



## LA ROCHE NOW OFFERS ESL PREPARATION COURSES

Students who want to practice their English language skills in a low-stress setting now can register for ESL preparation courses.

Offered from Oct. 6 to Nov. 11, these non-credit courses allow students to work closely with professional ESL instructors and choose between four evening mini-courses:

1. IELTS Test Prep
2. TOEFL Test Prep
3. English Vocabulary and Conversation Building
4. English Grammar Building

Through La Roche's IELTS and TOEFL Test preparation courses, students will:

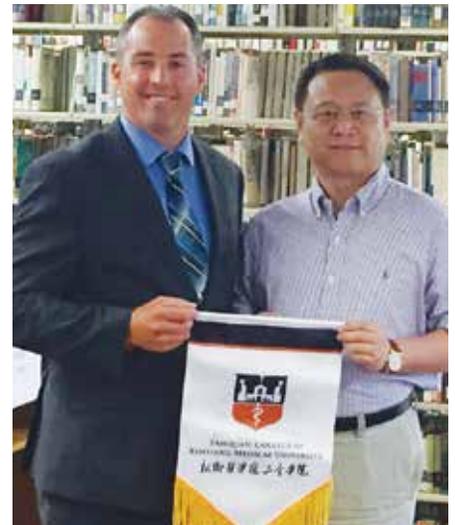
- Prepare for the iBT TOEFL and IELTS exams
- Improve reading, listening, speaking and writing skills
- Learn strategies and vocabulary to succeed on English proficiency tests
- Apply knowledge and test-taking skills to sample TOEFL and IELTS exams
- Receive a Certificate of Completion upon finishing the course

The English Vocabulary Building and Grammar Building courses are for English learners at the high-beginner or high-intermediate level. Students who enroll in these courses will:

- Focus on grammar and vocabulary
- Practice increasing vocabulary, conversational skills and confidence
- Solve various grammar issues that ESL students experience

The IELTS Test Prep and the English Vocabulary and Conversation Building courses are Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The TOEFL Test Prep and English Grammar Building courses are Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Please visit [laroche.edu/esl-prep](http://laroche.edu/esl-prep) to register.



## SANQUAN MEDICAL COLLEGE OF XINXIANG MEDICAL UNIVERSITY VISITS LA ROCHE

In August, La Roche welcomed officials from Sanquan Medical College of Xinxiang Medical University, Henan Province, China. Officials toured campus and discussed ways for both schools to collaborate. Watch for updates regarding Sanquan College in the future.



## FIRST ESL CLERGY INSTITUTE COMES TO LA ROCHE

La Roche College welcomed members of the ESL Clergy Institute for three weeks this summer.

The Institute focused on vocabulary building, public speaking, English for professional purposes, cross-cultural communication and accent reduction.

Participants worked with ESL teachers in small group settings, where they received individualized help to improve their English and best participate within their community and within a liturgical setting. During their stay, the priests enjoyed various excursions, guest speakers and hands-on English learning experiences.



## HUMANITARIAN AID TRAINING DRAWS STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This summer marked the second year of La Roche College's Global Development and Humanitarian Aid Training Program.

The program teaches students how to assist in global emergencies. Students gained hands-on experience through simulations and courses ranging from Global Issues in Aid and Development to Project Management, and Ethics and Aid. The program also offered optional fieldtrips and evening documentaries.

In addition to the on-site training, La Roche offered an online/on-site option in collaboration with Humanitarian U. This low-cost and time flexible option included the online course Core Professional Humanitarian Training via Humanitarian U. Participants completed this training prior to a week of on-site training at La Roche.

The 2015 summer class included participants from around the world, including students from the United States, Canada, Haiti and Kenya.

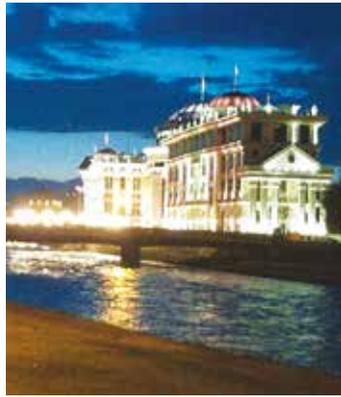


# LA ROCHE ATTENDS EDUCATIONUSA FORUMS

Two international directors represented La Roche College at the 2015 EducationUSA Forums.

Director of International Student Services Dr. Natasha Garrett attended the EducationUSA Southeast Tour to promote the College to high school and college students in four countries. She took 11 flights in six days and visited Ljubljana (Slovenia), Zagreb (Croatia), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Skopje (Macedonia).

The Education USA Southeast tour was not La Roche's first connection with the region. In the early 1990s, nearly 30 students from former Yugoslavia attended La Roche through the Pacem In Terris (Peace on Earth) Institute. This scholarship program allowed students from war-torn areas to be educated and later assist in rebuilding their countries.



Dr. Garrett also traveled with Director of International Admissions Michael Bauer to attend the EducationUSA forum in Washington, D.C. this summer.

EducationUSA is operated by the U.S. Department of State and maintains advising centers in 170 countries with the goal of promoting higher education to students looking to continue their studies in the U.S. The forum allows higher education professionals, government officials, EducationUSA advisers and other stakeholders to engage and share best practices.

Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Evan Ryan gave the opening lecture. A dynamic speaker, Mr. Ryan explained the importance of having international students at our institutions and discussed staggering projections regarding the amount of international college-bound students seeking higher education in the U.S.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Kellee Fletcher** joined the International Admissions office as a records coordinator. Born and raised in Colorado, Ms. Fletcher received a bachelor's degree in Russian. She spent her senior year of college in Russia, where she later returned to live for several years. She has worked in various

industries including tourism, social work, library services and banking. Ms. Fletcher moved from Cincinnati to join the Sisters of Divine Providence, the congregation that founded La Roche.



**Sister Veronica Kim, CDP**, recently became a citizen of the United States. Originally from Korea, Sister

Veronica has served as the assistant director of the international student services at La Roche since 2008.



Assistant Director of Global Engagement **Charlotte Reed** earned her Ph.D. in politics, human rights and sustainability at Scuola Superiore Sant'anna.

# STUDENTS EXPERIENCE OTHER CULTURES THROUGH STUDY ABROAD+STUDY USA

La Roche students and faculty members had the chance to explore six different countries during the spring 2015 semester.

Through La Roche's Study Abroad+Study USA program, students visited Morocco, Spain, Italy, Greece, Ireland and Scotland. Each trip had a different focus. In Morocco, the group visited mosques and met with fellow university students in Fez. In Italy, students learned about international marketing on the Amalfi Coast.

Included with the cost of tuition, Study Abroad+Study USA covers the cost of airfare, hotels and most meals. Students are required to obtain their own passports and are responsible for spending money. Visit [laroche.edu/sasusa](http://laroche.edu/sasusa) to learn more about the program.



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## LA ROCHE ATTENDS NAFSA CONFERENCE

Employees from the offices of Academic Affairs, Study Abroad and International Admissions traveled to Boston for the 2015 Association of International Educators (NAFSA) conference.

NAFSA, the largest organization for professionals in the international education field, hosts the annual conference to unite experts from all over the globe.

The event included information sessions on various developments in international education, and it provided an opportunity for La Roche representatives to connect with current friends, partners and potential partners.

### THE OFFICE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT VISION

The Office of Global Engagement at La Roche College serves students in a globally accepting environment to meet their needs from the time of admission to the time they graduate. The office's mission is to be each student's catalyst for academic success.



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La Roche College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation and around the world. The College integrates liberal arts and professional education in creative ways, empowering all members of our community to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing, global society.