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A Few Reminders



Three German teachers at the start  
of their course.

Dear HAUS Member,

2019 has been an exciting year for Heidelberg University Association and HAUS. Amid all of the transitions and events, we also wanted to take a moment to showcase the way our alumni community has supported its future members this year. We are therefore dedicating this special issue of the HAUS Blatt to our scholarship recipients. We hope you enjoy hearing about their time in Heidelberg in their own words as much as we have.

Each year, the HAUS Scholarship Fund makes it possible for university students and teachers of German to enrich their education, as well as their personal and professional lives, by spending time at Heidelberg University. These scholarship recipients are able to then join the Heidelberg University alumni fold and build upon the community you all have worked create and sustain.

As today is Heidelberg University Online Giving Day, we first want to thank you for your support of these students so far. We hope that you will keep in mind both the immediate and sustained impact HAUS Scholarship Fund has on its recipients and the HAUS community at large. In the spirit of sustaining our community, please consider directing your 2019 Online Giving Day donation to the HAUS Scholarship Fund.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Lance  
HAUS President

Amanda Daquila  
Executive Director

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## INTERNATIONALER FERIENKURS FÜR DEUTSCHE SPRACHE UND KULTUR

### Anna Pajak



»The *Internationaler Ferienkurs für deutsche Sprache und Kultur* at Heidelberg University this summer was an unforgettable and very enriching experience. As a non-native teacher of German language at a university in the U.S. I am aware, I need a regular contact with German culture and the newest teaching methods. This course provided me with various materials and practices that I will be applying in my classes and sharing with colleagues in the field. The program is very well structured, as I was able to choose topics of my interest and visit additional seminars and workshops. There are also many opportunities to integrate with other course

participants during the excursions and events. I was very happy to work closely with very experienced *Deutsch als Fremdsprache* (DaF) instructors and other German language teachers from around the world. In addition, Heidelberg is such scenic and magical student town. I can only recommend this four-week program to anyone who wishes for a summer full of new knowledge, experiences, excursions, and great memories. Thank you.«

### Emily Krauter



»Ich habe mein Herz in Heidelberg verloren—this was one of the first things I heard upon arriving at Heidelberg University in August for the annual *Internationaler Ferienkurs*. I scoffed at the romantic saying, thinking that this would be just like any other summer course. But, after four weeks of studying with people from all over the world, learning from each other and diving deeper into the German language and culture, it was true: I lost my heart in Heidelberg.

The *Internationaler Ferienkurs für deutsche Sprache und Kultur* I completed at Heidelberg University was an absolute joy. Every day, the other participants and I met in our self-selected courses and then had the chance to visit a variety of seminars and workshops in the afternoon. I enrolled in three different courses—each with a different point of specialization: film in German language and culture courses, the Grimm brothers and their fairytales, and learner-based pedagogy. Instructors and professors from Heidelberg University and the surrounding areas taught our courses. We also worked



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in smaller groups on cultural projects, which we presented during our last week in Heidelberg. My group was given the task of summarizing the rise of Hitler in Germany. We chose to focus on Hans and Sophie Scholl and their resistance group called *Die weiße Rose* or The White Rose.

The most fulfilling part of my experience in Heidelberg was getting the chance to perform with other students from different countries in the *IDeFix* theatre workshop. We performed short scenes from plays and films and most of the pieces focused on difficult sounds in the German language, but in a comedic way. We performed the famous *Jodelschule* skit from the German comedian Loriot where I played the role of a *Jodelschule* teacher. By the end, we all learned how to correctly yodel!

I know the experiences and memories I gained during my month in Heidelberg will help me as a German instructor back in the United States. I am eager to teach my students the new skills I learned in the seminars and am even hoping to teach a theatre course this upcoming spring using the plays that we used in Heidelberg. I am grateful to the generous donors who made this opportunity possible, and I am looking forward to going back to Heidelberg very soon.«

### Karen McGuinness

»The *Internationaler Ferienkurs* at Heidelberg University was an amazing experience. The course offerings were on point to topics that are part of my high school German curriculum and so plentiful that it was not easy to choose which to explore. The fairy tale and film courses not only offered deep dives into content, but also engaging teaching strategies that I can easily bring into my classroom. Additionally, these and coursework in engagement strategies and a geo-culture cultural project provided opportunities to collaborate and share with teachers from all over the world. If all of that were not enough, we were offered a diverse variety of workshops and affordable travel opportunities that allowed us to share activities and adventures with others in the program.«

### Madeleine Watts

»I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to study German in the *Internationaler Ferienkurs* at Universität Heidelberg. Before arriving in Heidelberg, I had only taken one semester of German in my university in the US. Learning German in Germany related what I learned in our daily classes to the world around me. For example, we learned vocabulary and grammar for ordering food in a restaurant the very same





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day we had our *Klassenabend* at Vetter, a local Heidelberg brewery! I met so many amazing people from all over the world, all connected by a passion for learning German. Through the *Ferienkurs*, I also went on many excursions all around southern Germany, from the Bodensee to the Schwarzwald to Nürnberg! I will always be grateful to HAUS for allowing me to have this amazing study abroad experience.«

### Shira Abramovich



»The *Internationaler Ferienkurs* was a fantastic experience for me. Not only did I radically improve my German by living in the language, I also got to meet amazing people from all over the world, including the other HAUS scholars in the *Sprachkurs*, who have become dear friends. In addition to my language course, I took afternoon seminars and lectures, participated in the choral workshop, and attended festival concerts.

My time in Heidelberg was unforgettable, marked by beautiful views, shared meals at the Mensa and Heidelberg's many restaurants, long conversations on the 31 bus, and trips to cities around Germany. I am so thankful that the HAUS program allowed me to experience this wonderful month and have already started encouraging my friends to apply next year!«

### Alan Mendoza



»I enjoyed visiting Heidelberg University. It helped me improve my German skills, and I made friends from many different countries. I think my favorite part of the exchange was the ship trip through the Neckar-Rhine. The German landscape, with its green hills and its castles, is absolutely gorgeous. Both my teacher, Reinhardt, and my facilitator, Charlotte, made sure that my group had a formative and fun experience. They organized

outings to Heidelberg's castle and a barbecue with bratwurst and chicken. My other favorite activity was looking at the falling stars from the philosophy trail. I look forward to visiting Heidelberg again and to keep in touch with the friends I made there.«

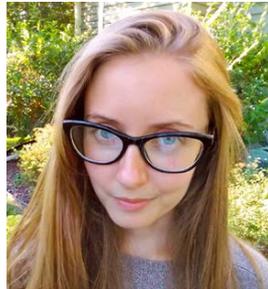


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## BACHELOR/MASTER WINTERSEMESTER 2019/2020



We were pleased award the HAUS Scholarship to two students for the current Wintersemester. **Kimberlyn Bailey** hails most recently from Oswego, NY and plans to pursue a Master's in American Studies at Heidelberg University. **Mohammed Saad Farooq** comes to Heidelberg University from Carteret, NJ and is

pursuing his Master's in Translational Medical Research. We look forward to hearing about their experiences in Heidelberg and wish them both great semesters!

## A FEW REMINDERS

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual HAUS National Meeting in San Diego November 8-10, 2019



If you are planning to attend—and we hope you are—please don't forget to RSVP and book your hotel from the **Heidelberg University Association** website. The deadline to RSVP is October 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Please let us know if you have information to include in the next HAUS-Blatt.*

### SoCal Regional Alumni Event: Oktoberfest at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim, CA October 19, 2019

Celebrate Oktoberfest with other Universität Heidelberg alumni in the SoCal region. RSVP [here](#)

*If you would like to organize an event in your region, please do not hesitate to reach out!*

### Heidelberg University Online Giving Day

On October 18, 1386, Universität Heidelberg officially opened its doors to the very first students. As you can see from the accounts above, your contribution to the HAUS Scholarship Fund on Online Giving Day helps to open those doors to a new group of students each year. Make your contribution [here](#) and ensure these kinds of stories continue for years to come.

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