University.

\* Deutschlandjahr/Year of German-American Friendship is a comprehensive and collaborative initiative of the Federal Foreign Office and the Goethe Institut, with the support of the Federation of German Industries (BDI), highlighting the decades long relationship grounded in common values, interests, and goals. The Deutschlandjahr will officially start on October 3, 2018.

#### HAUS AMBASSADOR ANNIKA FLYNN IS HEADING BACK NORTH

HAUS Scholarship 2017 recipient Annika Flynn wrapped up her year in Heidelberg and will resume her studies at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Here is her latest report: "How quickly a year goes by when spent on an exchange at Universität Heidelberg! I just finished my exams last week and have been enjoying the remaining few summer days here. I took a variety of psychology courses this Summer semester, including a seminar on the psychology of climate change, which was fascinating! I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to study at Universität Heidelberg. I have made lasting friendships with many incredible students and scholars from all around the world. I have also greatly enjoyed inspiring cultural exchanges and discussions. I am excited to take my experiences home with me to motivate fellow students in Alaska to take the leap in completing a year studying abroad! The HAUS network, as well as the generous scholarship, were of great help, and I thank you all for your support!"

#### NEW! HAUS SUPPORTS U.S. STUDENTS AT HEIDELBERG'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Thanks to your support, HAUS was able to offer brand new stipends for the International Summer School of German Language and Culture at Heidelberg University. Beneficiaries are three students enrolled at universities in the United States. We received many outstanding applications and the choice was not easy. The three stipends went to Varol Kahveci (Dartmouth College), Leo McMahon (Hunter College) and Stefan Zeidler (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee). We wish them a wonderful and rewarding time in Heidelberg! Check out the next issue of HAUS-Blatt to read their reports.

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HAUS Scholarship recipient Malaya Sadler



HAUS Scholarship recipient Fahiya Rashid

#### HAUS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BACHELOR AND MASTER PROGRAMS AWARDED

Congratulations! Malaya Sadler and Fahiya Rashid have been awarded the two 2018 HAUS Scholarships! Malaya studied Anthropology at Columbia University in New York City and has been accepted to earn her Master's in Anthropology at Heidelberg. She was attracted to Heidelberg *»for the breadth of the university's resources, its explicitly global positioning, and its vibrant international student community.* « Malaya is looking forward to engaging with the HAUS community on-campus. We can't wait to learn about her experiences and provide updates to you!

Fahiya is working towards her Master's degree in South Asian Studies. She originally received a HAUS Scholarship for the winter semester 2016/2017. Since Fahiya is doing well with her studies, the Scholarship Committee was happy to provide a second scholarship for additional funding. Malaya and Fahiya will receive \$5000 each for the winter semester. Fahiya is very grateful for your support: "I am delighted to receive the HAUS Scholarship for the second time! I just finished my fourth semester in the M.A. in South Asian Studies program at Heidelberg University. My areas of expertise are political science, history, and economics. In conjunction with my studies, I work as a Research Assistant (Student) at the Max Planck Foundation of Peace and International Law on the Sri Lanka project. The M.A. in South Asian Studies program paired with the HAUS Scholarship will help me grow even further as a professional and, subsequently, acquire knowledge I can apply in a professional setting after graduation. In addition, I am grateful to have the honor to study in Heidelberg and mingle with intellectuals from various fields on a day-to-day basis«.

HAUS is very pleased to have the opportunity to award two main scholarships this year. Thank you to all alumni who donated and especially Richard Anderson for his generous contribution. THANK YOU for supporting these outstanding young students!

### STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT FROM AMIRANA FUND

Albania, Cameroon, Georgia, Iran, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Vietnam: Medical students from these countries enjoy support from the Amirana Fund. U.S. Alumni Drs. Annelene and Mahomed Amirana generously added to the fund to help aspiring physicians from developing countries during their studies at Heidelberg University. This year, the Fund was able to renew its support for three students and is granting monthly stipends to seven additional students. From the thank-you note from Rea Skenderi (Albania): "Ich fühle mich jetzt sicherer mit dem Studium weiterzumachen,



Amirana stipend recipient Rea Skenderi

und fühle mich motivierter sehr gute Leistungen zu erbringen, damit ich nicht nur meine Eltern und meine Familie sondern jetzt auch Sie stolz mache ... Sie haben mein Leben mit Ihrer Großherzigkeit verbessert. Ich kann nur sagen, dass Leute wie Sie auf unserer heutigen Welt selten sind.» (Translation: I now feel more secure in continuing my studies, and feel more motivated to achieve high grades, to make not only my parents and family proud, but also to make you proud... You have improved my life with your generosity. I can only say that people like you are rare in today's world.)

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Post-brunch New Yorkers in T-Shirts from previous National Meetings



Chicago alumni with the famous HAUS T-Shirt!

#### GERMAN TEACHERS PARTICIPATE IN FORTBILDUNGSKURSUS

Heidelberg University and the Germanistic Society of America (GSA) awarded three stipends for non-native German teachers. Mary Joan Brilla (teaches for the State of Wisconsin), Brittany Logana (Aberdeen High School in Maryland), and Susan Norland (George Washington University) are currently attending the **Fortbildungskursus** for non-native German teachers at Heidelberg University. Rektor Bernhard Eitel donated the stipends covering flights and accommodation to the Quadrille/Germanistic Society as the Quadrille's Guest of Honor 2015 in New York. The university decided to extend those generous stipends for three additional years, and GSA is funding the course fee. The teachers are chosen in cooperation with the American Association for Teachers of German (AATG).

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HEIDELBERG GIVING DAY - OCTOBER 18

Third time's the charm: Following two years of success with the Online Heidelberg Giving Day, we again look forward to commemorating the first day students began their education at Heidelberg University on October 18, 1386. Since 2018 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HAUS, it is an extra special time for us *Amis* to take part! As always, all donations are tax deductible according to the law.

#### HAUS EVENTS COAST TO COAST

HAUS chapters across the U.S. and in Heidelberg have been busy in 2018 commemorating 10 years of HAUS in preparation for the  $10^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary National Meeting in September in New York. Here's a look at #HAUSat10:

#### New York

A *Muntermacher* HAUS-Brunch was hosted by HAUS NYC Chair Nina Brandt in March with lovely and lively conversation. Even though daylight savings time started the night before, no one was late or complained about the missed hour of sleep. In honor of HAUS' 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, alumni changed into HAUS T-Shirts from past HAUS annual meetings. Everyone signed an original T-Shirt from the inaugural 2008 meeting in New York. This special piece of HAUS memorabilia is making the rounds from Regional Chapter to Regional Chapter this year.

#### Chicago

HAUS President Kathleen Lance travelled to Chicago in April and met with local alumni at Berghoff Restaurant. While enjoying wonderful food and the historic and familiar atmosphere, the former Heidelbergers chatted about old times at the university, including their studies and favorite professors. The three Regional Co-Chairs John Dillon, Christoph Stokowski and Ed Potash also discussed possible ideas for future Chicago events. Alumni were happy to learn details about the HAUS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in NYC. Everyone signed the HAUS Anniversary T-Shirt!

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Northern California alumni at Café Marika in Sacramento



Ohio alumni with HAUS president Kathleen Lance and Regional Chair Mark Peeples (left) in the German Village in Columbus

### Heidelberg

The HAUS Regional Chapter Heidelberg enjoyed a lovely evening *Stammtisch* on the Neckar terrace at the Marriott Hotel in early June. A special thanks to all who attended, especially the guests of honor from New York, Dr. Hans Decker (President of Heidelberg University Association) and Dr. Steve Sokol (Advisory Council member of Heidelberg University Association and President of the American Council on Germany), for making this event such a success! Engaging conversation and delicious *Häppchen* were enjoyed by all.



Steve Sokol and Jimmie Jost

The Heidelberg Chapter met up again at the end of June. This time, Regional Chair Heike Kranz invited alumni to an aperitivo at Carosello. This was an opportunity to see one another once more before the semester ended. The Heidelbergers sat outside and talked about their summer plans over Italian food and wine.



End-of-semester aperitivo in Heidelberg with HAUS Scholarship recipient Annika Flynn (2<sup>nd</sup> from left)

#### Northern California

In March, the Northern California HAUS Regional Chapter met in Sacramento with special guest President Kathleen Lance. While enjoying delicious Eastern European cooking at Café Marika, the former Heidelbergers (and one future Heidelberger who is starting this fall) networked and chatted about old times at the university. They also talked about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations being planned for September. Everyone signed the Anniversary T-Shirt. Alumni in the Sacramento area enjoyed this HAUS event close to home, as HAUS Northern California mostly meets in the Bay Area. That said, some alumni travelled quite a distance to enjoy this unique opportunity to meet each other and the HAUS President!

#### Ohio

Heidelbergers in Ohio met with HAUS President Kathleen Lance for a late lunch in July in the famous German Village in Columbus. Over delicious German food at Schmidt's Sausage Haus, they talked about their Heidelberg times and professors, the upcoming HAUS Anniversary Meeting in New York, and the new HAUS Scholarship recipients. Everyone had a wonderful meeting and signed the HAUS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt.

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Southern California Chapter enjoyed their outing to Fullerton College

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### Philadelphia

HAUS Philadelphia gathered for a unique dining experience in April at the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College. Regional Chair Hanna Augustynowicz picked Walnut Hill College's hospitality school since it offers four restaurants open to the public. Alumni and friends enjoyed the ambiance and cuisine – all provided by students. The event attracted a good number of local alumni; some are excited to meet again at the Anniversary weekend Meeting in New York in September!



Philadelphia-area alumni at the gorgeous Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College

#### Southern California

The Southern California chapter of HAUS met for an outing to Fullerton College on April 11. The evening began with a buffet of tasty German cuisine from a local restaurant. HAUS attendees joined local college students and friends of Germany from the area to watch *Schuhplattler* demonstrations, including the traditional whip dance. The audience was encouraged to participate. The group then viewed the film, *»Der Ganz Grosse Traum«* (»Lessons of a Dream«), directed by Sebastian Grobler. The entertaining movie featured Daniel Bruehl as an English instructor in a German boarding school for boys in 1874, who introduced soccer as a way to teach.

Regional Chair Diane Guido invited HAUSler in LA on July 28 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HAUS organization. The festivities began with dinner at the BRÜ HAUS restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard, a European-style pub. HAUS members exchanged stories of their time in Heidelberg over a hearty meal, and also signed the well-traveled HAUS Anniversary T-Shirt. The group then reconvened at the City Garage Theatre at Bergamot Station in Santa Monica, where they watched Bertolt Brecht's *The* 



HAUSler in LA signed the T-Shirt before seeing Berthold Brecht's play.

*Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui.* The play was a powerful satire on Hitler's rise to power using the setting of Chicago in the 1930s. Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, HAUS!

### HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY PRESENTED AT THE GERMANY GRAD FAIR IN MAY

The Germany Grad Fair was held in May 2018 at the German House in New York. The event is designed to help students navigate the process of pursuing graduate education in Germany, from finding the right program and university to understanding the requirements and application process. Jimmie and Lisa represented your alma mater and met some interesting and interested potential students. The Grad Fair is co-organized by Heidelberg University Association, other German universities represented in New York as well as the DAAD and the German Consulate.