Things might look different for us now compared to last year, but we are still growing! This summer was packed with amazing learning opportunities here at Dallas International University.

Our very first summer session held in June and July was all online via Zoom. Over 100 students participated in courses ranging from the Language Documentation course featured in last month’s issue of the *Connection* to several brand-new Sign Language linguistics courses. These courses, which are some of the only ones available anywhere in the world, included Digital Tech for Sign Language Research and Principles of Sign Language Phonology.

In addition, we offered Phonetics, Second Language and Culture Acquisition, and Field Methods of Linguistic Analysis synchronously for the first time in DIU history. We are breaking new ground and moving forward!

We are so excited about the fall semester, too. This year, we will offer a hybrid model of in-person and synchronous learning to meet the needs of our students and faculty. Over 150 students are currently enrolled for classes, and we can’t wait to learn together.

Thanks for joining us on this wild ride!
CREATING LOCAL ARTS TOGETHER

Every year, DIU hosts the Arts for a Better Future intensive course, which was held in-person this year with distancing guidelines in place. In this one-week program, students learned how to be with, learn from, and work toward a goal alongside an arts community in hopes of building a future that is more like heaven.

Participants studied specific communities, including the Mende in Sierra Leone, in a Chinese ministry in Chapel Hill, NC, and in a new church plant in San Antonio, TX, as well as developing plans to promote scripture-infused local arts as a means of developing communities. They also worked together to create new renditions of local art forms in communities of study, learning how to celebrate and connect local genres to Kingdom goals.

North Texas Giving Day is in just a few weeks! This year, we have a matching grant to double the impact of every dollar you give. Please help us reach our goal of raising $5,000 to continue equipping students to serve marginalized communities around the world. Visit https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/diu for more information.

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