Welcome to the Heavener School of Business and the Gator Nation! I am excited to partner with you in forging your own unique and rewarding college experience here at UF. The international programs offered through our college provide you with remarkable opportunities to establish international connections, expand your professional outlook, and prepare yourself for the global business world.

As the Associate Director of International Programs, I oversee international exchange partnerships with over 30 universities in Europe, Asia, South America, and Australia. In this role, I welcome international students to campus and prepare our brightest students to study at prestigious global business schools. I advise students who study and intern in our programs to London, Dublin, Madrid, Paris, and Rome in addition to a host of other international programs. As the faculty advisor for the International Business Society, I also work to internationalize our school through campus events, speakers, and activities.

Originally from the small town of Warrenville, Illinois, I first became interested in international education after studying abroad in London and Wales during my sophomore year in college. I earned my bachelor’s in psychology from Northern Illinois University in 2004, worked two years as an accounts receivable manager at the Society of Actuaries in Chicago, Illinois, and earned my Masters/Specialist of Education in counseling from the University of Florida in 2009. Since joining the International Programs team in 2007, I have traveled with students to European capital cities and led three UF cohorts in the UF in Beijing: Chinese Commerce and Culture program; where students and I visited Chinese businesses and taught conversational English to college students at the prestigious Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

My mission is to help you elevate yourself through international study, for true growth occurs not in the familiar, but on the margins of one’s comfort zone. I look forward to working with your individual goals and challenges in developing an experience that will shape your personal and professional life long after college ends. Your time in college will go by quickly, so it is never too early to begin laying the foundation for future success. You can contact me by calling 352.273.0151 or by email at: jason.ward@warrington.ufl.edu.

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