The students who studied abroad in the fall semester are back! To welcome them home, the newly formed Global X Peer Advisor team hosted the first-ever Re-entry Social. Students shared stories from their time abroad and what it has been like returning to Xavier after their study abroad experience. Thank you for welcoming and supporting students as they have returned to campus. If you are interested in being involved in this type of event in the future, please contact Shannon O’Neill at oneillsm@xavier.edu.

Dream big! Encourage students to attend the Spring Study Abroad Fair on TOMORROW, February 4, 2015, in Gallagher Student Center from 11:30am to 3:30pm. Students can explore the many program options to find the best fit for their academic and personal needs. International Coffee Hour hosted by Study Abroad will follow the Fair at 3:30pm in the Faces of the World Lounge (2nd floor atrium of GSC). We hope to see you there!

Rev. Stefano Bitassi, SJ will speak Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 pm in the Conaton Board Room (second floor of Schmidt Hall) in the E/RS series on the question "Is there a Jesuit ethics?" The title of his lecture is: “The Jesuit understanding of Justice through Culture and Reconciliation in our Mission in Jerusalem.” Father Bitassi, SJ, works in partnership with Dr. Steve Frankel as the host in Jerusalem and guide throughout during the Holy Land study abroad program. See attached flyer for more information on the program.

The Center for International Education is partnering with the Cincinnati Public Library to offer US Passport Day. Students, faculty, and staff can apply for a passport or renewal by signing up for an appointment on Thursday, February 12th. If you need a new passport or if you know any students who are planning to study abroad and are still in need of a passport, please encourage them to sign-up today. Final day to sign up is Friday, February 6th.

International Career Forum – City-wide Partnership Offers Career Opportunities for International Students
There are a number of programs coming up to help international students find employment in the US. First, the CIE and CDO (Career Development Office) are hosting an information session to discuss OPT and Employment-based Visas on February 12th from 3pm-5pm in Smith Hall 247. Additionally, international students will have opportunities to speak with employers who sponsor international students at the XU Career Fair on February 17th from 3pm to 6pm. Then on March 17th at the University of Cincinnati is hosting the first annual International Career Forum, a city-wide partnership event to bring local employers together to hire international talent. For more information, see the attached flyer. Please post in your area to help spread the word.

The Foreign Policy Leadership Council invites you to a February 19 lunch presentation about ISIS Syria and Iraq – details below. FPLC members can reserve a place by email to kstrunk@fbtlaw.com. There is no charge if you wish to bring lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. There is a café on the 3d Street ground floor of the Great American Tower – Simply Grand – where you could buy what you wish and come up to the 33d floor.

Encourage Student to Attend the Upcoming Events:
2/4: Spring Study Abroad Fair
2/4: International Coffee Hour: Study Abroad
2/6: ISS: Ski Trip
2/10: International Coffee Hour: Bursar (Musketeer Mezzanine)
2/12: US Passport Day
2/12: OPT and Employment-based Visas Information Session
2/18: International Coffee Hour: Nepal
2/19: Cross-Cultural Dating