



**GRADUATION DETAILS**

**Graduation Mass**

**DATE** Thursday, May 7, 2015  
**MASS BEGINS** at 7:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, Felician Sisters Central Convent

**Commencement Ceremony**

**DATE** Sunday, May 10, 2015  
**COMMENCEMENT BEGINS** at 1:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION** Compuware Arena, Plymouth, Michigan

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**The End of the Year is Upon Us!**

Wow, how time flies! The Winter Semester will come to a close this week. Thank you again to all of our wonderful students who have made this year fantastic!

Some things to keep in mind as the semester closes:

1. Residence Hall Students: Move out is *this weekend!* If you have applied to live in the Residence Hall this Summer, you must move out of your room and into your Summer room in the West Wing. If you are graduating this Spring you may remain in the Residence hall until May 11, but you must move into the West Wing by May 1. The East Wing will close for renovations beginning May 1.
2. If you are leaving or travelling for the Summer remember that you must get your I-20 signed by either

Grace Philson or Amy Dickerson before you leave the country. (Room 1207 & 1209)

3. If you need your I-20 signed, you must be registered for either in-class Summer classes or full-time Fall classes before your I-20 can be signed.
4. If you are having trouble registering online because of your IH hold, please go to the Registrar window to register, or email your desired class schedule with course codes, section numbers, and your student ID# to: registrar@madonna.edu Registration is now open for Summer 2015, Fall and Winter 2016.
5. Before traveling, check to make sure your passport and visa will still be valid upon your return. If not, you must renew before returning. While passports can be renewed at your

country's embassy or consulate, visas must be applied for in your home country.

6. If your I-20 is going to expire and you need an extension, you must request the extension at the ISO office before the program end date.
7. If you are graduating this semester, **congratulations!** Graduating F-1 students have a 60-day grace period after their end date in which they can remain in the U.S. and/or apply for OPT.
8. Please do not wait until the last day to take care of any documents or registration. We may not be available when you need us!
9. The ISO office will be open as usual throughout the Summer.

***Congratulations on the completion of another successful year!***

## Meet Your Professor Over Lunch—Mentorship Program



Let's do Lunch!

The Meet Your Professor Over Lunch Program matches international students with faculty and staff members to meet over lunch and continue a mentoring relationship throughout the year. If you are interested in participating in the program next year, as either a student or staff mentor, please contact Grace Philson: [gphilson@madonna.edu](mailto:gphilson@madonna.edu)

### Having an awesome time with Prof. Maria!

Yesterday, Prof. Maria and I had a great lunch in Thai restaurant. To be honest, I was excited but I was little nervous since I worried about our conversation and interaction because of my speaking skill. I thought that “What if professor cannot understand what I say?” However, after I met her, I realized that I don’t have to worry about that. Prof. Maria made me feel so comfortable because she asked me lots of questions such as [about] my hobbies

and my family. Also I had many questions about America culture, so I asked her and she answered me very clearly and specifically. I really appreciated her help and generosity. Even if I couldn’t speak in English very well, she tried to understand me and listened my speaking

seriously. It was really great time to us and we enjoyed a lot of fun. After we finished our lunch we took a rain check. This meeting means a lot to me, I want to have a nice lunch with her again!

—June Sung Cho  
(South Korea)



On April 2nd I went to lunch with June Sung Cho to Thai Basil. It was very

enjoyable! June told me about South Korea and her experiences in Michigan so far. I was amazed to hear how many hours she spent at school when she was in high school! I was also amazed at how well she speaks English, especially since she has only been here since January. I am looking forward to going out to lunch with her again.

—Maria Kuhn (Chemistry,  
Physical and Applied Sciences)

## Seong In Cho (South Korea)



**April: Can you tell me a little about yourself?**

Seong In: My name is Seong In Cho, and I am from Yeosu, South Korea. My major is Computer science, and my favorite hobbies are basketball and computer games.

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

S: My relatives recommended me to come to Madonna University for computer science program.

**A: What is your favorite thing about attending Madonna University?**

S: I made some lifelong friends, and I really enjoy the small school that people are like family here.

**A: Do you have a favorite class or professor?**

S: My favorite professor is Michael Johnson who is also my advisor. Prof. Johnson really understands my situation, and he gives a lot help to me.

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

S: I want to be a web-designer in the future.

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

S: I want to improve my GPA.

**A: How do you like American culture so far?**

S: I really like the multicultural here and I can learn a lot of interesting things from various people.

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

S: I want to bring some Korean recreational activities here.

## Ye Bin Choi (South Korea)



**April: Can you tell me a little about yourself?**

YeBin: My name is Ye Bin Choi, and I come from Ulsan, South Korea. Right now, my major is pre-nursing. My favorite hobby is travelling!

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

Y: I know Madonna University from a company in Korea, and they recommend me to come here for nursing.

**A: What is your favorite thing about attending Madonna University?**

Y: My favorite thing here is the small classroom which is easier for me to pay attention to teachers.

**A: Do you have a favorite class or professor?**

Y: My favorite professor is Ted Gish who teaches life Chemistry and Chemistry 1010.

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

Y: I want to be a nurse in America.

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

Y: I want to improve my English.

**A; How do you like American culture so far?**

Y: I like the freedom here. There are not too many traditional rules to follow.

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

Y: I real want to bring a lot fun games from Korea to here. In Korea, young people always hang out and have fun from those games.

# Meet our Students!

*\*Interviews are conducted by international student and undergraduate admissions ambassador, April Chen (China).*

Recently our international students were invited by Blanca Lopez-Garcia and Campus Ministry to participate in a service project preparing a CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) camp for the summer.



From top to bottom:  
MinKyoung Ji, YeBin Choi, and  
Minji Jung of South Korea  
help clean up the beach area.

I participated in the CYO camp with Madonna friends and it was really great time. We raked scattered branches and twigs in the cabins which is been constructed and on the beach, and we painted the windowsill and door for another cabin.

All the work was to prepare the summer camp for the youth, so it was so worthwhile. After day work, we had time to play games and bon fire with many other participants in

the camp. I could have opportunities to hang with American friends and talk with them, so if I have a chance to do it again, I want to participate again.

—YeBin Choi (South Korea)



## *A Bittersweet Goodbye to Our Graduates*

Last week the International Students Office, along with the Alumni Office, celebrated the close of the 2014-15 academic year, and our



Qi Mao of China, who graduates this Spring, and Shihua (Richard) Xu of China, who graduated last Fall did the honors of cutting the cake, while many students stopped by to chow down and say their goodbyes.

Thank you to the Alumni Office for joining us, and to our wonderful graduates for all the great memories. We know you will continue to succeed !



# Congratulations Graduates!

**Silvia Balderrama**, Mexico, Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

**Qian Chen**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Xu Chu**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Sabahat Contractor**, India, Bachelor of Science in Psychology-Mental Health

**Monique DeGrandis**, Canada, Bachelor of Science in Accounting\*

**Hussein Diab**, Lebanon, Master of Science in Health Services Administration

**Sicong Fan**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Stefan Jenssen**, Norway, Master of Science in Business Administration—Leadership Studies

**Sr. Christina Kazimirek**, Canada, Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry

**Cayle Lackten**, Canada, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

**Fei Liu**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Qi Mao**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Linda Nhambu**, Zimbabwe, Master of Science in Nursing—Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP

**Ashley Parent**, Canada, Bachelor of Science in Biology\*\*

**HyunJin Ryu**, South Korea, Bachelor of Science in Biology\*\*

**Xiao Qing Shi**, China, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Eoghann Stephens**, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies, Minor in English

**Ookty Suthar**, India, Master of Business Administration

**Hanzhao Wang**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Lili Wen**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Nan Wu**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Aiyi Xie**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Shihua Xu**, China, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Yifeng Zeng**, China, Master of Science in Business Administration

**Yongshu Zhang**, China, Master of Business Administration

**Qian Zhao**, China, Master of Business Administration

We also say good bye to our exchange student from Northern Ireland, **Liam Morgan**.



Graduate



**We are  
very proud  
of you  
and wish  
you luck!**

\*Indicates graduating with honors ; \*\*Indicates graduating with high honors; \*\*\*Indicates graduating with highest honors