

# Delegates from partner institution in Denmark to visit Oct. 9-13



Next week, Madison College will host 23 visitors from Zealand Business College (ZBC), a partner institution with campuses throughout Denmark.

The purpose of the visit is to create a greater understanding of our institution in order to foster ongoing collaborations that benefit our students. Throughout the week, they will learn more about Madison College, community/technical education in the U.S., our culture, and more, through large-group activities coordinated by the Center for International Education. They will also have time to engage in activities such as industry tours, classroom/simulation observations, and more for focus areas such as Technology, Health Simulation, Culinary/Baking, CETL, Communications/Marketing, and International Education.

Madison College and ZBC signed an MOU in 2019 after meeting through Community Colleges for International Development, for which Madison College serves as a board member institution. Since that time, ZBC has received annual funding from the Denmark Ministry of Education to support faculty, staff, and administrator exchange with Madison College.

In addition to funding ZBC travel to Madison College, this Danish government has offset costs for Madison College faculty and staff participation in exchange programs at ZBC campuses in Denmark. Earlier this year Peter Dettmer (Electro-Mechanical Technology), Andy Kurth (Electronics), Suzanne Daly (Baking and Decorative Arts), and Jeff Wenzel, Brianna Langholff, and Melissa Serwe (Simulation Center) traveled to ZBC for collaborative exchange.

Reflecting on his involvement in this exchange partnership, Peter Dettmer shared, "Participation in this faculty exchange provides invaluable opportunities to network and learn from other cultures and institutions to advance student knowledge or use our expertise in a new setting. We developed an immediate appreciation for each other, with the common goals of improving our students' experiences, increasing their chances of employability, and gaining skills for future jobs."



Peter Dettmer working with ZBC faculty partners

ZBC and Madison College faculty will be working together to leverage their exchange experiences to create opportunities for student engagement. Virtual learning platforms, skills competitions, and exchange student programs are some of the opportunities under discussion.

If you have questions or wish to connect with the ZBC exchange visitors, please contact Stephanie Belmas, CIE Director.



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