



**International  
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## Welcome New Students!

The International Students Office welcomed over 45 new international students to Madonna this semester! Our new students come from a variety of countries including:

- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- Egypt
- France
- India
- Ireland
- Japan
- Kenya
- Korea
- Lebanon
- Nigeria
- Palestine
- Romania
- Spain
- Saudi Arabia
- Taiwan
- Vietnam



Orientation was held on Thursday, September 4 and was quite a success! Several of the new students also attended the Student Convocation and ice cream bar afterward!

### **New students who did not attend orientation:**

If you did not attend the international orientation, and you have not stopped by the International Students Office (room 1207 and 1209) please do so as soon as possible to pick up your paperwork. You will not be able to register for the next semester until you have done so.



# The Renaissance Festival!

- On September 13 some of our new international students experienced one of the most beloved Michigan Summer festivals: the Renaissance Festival.
- Pei Yi Lai, Zeng Han, Jun Jie Ma, Jian Jiang, Hong Yu Chang, Yu Min Huang, and Yifeng Zeng enjoyed a day outside in Holly, Michigan exploring the replica Renaissance-era village.
- The Michigan Renaissance Festival is a summer weekend festival that creates a village reminiscent of



16th century England, during the English Renaissance— including

buildings, food, shops, costumes, and performances.

Each weekend is a different Renaissance theme. This weekend was "Shamrocks & Shenanigans", a Celtic theme including Highland Games, Dancing, jousting and kilt competitions!



## Students' Renaissance Experience

I enjoyed this festival which is my first American activity attended. This was a memorable experience to join Renaissance Festival. At first, I think renaissance is important for western countries. Because in history is an important event about western world developing.

This is an interesting festival which looks like a big party. Everybody wears traditional clothes in the party both adult and children. Become renaissance period



*"I think this trip was great!"*  
—Shaodong Wang

person. Even though, [the] weather is very cold for me. But their enthusiasm let me get warm

so much. There are a lot of shows which you get interested you can watch. Then, there are games which you can try to enjoy but need to [pay].

*"There are many people dress up like Renaissance peoples. Like old clothes, old skirt, old building..*

*I watched many different shows. [My] favorite show is the knight show. Many special foods in there, like the big turkey drumsticks and the soup in a bread [bowl].*

*So the festival is a very special experience for me."*

—Yu Min Huang

**Finally, I am joyful to participate in this festival. Because I can experience the life of USA. I look forward to going to another activity.**

—Pei Yi Lai





# Meet our Students!

Each ISO newsletter will contain introductions of some of our international students! Interviews are conducted and written by international student and undergraduate admissions ambassador April (Yaohui) Chen!

## RUMI T SUBOI

**A: Can you introduce yourself a little bit?**

R: My name is Rumi, I come from Japan.

**A: Which year are you in?**

R: I am a junior student in Japan, and right now am studying ESL (English as Second Language) at Madonna University.

**A: Why do you choose to come to Madonna University?**

R: Because my university in Japan sent me here. I guess there is an exchange students program between my university and Madonna University.

**A: How do you like here? How do you like**

**American Culture?**

R: I really like here. American people are very friendly and open. I made a lot of friends here. Comparing to American people, Japanese are a little bit shy. So I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere here.

**A: If you want to bring one thing from your culture what would it be?**

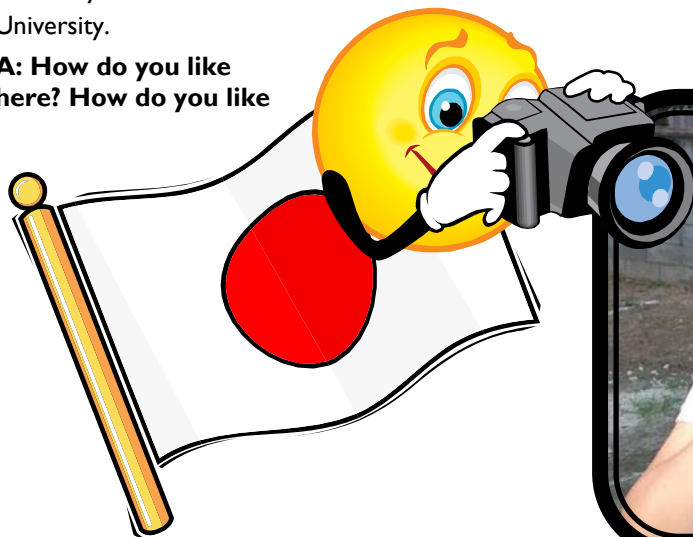
R: I really like food, and I want to introduce Japanese food culture to my American friends.

**A: What do you want to do after you graduate?**

R: I wanna teach English, American culture, and more good thing about U.S.

*Rumi is a Japanese exchange student studying at Madonna University this semester. She is studying English and after graduation, she hopes to become an English teacher in Japan and teach American culture to Japanese students. Although Rumi has only been at Madonna University a few weeks, she says she is already really enjoying her time here. Rumi said, "I really like it here. American people are very friendly and open and I have made a lot of friends. Comparing to American people, the Japanese are a little bit shy. So I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere here."*

— April Chen



Rumi (center) with friends.

## Madonna Miles Halloween



On **Friday, October 10** the Madonna Miles group will be attending the Hallowe'en Event at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan in the evening. Greenfield Village is a historical village and outdoor museum that will soon close down for the Winter.

If you are not enrolled in the American Culture class and would like to attend the event, please see Amanda Geraci in the Student Life Office (room 1411) for more details. It's going to be fun! Hope I see you there! Watch for event details in your email!





# Congratulations to Lily Wen!

Over the Summer vacation MBA student Lily Wen returned to China to get married! Congratulations, Lily! We are all so happy for you. :)

## Lily's Wedding

This summer, I got married with my husband in China. Here I am very glad to share my wedding experience and some Chinese customs with everyone.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, I had my wedding ceremony and banquet. It was a Chinese traditional wedding. The date was selected for wedding based on the Chinese lunar calendar. In the morning, my husband,

accompanied by close friends and younger relatives, went to my house. First he must give money to my young relatives who set up obstacles to keep him from finding me. The money helped him in his quest to successfully find me. Then there were some customs for us. For example, we ate noodles together, and he needed to remove the veil for me.



After being granted permission by my parents, we departed for his house. The house was beautifully decorated in red which is the most auspicious colors for the wedding in China. After this ceremony, we were considered validly married by Chinese tradition.

The wedding banquet was the highlight of the wedding celebration. It was served as lunch. The dining place was a big restaurant. Before the



wedding. The wedding ended with blessings from all the guests. Although we all felt a little tired, we were very happy. Also, I hope I can get blessing from all of you!



banquet, our parents and we were introduced to the guests. Also, my husband and I officially exchanged our rings. After the blessing which was conducted by our parents and elder relatives, the banquet begins. During the banquet, there were shows such as violin performance and so on. In addition, liquor was a compulsory item at the wedding banquet. We were encouraged to drink a toast with the guests and convey thanks to relatives who helped with the



# Meet Your Professor Over Lunch!

## Mentorship Program

25 international students will have the opportunity select a faculty or staff member to be their mentor! Students and mentors will first meet for lunch on a day of their choosing. Lunch cost is covered by the ISO (up to \$10/person) and students will have additional chances to meet with their mentor throughout the semester. This is a great chance to get to know your professor, or another faculty/staff member better! Please see Amy Dickerson in room 1209 if you are interested in signing up! Email: [aldickerson@madonna.edu](mailto:aldickerson@madonna.edu)

### How to participate:

