A warm welcome to the International Student Class of 2020!

Another academic year has begun and we continue to be amazed at the growth and talents of the Trinity University international student population. Encompassing 7% of Trinity’s total student body, Trinity international students contribute to the exciting variety and diversity of life on Trinity’s campus. This fall, the ISSS office is proud to officially welcome the international student class of 2020!

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Get I-20 Travel Signature!**
  F-1 students, don’t forget to get a DSO travel signature from the ISSS Office on your I-20 every 12 months. The DSO signature on your I-20 must be valid when you enter the U.S. So, check the travel signature on page 2 of your I-20 today! If you have questions, please contact the ISSS!

- **OPT STEM and your major:**
  If your major falls into the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program list, you may apply for a 24-month OPT extension after the one 1-year of regular OPT. Please note that only MAJORS qualify for a STEM extension, NOT minors.
Welcome Trinity University’s International Student Class of 2020!

This Fall, Trinity University welcomed a total number of 36 new international students (including 5 exchange students) to Trinity. The countries represented by these international students include:

Tanzania     Honduras     El Salvador
Costa Rica   Ecuador      Greece
Mexico       Jamaica      Republic of Korea
Colombia     United Kingdom
China        India        Zimbabwe
Venezuela    Turkey       Taiwan
Spain        Norway       Nigeria
Guatemala
President’s Welcome Reception

August 17, 2016

International Students and their families and guests gathered from all over the world to attend the International Student Orientation (ISO) on August 16 and 17. ISO concluded with a Welcome Reception hosted by President Danny Anderson and Mrs. Kimberly Anderson. This annual event, sponsored by the President’s Office and the ISSS Office, is well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed by new international students, their families, faculty, and staff from Trinity.
New International Student Orientation 2016

Welcome!
The International Club was founded for the purpose of encouraging the Trinity community to experience, indulge in, and embrace other cultures from all over the world. It also tries to serve as a home for international students from more than 50 countries, and those with international backgrounds and interests. The International Club is a proud member of the big 6 organizations on campus.

The club has strong International Alumni relations and enjoys welcoming Alumni back to campus for events like the International Banquet held every Spring semester. The International Club, in collaboration with the International Students & Scholar Services Office, is always ready to help International Students and those with diverse cultural backgrounds and interests.

IC Officers 2016
Ha Bella Nguyen - Co-president
Jing Qing Mary Yang - Co-president
Jemima Sackey-Addo - Public Relations Coordinator
Rui Rachel Zhong - Meetings Coordinator
Andrew Thompson - Treasurer
Daniela Montufar - Logistics Coordinator
The purpose of the class is to assist new international students and American students educated abroad to successfully adjust to the U.S. and Trinity University cultures. Some key issues covered include
1) an overview of the American higher education system, student and faculty roles and academic differences with other educational systems around the world;
2) culture shock and cultural adjustment issues, and
3) maintaining legal immigration status.

It also addresses a variety of topics related to the international student experience such as health care, student life, career planning opportunities, and other student resources at Trinity University.

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ON THE ISSS/FTIS THANKSGIVING DINNER !!!

Date: Saturday, November 19
Location: Home of Cory and Sarah Fujimoto

Sign up for the dinner via this link -
https://goo.gl/forms/7Dd2ziqMmLiJQ4lx1

If you plan to go by Trinity vans provided by ISSS, vans
- Leave Witt Center at 4:35 pm
- Leave the Fujimoto's by 7:00 pm
“One of the smartest things one can do is to be eager to continually discover, grow, learn, and improve. It’s astounding how seeing your culture through the eyes of another can completely change your perspective.”

- Anna Van Buskirk ’15 | Accounting & Music & Spanish

TRINITY STUDENTS ARE
Engaged with the World

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2016

MONDAY NOV. 14
Boren Scholarship Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Trinity Faculty-Led Programs Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
International Education Awards Presentation
8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | CSI Atrium
International Education Awards Reception
Following Awards Presentation | CSI Atrium

TUESDAY NOV. 15
Gilman Scholarship Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Trinity Faculty-Led Programs Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Peace Corps Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Hopkins-Nanjing Center Info Session
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. | Woodlawn Room (Coates 230)
Int'l Student Internship Issues and OPT
2:30 p.m. | Teaches Room | Coates 241
Study Abroad First Steps Presentation
3:30 p.m. | Chapman Center 235

WEDNESDAY NOV. 16
U.S. Passport Agency Application Table*
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Trinity Faculty-Led Programs Info Table
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
MAA: Mexico, Americas and Spain Info Table
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
DIER: Cross-Cultural Interaction Poster Session
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
International Summer Seminar Presentation for
Trinity Faculty by Dr. Nanette LeCoad
4:05 p.m. | Chapman South Room
Sophomore College Study Abroad Night
6:30 p.m. | Northrup 440

THURSDAY NOV. 17
Study Abroad First Steps Presentation
9:30 a.m. | Chapman Center 242
Fulbright U.S. Student Program Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Trinity Faculty-Led Programs Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Fight Culture Shock Day
11:30 p.m. | Coates Lobby
DIER: Cross-Cultural Interaction Poster Session
3:35 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby

FRIDAY NOV. 18
Critical Language Scholarship Program Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
Trinity Faculty-Led Programs Info Table
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Coates Center Lobby
DPT Workshop for International Students
1:30 p.m. | Teaches Room | Coates 241
Study Abroad First Steps Presentation
3 p.m. | Chapman Center 235
Study Abroad Photo Contest Reception
4:30 p.m. | CSI Atrium

JAZZ 91.7
International Programming
From Noon to 1 p.m. All Week

Coates Library
International Authors and Topics Display
http://fastframesa.com
Official Sponsor of the Study Abroad Photo Contest
IEW 2016!
Events Organized by ISSS

Monday, November 14
Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Achievement in International Education
CSI Atrium, 3:30-5:00 pm

Tuesday, November 15
Understanding Internship Issues and Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
CUC 241 Tehuacana, 2:30-3:30 pm

Thursday, November 17
Fight Culture Shock Day
CUC 1st Floor Lounge, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Friday, November 18
Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop
CUC 241 Tehuacana, 1:30-2:30 pm

Wednesday, November 16
DIER: Cross-Cultural Interaction Poster Session I
CUC Lobby, 4:00-5:00 pm

Thursday, November 17
DIER: Cross-Cultural Interaction Poster Session II
CUC Lobby, 3:35-4:50 pm

International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. It is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education.

A complete schedule of events is on the previous page.
IEW 2016!

FIGHT CULTURE SHOCK DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Coates University Center Lobby

Join the Trinity community for “Fight Culture Shock Day” by learning about and celebrating cultural differences through cultural displays, discovering study abroad experiences, how to interact cross-culturally, and sampling food from around the world!

inside.trinity.edu/get-involved

Sponsored by: International Student and Scholar Services, Student Government Association, Study Abroad, MAS, EAST, Trinity Diversity Council (TDC), and Student Involvement.

picture credit: Yang Liu
IEW 2016!

NOV 16 4:00-5:00PM
NOV 17 3:35-4:50PM
CUC LOBBY
DIER: FACILITATING CROSS-CULTURAL INTERACTION
INTL 1100 INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION CLASS

Come to see how our international students interact with people from different cultures and use the DIER method to analyze their experiences!

In these poster sessions you will:

- Learn about the DIER Method.
- See how it can facilitate cross-cultural interaction.
- Learn how to understand and analyze a culture that is different from your own.

WHAT IS DIER METHOD?

THE DIER METHOD IS A TOOL ONE CAN USE FOR CROSS-CULTURAL INTERACTION.

STUDENTS' PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

STUDENTS TALK ABOUT ENCOUNTERING A DIFFERENT CULTURE.

COME AND VISIT THE TABLES!

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events
### Fall 2016/Spring 2017

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Do you love to cook with friends but just don’t have any cookware? Fear not—the ISSS office has got you covered!

**HOW TO BORROW COOKWARE FROM ISSS:**

1. Go to [https://goo.gl/2ajU4T](https://goo.gl/2ajU4T) to view a list of available items.
2. Rent items for up to 7 days by emailing [isss@trinity.edu](mailto:isss@trinity.edu) with a reservation request.
3. Pay a deposit (refundable), pick up your reserved items from the ISSS office.
4. Return (or renew via an e-mail request) items that you borrow.

*Students are responsible for keeping the cookware clean and in good condition. Any damage will result in a replacement or repair fee!*

Brought to you by International Student and Scholar Services

For more information please contact us at [isss@trinity.edu](mailto:isss@trinity.edu)
HOLIDAY VACATION OPPORTUNITIES
SHORT HOMESTAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you or international students you know will be in the United States during the winter holiday, the organizations listed offer 6 to 10 day homestays with families during the Holiday Break. You will need to arrange and pay for air transportation to/from the cities listed. Your host family or contact will meet you at the airport and give you a ride back to the airport after your homestay at their home or event location. Check the websites listed for: who is sponsoring the homestay, specific dates, deadlines to apply, and cost information. Check their websites year round since some of them also offer spring and summer events.

INTERFACE MINISTRIES
St. Petersburg/Orlando, Florida (near Disneyworld)
http://iface.org, click on Events, Florida Christmas Conference
Combination family homestay and hotel trip
December 16, 2016 – January 2, 2017
DEADLINE: December 1 or when full
Includes trips to the beach, Disneyworld/Magic Kingdom, Universal Studios, Sea World

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES
www.ifmusa.org, click on Tours USA, then
Locations, Dates, Prices, then Orlando, FL
December 21-28, 2016
DEADLINE: when full
Includes trips to: Disneyworld/Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, Universal Studios, Talent Night

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
International Winter Houseparty
December 27, 2016 – January 2, 2017
Cedarville, Upper Peninsula of Michigan
http://cedar.intervarsity.org/international-winter-houseparty

DEADLINE: When full
Optional outdoor ice skating, tubing, hiking, ice hockey, and indoor square dances, skits, games, & ping-pong.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
www.christmasih.org
December 17, 2016 - January 2, 2017
Homestay programs in several different states
DEADLINE: November 15 or when full

Applying as soon as possible will give you a much better chance for any available remaining spaces.
Mission Statement

ISSS serves as Trinity University’s Department of Homeland Security-approved Designated School Officials to keep Trinity University in compliance with F-1 student federal regulations. In addition, it supports the academic mission of the university by serving international students, processing nonimmigrant H-1B petitions for temporary workers and by facilitating campus internationalization.

What We Do

• Support international students and scholars with maintaining their non-immigrant status in the U.S.
• Provide orientation for new students that begins prior to their arrival and continues with a first semester 10-week course, INTL 1100.
• Assist students in applying for a driver’s license & Social Security card.
• Strive to provide cultural adjustment support and assistance.
• Provide on-campus programming such as New International Student Orientation, Fight Culture Shock Day, International Education week, etc.

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