

The 2014 LISS Program: A Memorable and Rewarding Experience

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Top: The LISS Class of 2014 at their farewell ceremony. Above: A student receives a certificate for participating. Photos: Algis Norvila

This summer's Lithuanian International Student Services (LISS) program—sponsored by the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. with financing from the Lithuanian Foundation and the Kazickas Family Foundation—took place in Vilnius and Kaunas, Lithuania, with 33 students attending.

The six-week internship program welcomed university students from Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Colorado, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Washington, D.C., and other locations in the United States and Canada. The students' professional experiences included jobs within hospitals, a veterinary clinic, engineering facilities, governmental agencies, museums and startup enterprises.

All of the students produced projects that focused on a specific area of their job with analysis of the subject, for example:

- "Medicines Being Engineered for Combating Cancer" – Gintarė Kerežytė
- "Issues and Differences Within Physical Therapy: The Restriction of Direct Access" – Emma Raulinaitis
- "Violence in the Family: In Lithuania and the U.S." – Nika Norvilaitė
- "Foreign Relations of the Republic of Lithuania: Past, Present and Future" – John Vincent Marcantonio
- "Funding and Effective Marketing of Lithuanian Start-ups" – Gintas Jarasius and Almantas Palubinskas

Next year's summer will not only include a new location but also a new group with a language and cultural study focus in addition to volunteer work. This group will consist of high school students between the ages of 16 and 18. The newly redesigned high school program will include a course component to enrich students with language and cultural study at Klaipėda University, along with volunteer work in the city.

University students will also have an opportunity to work in Klaipėda for the first time, along with Vilnius and Kaunas. Look for our updated website in the fall for detailed information: lithuanianinternships.com.