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Happy 2015! WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!!

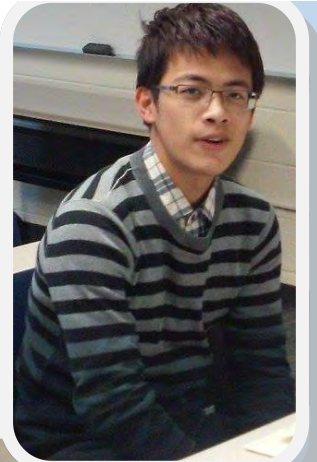
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JuneSung Cho, Taikyoung Lee, and MinKyoung Ji from South Korea at Orientation

Jiarun Fan finally relaxes after his long journey from China



Madonna rang in 2015 by welcoming a new group of international students! Our new students this semester come from a range of different countries, including: Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, and South Korea.

International Orientation was held on Thursday, January 8.

New students enjoyed presentations from many offices including Public Safety, Technology Services, Student Accounts, and the Writing Center. Thank you to everyone who helped our students with the transition process this semester!

Good luck with your journey, students!



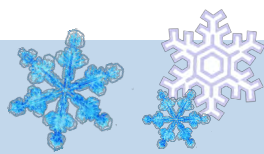
Mohammed Elsayed (Egypt) flashes a smile at International Orientation



Beth Hoffman helps Jinsol Choi (South Korea) sync her phone to her Madonna email.



Felipe Lupion (Brazil), Linhan Mei (China), Kamouni Wissam (Canada), and Mohammed Elsayed (Egypt) set up their email and MyPortal accounts.



Madonna Miles: Students visit the North American International Auto Show

On Friday, January 24 Madonna students took a break from studying to check out a truly Detroit tradition: The Detroit Auto Show.

The North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, Michigan is one of the world's premier auto shows. It draws crowds of car lovers from all over the state, country, and world. At this year's show, 215,836 people came for the opening weekend—over 7,000 more than last year's opening weekend.

In addition to showing off the latest car designs and features, the NAIAS also raises money for children's charities in Southeastern Michigan. The show's Charity Preview has raised more than \$100 million since 1976.



Pei Yi Lai (Taiwan) poses next to her brand new Dodge Challenger. Read more about Pei Yi on page 3!

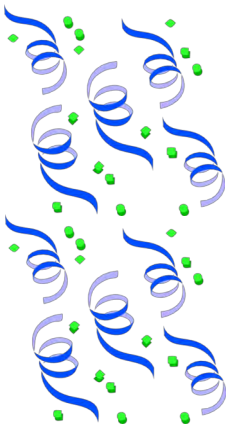


Photo courtesy of Pei Yi Lai

The auto show also holds different kinds of contests and declares winners in each category. One of the newer awards is Automobile Advertising of the year. This year Audi of America ("The Scripted Life") Hyundai Motor America ("Dad's Sixth Sense") and Toyota Hilux ("Unbreakable Drivers") shared a three-way tie for the best ad in the television category.

Madonna Miles trips happen throughout the semester and are open to all students. The next trip will be on February 20 to see the Detroit Pistons play the Chicago Bulls. Stop by the Student Life Office (room 1411) for more information!

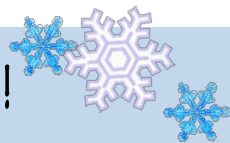
International Festival: Wednesday, February 11



The annual Madonna International Festival will take place next month on Wednesday, February 11, from 11:30am to 4:00pm. The festival will include displays of different countries and cultures, as well as food, performances, and activities from Madonna students! Please stop by the festival!

If you are interested in participating in or contributing to the International Festival, please contact Grace Philson: gphilson@madonna.edu





Ryan Freemantle (Canada)

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

I am an environmental science major and am also working towards a certificate of completion in environmental health and safety programs. I am from Mississauga, Ontario, Canada and attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School. When I am not playing baseball or doing homework, I enjoy working out, reading, working on my car, and spending time with family & friends.

Why do you choose to come to Madonna University?

I chose to attend Madonna University because they had a good baseball program and they also had the major I wanted to study. It was as close to home as I could be while still being away and it felt like a good fit.

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

My favorite professor is Ted Gish. I have never actually had him as a teacher, but he is my academic advisor and we have frequent meetings.

What do you want to do after you graduate?

After I graduate I plan to further pursue a master's degree and or a doctorate. Once done with school I plan to get a job in the environmental sector.

How do you like here/American culture so far?

For me being Canadian, I find that the culture here is very similar to what it is like at home.

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

If I could bring one thing about my culture here, it would definitely be the different colored money!

**April adds: In addition, Ryan is a Student Ambassador for the office of Undergraduate Admissions and is a part of baseball team!*



Pei Yi Lai (Taiwan)

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

My name is Peiyi Lai, and I come from Taiwan. I am a Junior student at Dayeh University, and I am majoring Travel Management. My favorite hobby is browsing wedding dress. I didn't get married or engaged. I just real enjoy various wedding dress.

Why do you choose to come to Madonna University?

I wanted to learn English, and my advisor in Taiwan suggested Madonna University to me.

What is your favorite thing about attending Madonna University?

I really like the natural environment here; there are a lot trees and grasses on campus. The beautiful scenery at Madonna real broadens my horizons. In addition, I real

enjoy the climate here. In Taiwan, even during winter the climate is hot and humid, but Michigan has cold dry climate which is I preferred.

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

My favorite teacher is Agee who taught me English writing last semester.

What do you want to do after you graduate?

I want to be a flight attendant.

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

I wish I can speak English very well, and I also want to learn Japanese.

How do you like American culture so far?

I real like that people here are very open mind, and very friendly. However, I didn't real enjoy the food here. It is too oily for me, and I am very used to uncooked broccoli and carrots.

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

Pei Yi: I definitely want to bring the food, variety snacks, and the night markets in Taiwan.

Meet Your Professor Over Lunch!

Mentorship Program

15 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

How to participate:

Step 1: Contact the International Students Office to sign up!



Step 2: The ISO will match you with a faculty or staff member

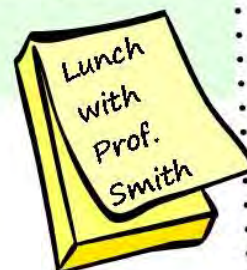


Step 3: Arrange a date and time to meet for lunch and inform the International Students Office of your plans.

Suggested restaurants are listed on the ISO website:
<http://www.madonna.edu/admissions/international-students/meet-your-professor-over-lunch>

Step 4:
 Arrange to meet regularly with your mentor!

Step 4:
Enjoy lunch with your mentor!



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. **F-1 students are NOT permitted to work off campus without proper authorization. School officers who are aware of any students working off-campus without authorization are required to report it to SEVIS and cancel their student record immediately. These students will NOT be able to apply for reinstatement. *This is a very serious issue.***
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.