

# VIPP Insider

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## Introducing MSU Office of International Advancement

Greetings from the Office of International Advancement!

Thank you for taking the time to read VIPP's newsletter. We believe visiting international professionals bring a diversity of perspectives and experiences to MSU's campus and we are excited to share the ways in which VIPP alumni can stay involved with MSU even after leaving East Lansing. MSU's community encompasses international professionals, parents,

## VIPP Highlights



**Training Abroad: VIPP Goes to Canada**

students, alumni, faculty, and donors- all of whom elevate MSU's brand and work to solve the world's greatest challenges. After all, Who Will? Spartans Will.

The Office of International Advancement is mission-driven and collaborative. Together, our team works to secure financial resources to support MSU's international education, outreach, and research. Philanthropic support comes from a variety of partners, including VIPP participants, alumni, corporations, and foundations. Our goal is to build trust with these partners, cultivate their giving, and demonstrate the impact of philanthropy at MSU. As public support from the State of Michigan to Michigan State has declined, private giving has become more important than ever to ensure the quality of the MSU experience for all of its stakeholders.

There are many ways to stay involved with MSU. In addition to keeping up to date by reading the VIPP newsletter, [sign up for MSU Today](#) to learn more about MSU's activities across our academic colleges and units. Learn about the MSU Alumni Association's [events and programs](#) – open to ALL Spartans. Join MSU's communities on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#) to find out the latest updates and connect with other Spartans. If you have

VIPP pioneered a new program that took place entirely outside the U.S. Dr. Mina Shin, VIPP's Assistant Director, developed a 10-day long workshop in Canada for the Seoul Metropolitan Government of South Korea on the theme of Arts, Culture, Tourism, and Economic Development ([read full article](#)).



### VIPP at the Forefront of Protecting Michigan's Environment

Students in VIPP's new course "Ecology and Community" paddled kayaks down the Grand River, picking up trash and debris along the way to help clean the river and surrounding shorelines. Who will protect Michigan's environment? VIPP Will ([read full article](#)).

any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Office of International Advancement.

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**Discover Michigan with VIPP**

International visitors are amazed by Michigan's natural beauty upon their arrival to the state, and quickly call it their home away from home. VIPP offered a new course titled "Discovering Michigan" in which students learned the history, culture, and nature of this charming State ([read full article](#)).



**VIPP Connects Michigan and China**

Our VIPP participants proudly serve as ambassadors of Michigan through MSU Extension's 4-H Children's Art Exchange Program ([read full article](#)).



### VIPP Partakes in MSU's Global Engagement Through Borlaug Fellowship

VIPP hosted the Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Programs managed by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Dr. Xinyu Wu, director of VIPP served as a training coordinator and connected the fellow to MSU faculty experts in agricultural economics ([read full article](#)).



**Class is in: VIPP Global Summer School Programs Have Started!**

VIPP welcomes international students to our 2017 Global Summer School Programs! Classes have already begun and our students have been engaged in vigorous academic studies and fun class activities ([read full article](#)).



**Go Green! VIPP Celebrates the Achievements of the MSU Women's Basketball Team**

VIPP participants met Coach Suzy Merchant and senior Tori Jankoska and presented special gifts. We congratulated them on their success this season and wished Tori the best as she makes her transition from a collegiate athlete to professional athlete. Go Green! ([read full article](#)).



**Leave Your Legacy at MSU**

Leave your legacy at MSU by contributing to one of VIPP's endowments. VIPP Endowment funds are available to support our participants to attend academic conferences or events anywhere in the U.S ([read full article](#)).



MSU Alumni Reunion in Hong Kong and Beijing

Alumni from Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and U.S. got together to celebrate Spartans Will ([read full article](#)).

## Upcoming Events

# VIPP Photo Essay Contest 2017

*"America Through Your Lens"*



**Who**

All current VIPP participants are welcome to enter the contest.

## VIPP Photo Essay Contest 2017

"America through Your Lens" Document your time and share your most memorable experience from living and learning in Michigan and the U.S. by entering the 2017 VIPP Photo Essay Contest ([read full article](#)).

## People Spotlight



**"Being a Spartan is an Entire Lifestyle," says  
VIPP Participant Kun Chang**

Find out what it means to be a Spartan to our participant. "Spartan isn't just a mascot or a school. Being a Spartan is an entire lifestyle. It's a spirit shared by everyone that spends time at MSU, and they take it with them and spread it everywhere they go." ([read full article](#))



**More Than a Teacher: A Look into the Life of  
Teresa Svec**

Teresa Svec, assistant professor at MSU, teaches Legal Research and General Research Methodology at VIPP. She loves teaching law and linguistics but she had another passion when she was a kid. Coming from diverse backgrounds, our faculty brings unique perspectives and life experiences to our students ([read full article](#)).



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