



Dear HAUS Member,

We hope you are all having an excellent summer! It is hard to believe that 2021 is already halfway over. It was great to see some of you during our events earlier in the year, and we are looking forward to seeing you at many more now that that #25HAI celebration has begun.

Speaking of #25HAI, some of you may not have heard that Heidelberg Alumni International's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is this year! Read on for more information about the celebration taking place from June through the end of 2021. With so many ways to join in, we hope everyone will take part in the ways that suit them best.

The last year has been difficult for everyone, so it is exciting to see a bit of sunshine on the horizon. Some of the exchange programs between Heidelberg and U.S. will take place this fall, and Germany announced that its borders will be open to tourists from the U.S. who are vaccinated. There is still cause for caution, so we will continue to hold off on organizing in-person HAUS events for the time being. Our goal is to lift that restriction after Labor Day, depending, of course, on the situation.

With that in mind, we want to thank everyone who has joined us for an event over the last year. On one hand, it is difficult to continue to meet virtually; on the other hand, it has been a real treat to gather with folks from all over the United States and Germany whom we may not have seen together in person otherwise. We want to thank our Regional Chapter Chairs and Leadership Committee in particular, for your patience and continued engagement during this difficult time. It is not easy to stay excited, and we genuinely appreciate you.

Please enjoy this issue of the HAUS Blatt. As always, please let us know if you have anything to add to the next one. Until then, we hope to see you at one of the #25HAI events!

Sonnige Grüße,

  
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HAUS President

  
Amanda Daquila  
Executive Director

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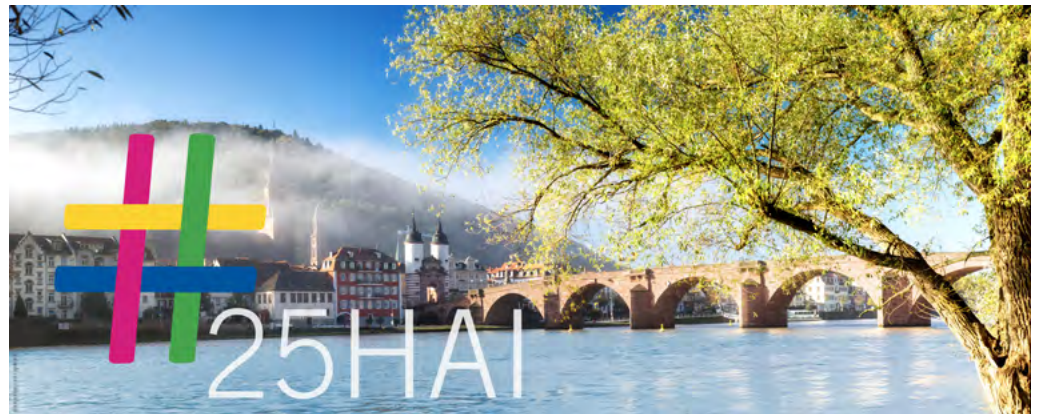
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Heidelberg Alumni International (HAI) is proud to be celebrating 25 years of community this year! A variety of digital events and activities kicked off in June and will continue through December under the banner #25HAI. Whether your interest lies with science and research, culture and society, career and business, or networking and socializing, the #25HAI program will offer something for everyone. The program will grow throughout the year, so be sure to check back often. Read more and register for events [here](#).



HAI and HAUS will organize activities and events, but we also invite our alumni membership to contribute to the festivities by initiating and leading an activity or event. As an example, HAUS, HAIT, and HALU convened the Alumni World Café, a social gathering open to alumni from around the world. HAI set up the registration site and New York staff provided the Zoom room, but it was the alumni from those clubs who suggested the gathering, set the date, and provided the welcome. If you have an idea, but you are not sure about next steps, let us know! You can contact the HAI office at [jubilaem@alumni.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:jubilaem@alumni.uni-heidelberg.de) or contact the New York office at [info@heidelberguniversity.org](mailto:info@heidelberguniversity.org).

If you are an Instagram fan, you can follow the #25HAI activities on the new Heidelberg Alumni International Instagram account. You can find it under the handle [@heidelbergalumni](https://www.instagram.com/heidelbergalumni). Don't forget to tag [@heidelbergalumni](https://www.instagram.com/heidelbergalumni) and #25HAI if you post your own memories from Heidelberg!

Not on Instagram? Don't fret—you can still contribute to one of the many #25HAI Activities happening throughout the year. Share a story for a special edition of HAIlife, introduce the HAI community to your country, or add your favorite musical memory to the collaborative #25HAI playlists. Find the full list of activities [here](#).



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## NEWS FROM HEIDELBERG

### Summer Semester 2021 and Winter Semester 2021-22

Summer Semester 2021 will wrap up soon. Most courses took place online. While it is still too early to make a final determination for Winter Semester 2021-22, Heidelberg University is hoping for as much in-person instruction as possible.

### International Summer School of German Language and Culture

The International Summer School of German Language and Culture will take place from July 29 to August 25, 2021. The theme for this year's International Summer School is "Germany 2021: Reinvent the Future", and it will shape activities in all course levels. The International Summer School will be a digital course for 2021. Course times will vary in order to accommodate students in time zones all over the world. Although taking place digitally, the International Summer School will still offer the customary cultural and social activities.

### Heidelberg University Zahnmedizin + University of Minnesota School of Dentistry



Anna Pajak, 2019 Germanistic Society of American Scholarship Recipient

A 1:1 exchange between dental students at Heidelberg University and University of Minnesota has taken place for a number of years. The pandemic might have prevented the usual exchange from happening this year, but it also created an opportunity for both programs to push the boundaries of exchange. Led by Prof. Dr med. Dr med. dent. Ti-Sun Kim in Heidelberg, a total of 18 students participated in a shared virtual classroom. The students happily and actively joined in discussions and group projects that would not have occurred in a typical year. Even more impressive is the fact that participation was entirely voluntary; students were excited to take part although the projects were time intensive and no credits were awarded.

Students presented the results of their group projects at a final conference in mid-April. Currently, there is a plan for the Minnesota group to travel to Heidelberg in November, as well as for the Heidelberg group to travel to Minnesota in the first quarter of 2022, depending upon travel regulations in the upcoming months. Professor Kim's virtual classroom provides an excellent example of the ways in which a virtual exchange kept the scientific dialogue open while physical mobility was not possible, and furthermore led to a future physical exchange that will have an impact on a larger cohort of students.



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## ALUMNI EVENTS

### Past

To enter the new year with intention and focus, HAUS kicked off 2021 with a **Wellness Event** in January. Sonja Kirschner, a Heidelberg alumna and coach, led attendees through a series of conversations, a visioning exercise, and a guided meditation.

In February, HAUS members met for the fourth **Virtual Kaffeeklatsch** since the outbreak of the pandemic in the United States. At these purely social gatherings, alumni from all over the U.S. and Germany met in different breakout rooms for a cozy catch-up session. Since February, we have had a bit of a spring break while we collaborated with HAI on preparing for the events for the 25HAI celebration.

### Upcoming

There are a number of events on the docket for 2021 as part of the 25 Years HAI celebration. For the full list and registration details, please visit the “Events” section of the **#25HAI website**.

We would like to highlight a few of the events on the horizon:

- **HAUS Book Club** – For all of us who are missing Heidelberg and enjoy a good read, HAUS will host a book club around Wolfgang Burger’s *Heidelberger Requiem* (*Heidelberg Requiem* in English). Registration will be available soon, but to participate, all you have to do is read the book and plan to join us for the September 12th discussion. Register [here](#).
- **HAUS Regional Chapter Chairs Seminar** – We are pleased to announce that we will hold a HAUS Regional Chapter Chairs Seminar in 2021 and 2022. The seminars are generously funded with support from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). After 12 years of HAUS, there have been a lot of great ideas and a lot of lessons learned. In the upcoming seminars your HAUS leaders will work together to craft the future of HAUS moving forward!





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## HAILS AND FAREWELLS

Alumna **Martina Barnes** has been promoted to District Ranger in the U.S. Forest Service. She is posted to the **Green Mountain National Forest**, and she and her family now reside in Manchester, VT.

**Fahiya Rashid** (HAUS Scholarship 2018) has been named a 2021 **Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace**. Established in 2007 by the late Kathryn Wasserman Davis, Fellows for Peace strives to equip fellows for careers as transatlantic peace and development professionals. The fellowship provides funding for aspiring and experienced peacemakers to participate in a summer language program. Fahiya will enroll in the German program at Middlebury College.

**Ariana Gunderson** was selected to participate in the Indiana University Language Workshop. In the 8-week intensive course, she will cover two semesters of Polish language instruction. Ariana was awarded a **Title VIII Fellowship** to cover the cost of the course. The Title VIII Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union is administered by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research with goal of maintaining U.S. expertise in the region.

Heidelberg alumna and Program Director of the Buffalo Dortmund Sister City Student Ambassador Exchange Program **Lynn Engle** has been invited to participate in the **"Social Divisions and Questions of Identity in Germany and the United States"** project administered by the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS). Lynn will engage in a dialogue with other Sister City professionals in the United States and in Germany with the goal of establishing new connections within and between diverse communities. German participants will visit Buffalo, NY in September and U.S. participants will visit Dortmund in spring 2022.

Alumnus **Noah Malgeri** is running for a seat in the U.S. Congress. If elected in the 2022 general election in November, Noah will represent Nevada's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

2021 brought several hails and farewells to the Heidelberg University Association (HUA) Board of Directors. At the end of 2020, HUA said a fond farewell to Michael Peachin. Michael served on the HUA Board of Directors from its inception and succeeded Hans Decker as President of the Board in 2020. Michael opted for a well-earned break at the end of 2020. We wish him well and thank him sincerely for his commitment, energy, and time. *Mit einem lachenden Auge* HUA welcomed **Robert Fenstermacher** to the role of President and **Kathleen Lance** to the role of Treasurer in early 2021. **Christiane Rosenbaum** also joined the Board in 2021. Join us in congratulating these new officers and Board members!



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### Have a hail? Something to share? Tell us!

We know that our alumni are doing a lot of interesting things in the world, but only because you tell us. Please let us know if you have had a recent achievement, visit to Heidelberg, or other event that could be of interest to the HAUS community, and we may choose to share your story on social media or in the next issue of HAUS Blatt. *Please note that we cannot publish all submissions.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

2021 saw the welcome return of scholarship opportunities for study at Heidelberg University. The HAUS Summer School Scholarship will be awarded to three students. This scholarship will cover the program fee for the participation in the virtual International Summer School for German Language and Culture at Heidelberg University.



2019 Germanistic Society of American Scholarship Recipients Emily Krauter, Anna Pajak, & Karen McGuiness

The International Summer School also offers a professional development course for German instructors who are non-native German speakers. HUA is pleased to partner with the Germanistic Society of America, the American Association for Teachers of German (AATG), and the International Relations Division at Heidelberg University to award scholarships to five U.S. German teachers.

The application for the HAUS Scholarship for bachelor's or master's study at Heidelberg University closed on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The selection committee met at the end of June to review and select the 2021 recipients. You will be able to meet them along with the other scholarship recipients, in the next issue of HAUS Blatt.

We extend sincere thanks to all our donors, to the Germanistic Society of America for your financial support of the teachers' scholarship, and to AATG and our volunteer selection committee for your time. These life-changing opportunities would not be possible without your support!



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The New York office staff is always updating alumni contact information.

If you move, change your email address, or your phone number, please contact us at [info@heidelberguniversity.org](mailto:info@heidelberguniversity.org).

We have been updating our regional mailing lists. If you used to receive regional emails, but have not received one recently, please contact us.

### Invite your classmates

If you are in touch with any fellow alumni, make sure they know about HAUS by sharing the [registration link](#).

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