



What's New

Inaugural Voyage Returns With Rave Reviews, Second Voyage Sets Sail



A successful inaugural voyage could have been determined by any number of criteria. When asked, virtually all students responded that we had met or exceeded their expectations. "An experience of a lifetime" was often heard. That's good, but not quite scientific! So we turned to data from a comprehensive evaluation survey conducted toward the end of the voyage. While we scored well in general, it was the answer to a particular question that summed it all up: "Would you recommend The Scholar Ship to a friend upon returning home?" Seventy-eight percent agreed or strongly agreed; 15 percent were neutral; and only seven percent responded unfavorably. Pretty impressive results for the very first voyage! Congratulations to our entire staff, both onboard and shore-side, for their hard work and dedication that ultimately delivered these results. And as one great story ends, another begins - our second voyage has already set sail from Hong Kong on a compelling itinerary through Asia, Africa and Europe.

View September 2008 Voyage Itinerary >

Prospective Students Can Now Chat With Students Onboard the Ship

Prospective students having questions about our program can now directly ask students onboard the ship via scheduled live chat sessions. These events are a great way to learn more about The Scholar Ship directly from students themselves. Our mission is to provide prospective students with a student perspective that is informative and interactive. If you can't make any of the scheduled dates, don't worry. Chat sessions are archived so they can be viewed by prospective students who cannot attend the live events. [See upcoming schedule.](#)

Reserve your spot for an upcoming live chat session >

'The Bridge' Launched as a Co-Created Alumni Program



Participants of the inaugural voyage returned home after four months aboard The Scholar Ship to share their extraordinary stories with family and friends. Returning home from such an extended experience abroad can be overwhelming. No doubt participants had already missed their TSS friends long before setting foot on home soil. Anticipating the need to ensure a "soft landing" and to create an environment to stay connected, and to get involved, an alumni program dubbed "The Bridge" was co-created by our staff and members of the Student Voice, the student-government group aboard the ship. The Bridge is governed by six student alumni, known as "The Officers," who together with a new alumni coordinator will play a central role in the future development of our global alumni program.

Visit The Bridge >

TSS Research Institute Announces Global Scholars for 208 Voyage

The Institute's Global Scholars program brings distinguished leaders from academia, business, journalism, government and other fields to The Scholar Ship to interact with students and faculty. During their stay, Global Scholars hold seminars, give lectures and serve as informal mentors, providing insight and career guidance for students in their chosen fields. These scholars also participate in classes and academic field programs, contributing their own perspectives on emerging challenges in the international community. We are proud to be hosting the following distinguished individuals over the next few months:

- His Excellency Jan Axel Nordander, Swedish Ambassador for Human Rights
- Branford Johnson, Journalist with the Bangkok Post
- Professor Yusuf Saki, Rector, Institut Agama Islam Negeri, Banda Aceh
- Father Matthew Chandrakunnel, Director, Centre for the Studies of World Religions, Dharmaram College, India
- Dr. Yvonne Linton, Coordinator, Maqabito Barcoding Initiative, Natural History Museum, UK
- Mr. Peter Simon, Executive Director, African Development Bank, former Seychelles Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa
- Prof. Alan Whiteside, Director of the Health Economics and AIDS Research Division, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- Dr. Eduardo Gutierrez, Senior Advisor to the UN Secretariat and UNOP
- Ms. Adeline Menash, Coastal researcher and oceanographer, University of Ghana
- Dr. Kate Larkin, Postdoctoral Researcher, UK National Oceanography Centre
- María del Carmen Acosta de Fuentes, Minister of Education, Guatemala
- Dr. Andrea Baker, Research Fellow, Marine Biological Association, Plymouth, UK
- Dr. Ekaterina Stepanova, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

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September
2008 Voyage:
"Brilliant!"

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Port Spotlight: Chennai, India



The Scholar Ship will call on the port of Chennai, India from 5 February to 11 February - perfect timing to find the best weather. It has been said that India is less a country than a continent, and it holds as many variations in religion, language, customs, art and cuisine as it does in topography. For participants of The Scholar Ship, this cultural feast is India's great strength. Indian art is basically religious in its themes and developments, and its appreciation requires at least some background knowledge of the country's faiths. The highlights include classical Indian dance, Hindu temple architecture and sculpture (where one begins and the other ends is often hard to define), the military and urban architecture of the Mughals, miniature painting, and meismatic Indian music. Of course, India's creativity continues to thrive, its most lively contemporary expression being film culture. In recent years India has gone to great lengths to firm up its diplomatic and trade relations. India continues to pursue a positive relationship with its neighbor, Pakistan, including the opening of a cross-border bus service. The national economy continues to flourish and the world's largest democracy is taking a larger role on the global stage.

Academic Field Program Profile: Sustainable Development (Undergraduate)

Ecophilosophy in the Indian Culture - The premise of this academic field program is that the vocation of each human being is to be pro-human and pro-earth at the same time. It underscores the view that the contemporary ecological crisis is not merely ecological and technical, but it is human and it requires radical re-vision in the human attitude towards nature. This program explores, with insights of various religious and cultural traditions, the field of inter-being, where all beings on earth make up one household, and which benefits from an economy that takes ecological and social intercommunication and interdependence seriously.

[Learn more about our experiential-based port program >](#)

15 minutes could give you 15 reasons to study aboard The Scholar Ship

To succeed in this increasingly interdependent world, you need more than linguistic abilities. You need the intercultural knowledge and understanding that comes from experiences among many cultures. Aboard The Scholar Ship, you will live and learn in a multicultural community that simply does not exist elsewhere. [View our video library and decide for yourself if The Scholar Ship is right for you.](#)

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THIS IS THE SCHOLAR SHIP!



The Scholar Ship is a recognized academic program aboard a transformed passenger ship-

hosting students on semester-long voyages around the world. Participants from diverse cultural backgrounds come together to co-create a transnational learning community that develops their intercultural competence and fosters lifelong friendships.

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VOYAGE UPDATE



The first glimpse of Asia has certainly been a great experience. Shanghai proved to be a city of breath in every sense of the word.

The language barrier throughout China proved to be the challenge we'd all been anticipating. With our make-shift translation cards, we were a force to be reckoned with! The Great Wall and the Forbidden City were landmarks as spectacular as they had been described. Next stop: Thailand!

[Read periodic voyage updates >](#)

ONBOARD STAFF PROFILE



Sarah Woodside
Intercultural Resident Counselor
Coordinator

Sarah serves as IRC Coordinator for Residential Life and works with all of the IRCs to promote a healthy and safe living environment on board The Scholar Ship. Her role is to build community, develop and enforce policies, handle roommate situations, manage housing, and advise the Student Voice group. Sarah has a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, San Diego and a master's degree in student affairs in higher education from Colorado State University. She is on leave from her position at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She has been working in the field of student affairs in the U.S. for almost 10 years, developing interculturally competent living and learning environments. She is passionate about traveling and building understanding across cultures.

[Meet the rest of our Onboard Staff >](#)

ALERTS

Early-Applicant Incentive

We are pleased to launch an early-application incentive program for our September 2008 voyage. By applying early, students will qualify for lower program fees.

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