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## Student & Career Services Center Outreach

*Dr. Mariam Ghazvini*

NPU'S Student & Career Services Center (SCSC) continues its efforts to foster a close relationship between students and community through various events.

**Reconnecting with Alumni:** Three NPU Alumni Nights were held during the fall semester. We had 19 alumni visit the campus and offer their expertise and mentoring to our students in finding jobs and planning their careers. We had over 67 students participate and benefit from the experiences of our returning alumni. We will restart the Alumni Nights in January 2012. Many students were able to connect with the alumni and seek advice on individual basis.



**Job Fairs:** The SCSC has organized two job fairs since July. Nineteen vendors attended the fairs and we had

over 20 students hired by those vendors for different jobs. Over 140 students attended the combined fairs.

**Seminars:** The SCSC also offered seminars on topics such as Mock Interviews, Networking, and Job Searching.



**The E-Z English Club** is growing and we are getting new students in cooperation with the ESL Department. They are getting knowledge about American life while learning English. We have a number of volunteers from our community participating and helping our students. The students participated in a Thanksgiving dinner and went on a little field trip to Jamba Juice to learn how to order from the menu and have a conversation with the shop's employees.

## ARM TechCon Visit

*Gunjan Patel*

The IEEE-NPU Student Branch visited ARM TechCon 2011, one of the biggest technology expos and conferences in the U.S. Many seminars, demos, and hands-on technical workshops were offered there for three days. Many high-tech companies such as Texas Instruments, Synopsys, Cadence, TSMC, Freescale, and NXP, took part in it, which focused on two topics: Chip Design and Software and System Design. A free ride to the conference from NPU was arranged for the students. We received a very warm welcome from the conference organizers and participating companies.

Thinking of joining the IEEE-NPU Student Branch and becoming part of a professional society? Contact Gunjan (IEEE President) at [gunjan@ieee.org](mailto:gunjan@ieee.org) or visit our website [www.ieee-npu.net](http://www.ieee-npu.net) for more information.



## Toastmasters Contest

*Juliana Cazac*

The "Soaring Eagles," NPU's Toastmasters Club, had the honor to host the 2011 area A29 contest in October. Speakers were competing in the Evaluations and Humorous Contest. It was the first time for our club to arrange such an event. The founder of our club, Dr. Mariam Ghazvini, received the award for membership increment, and current club President, Chinh Nguyen, received an award for participating in the preparation of the contest.



As the Evaluations contest winner, I represented the "Soaring Eagles" at the Division A and District 57 levels. The conference theme was "Aspire and Achieve." Our club gained recognition for being a young, thriving Toastmasters Club. It was a great experience for me to represent our club and NPU in front of many professional speakers.

## Striving for Excellence

**NPU's Annual Scholarship awards for 2011** were announced, and the winners are– (from left to right) Alfred Osei Nti, Charanpreet Sandhu, Gokul Kannan, Gunjan Patel, Yibo Dong, Kiranbir Kaur, Pranay Mistry, and Si Ye. **Congratulations!**



## Understanding Green Business

*Dr. Nik Tehrani and Dr. Swapna Sinha*

NPU faculty members Dr. Nik Tehrani and Dr. Swapna Sinha are authors of the new book, *Understanding Green Business*. It has been published and will be used as a textbook. This book has been created as the core textbook for business professionals, industry practitioners, academicians, and students who would like to hone their business skills and keep up with the latest trends in Green Business.



Here's an abstract of the book-

### *Why Understanding Green Business?*

With every new day society has become more aware of the increasing threats to the globe due to the non-environmentally friendly practices that have been occurring in the previous years. Due to the newfound awareness, people have taken greater lengths to pass laws, alter company

policies and change their everyday lives to do their part in helping to preserve the environment and prevent any further damage. Rather than taking the easy route and continuing its habits, society is putting forth a conscious effort to improve the environment in every way it can. As a collective force the going - green movement will better the environment and allow future generations to enjoy a clean and productive world.

### *How is Understanding Green Business structured?*

Dr. Tehrani and Dr. Sinha dedicate each chapter to a different aspect of "going green" in this book, such as products, transportation, networking, research and energy alternatives. In addition, the authors discuss green careers and provide useful information on how to go about working at a green company. The future of the green movement and its impacts are mentioned so as to provide a potential impact of current changes in the future. It also shows a possible interpretation of how the future green movement shall be exercised.

## Teaching at Sunlin University

*Mr. Donald Bradley*

Dr. John Ku and I taught at Sunlin University in Pohang, South Korea, last semester. We each had 41 freshman and 31 sophomores at Sunlin in their Economics, Philosophy and Public Administration classes as well as ESL Reading, Writing, Conversation, and Public Speaking courses. We also conducted extra special lectures on psychological illnesses and psychotherapy treatments to hundreds of nursing students, a survey of college and university life and differences in American schools, and an experiential stress management practice.

The faculty, students, and staff were very friendly and hospitable to us. They were eager to take us to many temples, palaces, ancient villages, old and new landmarks,

tours, and shopping. Sunlin celebrated their Spring Festival by planting colorful tulips on campus. There is a tree planted in honor of our NPU President, Dr. George Hsieh. NPU classes at Sunlin attract students to come to the U.S. and NPU to finish their degrees. Some matriculate on to graduate degrees and gain U.S. work experience.



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## NPU Student Association (NPUSA) Activities

The NPUSA kicked off the fall



semester by organizing a Welcome Party for new students.



New students were entertained with performances from the Singing Club, Dance Club, and Karate Club. They interacted with the current students and also signed up for different clubs. Other major events organized by the NPUSA were



a Badminton Tournament, trips to San Francisco and 17- Mile Drive, a Halloween Party, and a Club Showcase.



***The NPU Globe staff wishes you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!***

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