

International Festival of Madonna University



The first Chinese New Year celebration at Madonna University was held in 1996. Later as the population of international students at the University grows and becomes more diversified, the celebration has been expanded to become the international festival. I came to Madonna University last year, and this was the first time I attended this festival. The festival was an unforgettable experience for me. This year "The International Festival" was celebrated on February 14, 2007. This was the day when all the different cultures of the world landed in the Take-Five Lounge at the University. The festival started at about 11:30 in the morning and continued until 3:30 in the afternoon. A variety of food, dances, and displays were presented to showcase different cultures. My home country is India. To represent my culture, I performed a dance which is done in the northern part of India. I also demonstrated Indian tattoo called Henna, also known as "mehendi" in the native language. Many students like Henna and they asked me questions about my country, its culture and languages. I was so happy to see many students who were interested to know about the different cultures. The event was put together very well. I would appreciate if more students would participate in the festival in the future to make it even more grand and successful. It was an experience that I can never forget. I am just waiting for the next year to come! Moreover, waiting for all you readers to be there and enjoy this event.

Written by Dwiti Ved



The March For Life In Washington, DC

The March for Life is an event in which Pro-Lifers gather in Washington, DC on the anniversary of abortion legalization (1/22/1973) and march in protest against abortion and euthanasia. On the morning of January 22 of every year, a holy mass celebration for the Pro-Life cause is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Usually, the march begins at the Ellipse of the National Mall during the early afternoon and proceeds on through Constitution Avenue.



During the long walk, many people hold up signs supporting and promoting respect for human life and an end to abortion. Abortion has now been legal for 34 years so far. The Pro-Life cause is to end abortion due to the fact that human life begins at the moment of embryonic conception and that terminating the embryo in an abortion equals murder. The march comes to end when the marchers finally reach the Supreme Court building. Every year, the number of Pro-Life marchers is usually around 100,000 or higher, making the March for Life one of the most attended events in Washington, DC. Historically, the very first march occurred with an estimated number of 20,000 marchers.

Written by Joel Rivera

Spotlight on Nursing

Thinking of changing majors? Don't know which to pick? Madonna offers many great choices, and nursing is just one of them. If you feel helping others get healthy and stay healthy is something you'd enjoy doing, consider Madonna's Bachelor of Science in Nursing. MU has an excellent undergraduate nursing program. Madonna nursing students are praised and respected in the area's hospitals for their willingness to work hard, their compassion, curiosity, and skills. Nursing as a career has many more opportunities than just working in a hospital, though. You can work, for example, as a traveling nurse, where you travel around the U.S. or even the world, working a few months in each place. Or you can work in schools, industrial centers, clinics, hospice, even in patients' homes. You can even specialize in your patients by age group or illness. "There are so many directions nursing can take," agrees Dr. Sue Hasenau of Nursing Program. Nursing is very flexible, and can accommodate many personalities. The Madonna nursing faculty works very hard to keep up the high standard of our program. They encourage newcomers and remind whoever is interested that "this is the most amazing job you will ever have, and the most satisfying," as Dr. Marge Gorman, Nursing professor, puts it. For more information, check out MU's website, or stop by the DiPonio building across the street from the main campus. For more information on careers in nursing, check out the website below, published by the U.S. government.

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>

Written by Ana-Maria Maier

White Day

Do you have someone you like? Are you waiting for the next Valentine's Day? Here is another chance, so you do not have to wait another year. White Day is celebrated on March 14th, a month after Valentine's Day. It was originated in Japan and South Korea. The holiday started when a marshmallow company advertised that men should pay back the women who gave them gifts during Valentine's Day with marshmallows. It was called Marshmallow Day originally, but it was later changed to White Day.

White Day is like a continuation of Valentine's Day in Japan and South Korea. Valentine's Day is the time for women to express their feelings and the time where women present gifts, candies or chocolates to men. Men then return the favor and present gifts to women on White Day. Men express their feelings to the women during White Day as well. Both Valentine's Day and White Day are not just about giving and sharing candies or chocolates. They are considered the days when one can openly share his/her feelings with the other gender as well.

Written by Regine Estrellas

OUT FOR SPRING BREEZE

International Student Office is offering two field trips for you in the spring; one is the trip to Michigan State University (MSU) on March 24th, and the other one is the trip to Greenfield Village on May 4th. MSU is located in East Lansing, which is about an hour drive from Livonia. MSU was established 150 years ago and has been known as one of the biggest universities in the United States. It has a beautiful campus. The East Lansing area also has a variety of shops and restaurants to explore. Greenfield Village was established by the automobile pioneer Henry Ford. It may be the country's largest indoor-outdoor museum complex. Numerous historic structures that were built in different parts of the United States at different time periods have been relocated to the Village. As you enter, you can witness the birth of aviation with the Wright brothers, look at Thomas Edison's lab as he invented the first light bulb, and watch costumed interpreters as they work on an old-time farm. Special events like candle making take place at Christmastime, and in spring you can watch sheep shearing. The range of things to do and see at the Village is so broad that to finish it all in one day would probably exhaust you. However, you can learn so much about American architecture and American industry history at the Village that a sore body afterwards is still a worthwhile trade-off. Both trips to MSU and to Greenfield Village will take off at 1 o'clock in front of the Residence Hall.

Written by Il-Han Park

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