



International Education Week

(Nov. 8 - Nov. 11, 2010)



The presentations for International Education Week were very interesting and informative. Thank you everyone who came. We heard from a few people on their experiences traveling to other cultures, as well as a home stay experience. Lastly we also heard from people from other countries talking about the country they are from. Overall, the presentations were very well done. Everyone put a lot of time and effort into preparing for this. We appreciate all the work you did. For those of you who missed the presentations, I recommend talking to someone in the International Students Office to find out details of what was discussed.

International Education Week at Madonna is a yearly event. If you missed it this year, please try to make it next year. If you are interested in doing a presentation about your experiences to other countries or want to talk about your home country, please talk to Grace Philson or Joy Cho in the International Student Office.

Written by Scott Corp (MTESOL)



Winter Term, 2011

Class: ART3390: Oriental Brushwork (2 S.H.)

Time: 9am - 2 pm, Saturday, January to early February

Field trips to Ann Arbor, U of M Art Museum for Oriental Paintings & Chinese lunch.

A fine elective course for students to learn & practice with the Chinese, Korean, Japanese brush & learn Asian painting.

ISO Events

- Field Trip: December 4 (Sat.):
Frankenmuth & Outlet Mall
- Orientation for New Students: January 11, 2011 (Tue.)

International Students Office(ISO)

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A Muddy Day in Renaissance Time

On October 2, the International Student Office took us to the Renaissance Festival. The experience was really nice and I want to share with you what happened on that special day.

The main idea of the festival is to re-create old times. All shops and attractions are placed in a way that brought us back to Renaissance times. The weather was not on our side. It was raining and very cold. When we arrived, the mud came to meet us, and during most of the day, an intense rain kept our group company.

The scenery, spicy with a mixture of cold, dirt and humidity, made me wonder about life in those times. Women in long skirts are going for a walk in the mud, clothing greeting the soil and bare feet dancing in the rain. No hot water, no washing machines, no dryers, no rubber boots, no jeans! How life has changed! For the better? Hard to tell. Maybe people were happier walking in muddy streets, drinking in dark bars and listening to Celtic Music. Maybe, despite all the machines and comfort of modern life, we put our hearts and hopes in the wrong places; that are even more slippery than mud. Going back in time, dressing and experiencing life as it once was may work as a rescue from something that we have forgotten.

What did I learn? A muddy day and happy times gave me a lot to think about!

Written by Renata De Godoy (Master of Science)



International Students of the Month

This issue features two students from the country of Spain: Rosa Maria Joya Sanchez and Jeremy Soldado Navarro.

Rosa is majoring in Hospitality Management. She studied at a university in Spain for three years before coming to Madonna on a university exchange program.



In Spain, students are not required to do homework or come to class. Grades are based on an exam taken at the end of the semester. At Madonna, her grade depends not only on tests, but on homework and class participation. After graduation she plans to travel to other countries and "...learn many languages". She is thinking about working in the restaurant business. Her advice for new international students is to meet new people and learn more about American culture. When she is not studying, Rosa enjoys reading, watching films and playing ping pong.

Jeremy is majoring in Cinema and Broadcast Arts. He studied for three years at a university in Spain before coming to Madonna University; one of the top five on his wish list. He said that in Spain there are about 100 people in each of his university classes. At Madonna, he is happy that the class sizes are much smaller. He is not sure what he would like to do after graduation, and is deciding among many options that will be available. His advice for international students is to make new friends. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer. He watched Spain do very well in the World Cup matches over the summer.

Written By Dorothea McCurdy (MA TESOL)

How to maintain F-1 Status

- Maintain a valid passport, I-20, and I-94.
- Attend the school you are authorized to attend.
- Pursue a full course of study and make normal progress towards the completion of the course of study. (Undergraduate student: at least 12 credit hours per semester and graduate student: 9 credit hours per semester. Only 3 credits of one-line courses can be counted toward a full courses of study each semester.)
- Report a change of address to USCIS within 10 days of the change.

American Holidays & Events

- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 25, 2010
- Christmas: Saturday, December 25, 2010
- New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1, 2011
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 17, 2011

Announcements

- Madonna University will be closed the following holidays:
 - Thanksgiving Day - Thursday & Friday, November 25-26, 2010
 - Christmas & New Year's Day- Friday, December 24, 2010 through Sunday, January 2, 2011
- Fall semester ends on December 18, 2010
- Winter semester starts on Monday, January 10, 2011
- Registration: Phase II
 - PAYMENT REQUIRED at time of registration from December 10, 2010
 - Web Registration, Drop & Add - December 10, 2010 - January 13, 2011
 - Walk-In Registration- December 10, 2010 - January 15, 2011