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Student Ends Poverty in "Tinytopia"

This year, the Global Perspectives Office benefited from a unique partnership with the Pre Med American Medical Student Association (AMSA). The organization's Global Health Committee wanted a unifying focus for its members, and chose to highlight the devastating role that poverty plays against global health.



As a follow up to an event that Global Perspectives hosted earlier this year, featuring international development economist Stephen C. Smith, Pre Med AMSA students were challenged to help end poverty in a small, fictional country called Tinytopia. Recognizing the unique challenges of small countries, even hypothetical ones like Tinytopia, the UCF Isle of Man Small Countries Program was delighted to partner with Pre Med AMSA to sponsor this scholarship contest.

The winner of the contest, Christopher Hodge, submitted an essay that included innovative and comprehensive recommendations to help alleviate Tinytopia's biggest problems. In addition to "AMSA Points," Hodge received a \$250 scholarship, sponsored by the Isle of Man Small Countries Program, Pre Med AMSA and the Global Connections Foundation.

Spotlight on CFGEF 2013

Business leaders and policy experts in global economics recently gathered at UCF for the 2013 Central Florida Global

Economic Forum. This year's event focused on key markets and trends, and the impact they have on Central Florida's economy. Organized by the UCF Global Perspectives Office, the half-day event drew an audience of about 150 students, faculty, administrators, business professionals and community members from throughout Florida. Full details about the event, including partners and sponsors, as well as bios of speakers, can be found [here](#).



The Florida Practitioner Panel, moderated by Global Connections Foundation President Sibille Pritchard, included top business leaders who spoke specifically to Central Florida's role in the global economy. Lawrence J. Chastang, the Managing Partner of International Services for CliftonLarsonAllen, opened the Forum by focusing on South America, and also commented on prospects in the Middle East. J. Brock McClane, Principal at McClane Partners and Honorary Consul of Germany, discussed Europe's economy and suggested that investment efforts should be geared to those countries with low employment rates. Lastly, Florida's relationships with countries in Asia were covered by David Woodward, Executive Director of the Southeast/U.S. Japan (Florida delegation), the Florida-Korea and the Florida-China associations. He pointed out that, along with Japan, China and Korea are the "export players" for Florida.



Next, the Global Policy Panel provided an overview of economic trends and the policies that support them. David Dumke, the Associate Director of the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies at UCF, spoke about economic trends in Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Terry McCoy, the Director of the Latin American Business Environment Program at the University of Florida, provided an in-depth overview of economic development in Latin America. The panel was moderated by John C. Bersia, Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives at UCF.



Xiang Lu, the visiting fellow with the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies,

gave the keynote address on China's history, economic growth and the country's relationship with the United States. Lu has strong ties to China as the chief researcher at the Beijing-based Institute of American Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the most renowned think tank in China, and has extensively studied the United States' role in the Asia-Pacific. He commented that China's economic growth in upcoming years will transition from an export-oriented economy to an inward-looking one that will focus on the import of goods and greater urbanization.

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