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Professor Francisco Vilella and wildlife and forestry students under his direction were literally immersed in the natural resources of Central America during a recent study-abroad session in Belize. Vilella is shown snorkeling above the Great Barrier Reef of Belize. The story is on page 22. (Photo submitted)

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