

HEIDELBERG NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Thanksgiving in Germany

Because Thanksgiving is an American holiday, it isn't celebrated in Heidelberg - well, except for at Moore Haus! Every year, the program holds a meal during the week of Thanksgiving at Essighaus, the restaurant where most of our group meals are eaten. It's a wonderful time to spend together with friends and faculty members, and you can even begin checking out the Weinachtsmarktes afterwards (but I'll highlight those next month!). My year also chose to initiate some additional celebrations. The day before Thanksgiving, the students took a short walk over to the Heidelberg Castle to play a Pepperdine Turkey Bowl. We threw a potluck on Thanksgiving day in the Moore Haus kitchen and dining room, featuring our beloved family recipes or even new German favorites (I brought Kinderpunsch, basically a nonalcoholic spiced wine). We got to sample all of the delicious dishes our friends had brought and we were even able to watch the Thanksgiving football game on the Moore Haus TV.

Monthly Culture Spotlight: Heidelberger Filmnacht

Since you have more freedom on winter break, it might be the perfect time for a Heidelberg-themed movie night! Here a few tips if you want to have one: *Issi & Ossi* is a German rom-com streaming on Netflix! It can get kinda cheesy, but it's set in both Heidelberg and its neighboring city, Mannheim, and is a good example of German humor.

German popcorn is a bit different - they're a bit more into sweet popcorn at theatres, and I only ever found two types of microwave popcorn: "salty" or "sweet." Mixing apple juice and sparkling water will give you Apfelschorle, a German favorite! And, of course, if you can find a Milka bar at your grocery store, you'll be all set.



Pepperdine Heidelberg's 2019 Turkey Bowl on the Castle Grounds

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Don't forget to renew/apply for your passport if needed! I'm sure you've heard from the IP Office about it, but it's super important!

PROGRAM UPDATES

Congrats to our newest Heidelbergers! Since the Priority Contract Deadline at the end of October, 9 more students have signed Heidelberg contracts!

Interested in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu? So are Professors Bogardus and Joyner! You might want to (but don't have to!) send them a quick email, as they hope to take a group to regularly visit a Jiu Jitsu gym in Heidelberg.

HEIDELBERG PLAYLIST

I've created a little playlist for you Heidelbergers! These are songs that remind me of my time abroad - whether it's:

- **time with Herr D, the Program Director** ("You Can't Always Get What You Want," "Sugar Mountain," "Your Song" are all songs that he has sung for alum, and they have come to mean a lot to me)
- **weekend trips that I took with friends** ("Budapest," in honor of my favorite trip, "Daniel," because of a travel buddy and Spanish destinations, "Against the Wind" because of an awfully stormy trip to the Amalfi Coast)
- **time on trains, awake or asleep, next to best friends or strangers** ("Grow As We Go," "Youth," "Older")
- **time wandering the streets of Heidelberg itself** ("Rocketman," "Lego House," "The Green and the Town")

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/49Drw9Rk7nPrmq8hhw0OxN?si=5T7Hx9KLQCOPHtupvPWpaA>