FAMILY WEEKEND

The Schreiner community welcomes all family members and friends to return to campus to visit with their students and participate in the many scheduled events. The Family Weekend schedule is a tightly packed opportunity for parents and family members to experience Schreiner from a unique perspective. Among a long list of activities for the weekend, you’ll have the opportunity to attend a soccer game, meet some of our faculty/staff members, catch a play, and/or participate in the staff/faculty vs parent student softball game. Visit the on-line schedule of events for more details: http://students.schreiner.edu/parents/weekend.aspx

A Changing Global Society: Dr. Sonja Lind

Does your child want to study abroad? If so, here are six things you’ll need to know:

First, study abroad is beneficial for your child. It will strongly enhance your child's resume and life experiences. Multiple studies have shown that overseas experiences greatly benefit job placement because most employers are looking for candidates who have cultural awareness and global perspective.

However, know whether your child is ready to go abroad. Studying abroad means that he or she will be immersed in a culture very different from the U.S. (not to mention a lower drinking age). How will he or she react to being away from home? If he or she is a freshman or sophomore, is your child academically settled enough in Schreiner to go abroad? Are your child's academic abilities strong enough? Does your child have any physical or mental health concerns that need to be prepared for?

Third, plan ahead. Your child will need to complete a lot of paperwork. In addition, he or she will need a valid passport, visa, and immunizations. This takes time, typically months.

Fourth, make a communication plan. For instance, get overseas contact numbers. If anything goes wrong, you’ll want to be able to easily contact your child. Additionally, download Skype and use it to speak with your child when he or she is abroad.

Fifth, encourage your child to take advantage of his or her surroundings. American students usually talk with other Americans when they study abroad, but this may limit them from learning the critical skills that will benefit them later in life, like resilience, independence, critical thinking, cultural competency, and other languages.

Sixth, financial support is available! Schreiner University recently embarked on “The Schreiner Experience,” and these fees contribute to study abroad and other travel opportunities at Schreiner. As a university, we’ve pledged to financially subsidize one travel experience for each student.

On a final note, should you have any questions about how the Schreiner Experience subsidizes student travel, or if you’d like to talk about study abroad opportunities, please contact Dr. Sonja Lind, the Coordinator of Changing Global Society, at slind@schreiner.edu

Faculty/Staff vs. Students/Parents Annual Softball Game

On October 18th of Family Weekend Campus Recreation will host a 7 inning slow pitch softball game on the Schreiner University softball field. Parents are encouraged to get involved and take part in the games. Bats and balls will be provided; all you will need is a glove. The game will start at 3 pm. You can sign up for the game by emailing Drew Dobbins at ddobbins@schreiner.edu or 830.792.7412

Student Leader of the Month
Kira Phillips of Boerne, Texas

October 18th @ 3pm
SOFTBALL FIELD

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