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Halloween is here!



This Friday, October 31st marks Halloween! Halloween is an annual celebration observed on the day before the Christian holiday All Saints' Day, or All Hallows' Day. Halloween is also referred to as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, and All Saints' Eve—which all mean "the day before All Hallows' Day"—but the most common term these days is Halloween.



To celebrate Halloween and history, this year our Madonna Miles group made a trip to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI for a historical Halloween walk.

scientists, and, of course, the headless horseman! Students were also able to trick-or-treat for candy at different locations along the walk.

Halloween, go out and enjoy watching! But dress warmly! The weather is supposed to be cold and rainy as we move into Winter! And if you are partaking in any Halloween events or parties around Metro Detroit this weekend, please remember to be careful and safe!

The walk included different themed stations with historical fantasy costumes, such as mermaids, pirates, opera phantoms, witches, mad

Trick-or-treating for children in the Livonia area will begin around 6:00pm this year, on Friday, October 31. The Laurel Park Mall on 6 Mile will also hold a trick-or-treating event for children, so if you would like to experience

Happy Halloween Everyone~!





Meet your Professor Mentorship Program

The **Meet you Professor Mentorship Program** is designed to bring intentional students together with faculty and staff on a non-academic basis for the purpose of getting to know each other and to learn more about each other and their cultures. Mentors and their students meet for lunch to begin, and then schedule regular meetings throughout the semester to continue the mentorship relationship, as students adjust culturally and academically.

This month JinJian Liu met with Mary Tomczyk, JingJing He met with Chuck Derry, and Camille Laloupe met with Nancy Cross.

If you are a student or staff/faculty member interested in participating in the mentorship program, please contact Grace Philson: gphilson@madonna.edu

Mary Tomczyk and JinJian Liu (China)



JinJian: My is JinJian, I am from China. My [mentor] is Mary. She very nice. This picture is we ate in the China Inn. We talked about the food in China and America. I believe she can help me to improve my English skill.

Mary: Jin Jian and I had the opportunity to get to know each other a bit as we enjoyed lunch at a nearby Chinese restaurant. Jin Jian told me a bit about his life in China along with some of his experiences in his short time in the United States. He has explored the nearby area on foot, and knows his way around campus well. We talked about the homes in the Livonia area, which are very unlike the homes in the city in which he lives. Those are three or four stories tall and very close to each other. He remarked on the fact that there are no grassy areas like those we have on the Madonna campus because of the need for buildings to house and provide shopping for the large population.

I think Jin Jian was surprised to hear that I have four children since most families in China have only one child. Although I know he wishes his English were better, I'm impressed by his quickly growing vocabulary and how much he's already learned up about living in Michigan. He's excited to see and experience snow (which is something I'm definitely willing to wait for!).

JingJing: I am super happy to talk with Dr.Chuck Derry. He is a really nice person who is a director in BCA (Broadcast and Cinema Art). He introduced many students and professors in this department, and he also showed me round the professional rooms with talking his own introductions. During the lunch, we talked about our hometowns and showed some pics, so that we can know more about each other. We also talked some stuffs about how can I get to my major. Thanks to participating this activity, I can have a special experience.



Chuck Derry and JingJing He (China)

Chuck: Jing Jing and I enjoyed a great lunch. She is a very nice person and we learned a lot about each other and our countries. I hope to take her to lunch again next month to do some "American" food and have more conversations with her. Unfortunately the only thing I can say in Chinese is "thank you" :-)

Camille Laloupe (France)



Nancy: Ms. Laloupe and I had lunch together at Sheesh on Five Mile Road on October 14. We had a delightful conversation. She told me about selecting Madonna for her master's degree because our Humane Studies program is unique. We talked about her various travel experiences, her undergraduate semester-abroad at Albion, and her plans to get a car for her stay here at Madonna. A most pleasant sharing together.



Get to know our international students!



Liam Morgan Northern Ireland



Business
Administration

Liam comes from a small village called Faughanvale, Co. Derry in Ireland. He likes playing Gaelic games which is unique to Ireland and it has two main parts: hurling and Gaelic football. Currently, he is studying business at Madonna University because of the nature of this scholarship. However, his favorite class is education class, because he can apply his knowledge about education from back home, and the Instructional Media class which he is in involves applying different technology with various pedagogical techniques in order to make lessons more active and interesting for the students. He chose to come to Madonna because of its great education program, convenient position, and beautiful scenery in Michigan. Liam wants to be a religion teacher within Catholic education for high school students after he graduates, and a few years later he may become a school principal.

April: Can you tell me a little about yourself? (ex, Major, hometown, high school, favorite hobby)

Liam: My name is Liam; I come from Faughanvale Co. Derry in Ireland. One of my hobbies is playing Gaelic games, which is an Irish sport organized by Gaelic Athletic Association. Two main parts of Gaelic games are hurling and Irish football.

Why do you choose to come to Madonna University?

I chose to come to Madonna University because it has a great education program. From here, I can travel to Chicago, Detroit, and Canada. In addition, the religion here, and beautiful scenery are all very attractive to me.

What is your favorite thing about attending Madonna University?

My favorite part about Madonna University are knowing different people, evolving in classes, and making lifelong friends since it is small campus and I live in the residence hall.

Do you have a favorite class or

favorite professor? If so, which class and which professor?

It will definitely be education class. I can apply what I learned about education in Ireland to classes here. The education classes also evolve a lot of fancy technologies which is really cool.

What do you want to do after you graduate?

A high school religion teacher, and after that I want to be a school principle.

What is one goal that you want to accomplish before you graduate?

I want to make more good lifelong friends, and travel to different places.

How do you like here/American culture so far?

I really like here, people are very friendly and warm welcoming to you. However, American culture is very different from Irish culture. For example, the humor is different. Since I am here, I can feel American people are very proud to be American, so I



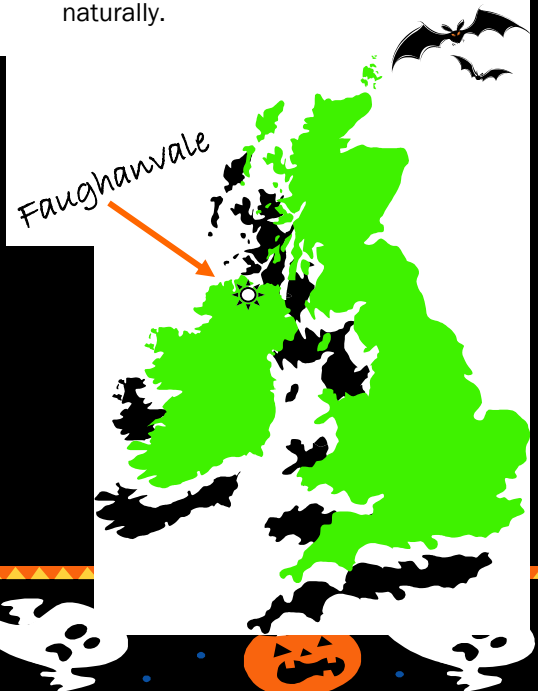
have more appreciation for being an Irish and our Irish culture.

If you wanna bring one thing about your culture what would it be?

I want to bring Irish food, like Irish tea. I also want to bring my girlfriend, families, and Irish people. I think when Irish people hangout together, the Irish culture will be expressed naturally.

When we asked him how he felt about American culture he said, "I really like here, people are very friendly and warm welcoming to you, particularly if they hear you're from Ireland!" However, American culture is very different from Irish culture. For example, the humor is very different and he misses traditional Irish cooking! "Since I have arrived here, I can sense that American people are very proud of their history and who they are because of it. After studying American history and traveling around some of its major cities, I cannot help but feel a deep sense of pride for my own Irish roots because of the massive influence that many generations of Irish people have contributed to this great country." Liam is enjoying his experience here at Madonna University and is looking forward to exploring the rest of the States.

—Interview by April Chen (China)





**Criminal
Justice**

Denisa Valean Spain



Denisa comes from Castellon de la Plana in Spain, which is a city near to Mediterranean Sea. Right now, Denisa is senior student in criminal justice major, and it is because of the great Criminal Justice program at Madonna University, Denisa chose to come to Madonna to learn how the criminal justice in U.S. is. In addition the history and traditions of Madonna University are very attractive for her. "One of my goals is to learn as much as possible about American culture and visit as many places as I can." Denisa says, referring to her goal before she graduates, "I love American culture, people is amazing, so welcoming and happy, they will never let you alone and will always invite to join them. Everyone is very kind and funny." At the same time, Denisa also wants to bring the atmosphere of relaxing from Spain to America. She thinks American people are too stressed about their lives.



April: Can you tell me a little about yourself? (Ex, Major, hometown, high school, favorite hobby)

Denisa: My major is Criminal Justice and I am a senior. My hometown is Castellon de la Plana in Spain, a city near to Mediterranean Sea. The high school where I went is Matilde Salvador. My hobby, I don't have one specific hobby, but I really like music, to read and to cook.

Why do you choose to come to Madonna University?

Because when I searched for different universities, Madonna University was the only one that caught my attention because it has a very good Criminal Justice program and also I like the tradition and history of the university. That is why I chose this university.

What is your favorite thing about attending Madonna University?

That it helps me come true one of my goals and dreams, to learn and know how the criminal justice in USA is.

Do you have a favorite class or favorite professor? If so, which class and which professor?

I do not have a favorite, but I like all my classes, I find all of them very interesting and useful.

What do you want to do after you graduate?

I will do a master's and after that I would like to travel to some countries.

What is one goal that you want to accomplish before you graduate? How do you like here/American culture so far?

One of my goals is to learn as much as possible about American culture and visit as many places as I can. I love American culture, people is amazing, so welcoming and happy, they will never let you alone

and will always invite to join them. Everyone is very kind and funny.

If you want to bring one thing about your culture what would it be?

I think that I would want that American people wouldn't be so stressed about their work or job, what I mean is that here since 16, maybe even sooner, they begin to work and their whole life is around their job; but in Spain it is more relaxed, they don't stress you to start to work until you finished high school if you won't do university. I think that in this way Spanish people are less stressed than Americans, I think that it would be a good thing for them, because they wouldn't be that busy and worried about job since that young.

—Interview by April Chen (China)



Castellón de la Plana is capital city of the Province of Castelló. It is on the east coast of Spain, bordering the Balearic Sea in the Mediterranean, about 65 km northeast of Valencia. Officially founded in 1251 after the conquest of King James I (Jaume I) of Aragon, the city has a rich history and culture, which makes tourism one of its top industries. One of Castellón de la Plana's most famous attractions is the Gothic co-Cathedral of St. Mary. The cathedral was built in the 13th century, and rebuilt in the 15th century after it was destroyed by fire. After being nearly destroyed in 1936 by war, the Cathedral was again renovated in 1939.





Happy Halloween

How to maintain your F-1 Visa Status:

1. Maintain a valid passport, I-20, and I-94.
2. Attend Madonna University.
3. Pursue a full course of study and make progress towards completion.
4. Apply for extensions of program before the program end date on the I-20
5. Follow USCIS procedures for changing from one program to another.
6. Limit on-campus employment to 20 hours while school is in session.
7. Refrain from off-campus employment without authorization.
8. Report a change of address to USCIS within 10 days of the change on Form AR-11 Full-time study is defined as 12 credit hours a semester (9 if graduate). Only a maximum of 3 credits of online courses can be counted toward the full-time load.

If you have any questions about your visa status, please stop by the International Students Office: Room 1207 or 1209. The ISO has useful information on maintaining your visa, travel requirements, employment, applying for a social security card, and applying for a driver's license.



This semester we have a total of one hundred and forty-eight international students. These students come from the following countries: Albania, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, The Congo, China, Colombia, Germany, Egypt, France, The United Kingdom, Ghana, Ireland, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, South Korea, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Palestine, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe!

