



A Farewell Message

Dear ESL Students,

After eighteen years of directing the ESL Program, I have decided that it is time to retire so that I can spend more time with my family and



travel to places on our "bucket list". (To find out what that means, please stop by my office and I'll explain). To that extent, my husband and I have already planned a ski trip with children and grandchildren in February, a two months visit to Texas after that, and a long journey to Australia, New Zealand, and the Fiji Islands in May. I also hope to do volunteer work at the Plymouth Women's Shelter and perhaps teach a little German in my spare time. So you see I won't be bored.

In saying farewell to you, I am reminded of the many happy years at this University and the great privilege it has been to be your teacher and advisor. You have taught me so much more than you will ever know, and it has given me great joy to have shared your progress and accomplishments. A most recent example of exceptional progress was when one of you (you know who you are), presented me with your most recent TOEFL score which had risen from 22 to 94. These are joys only teachers can appreciate, and I thank you and those who came before you for enriching my life with your quest for learning. I will remember you fondly, and I wish you much success and happiness in all of your future endeavors.

Yours fondly,
Prof. Kimball

ESL Business:

If you have not already done so, please make advising appointments with me so that your winter class schedule will be completed prior to January. Although I will be in my office for the first two weeks in January, I would like to have most current students advised by the end of the year so that I may determine class sizes.

I would also like to remind you to apply for the Kimball ESL Scholarship which was established by my husband Dr. Robert Kimball and me specifically for you the international students of Madonna University. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office and I encourage you to apply for the next academic year.

Monika Kimball

Announcements

- The University will be closed to observe the following holidays:
 - Thanksgiving Day- November 26- 29, 2009
 - Christmas and New Year- December 24, 2009 - January 3, 2010
- The Fall Semester officially ends December 19, 2009
- Winter Semester starts on Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Registration; Phase II

- Starting December 11, PAYMENT REQUIRED at time of registration.
- Web Registration, Drop & Add- December 11 - January 7, 2010
- Walk-In Registration (Office of the Registrar Room 2003)- December 11-January 12, 2010

American Holidays

- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26
- Christmas: Friday, December 25
- New Year's Day: Friday, January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 18

ISO Events

- Shopping Day: (11/23 & 11/25) for Thanksgiving grocery shopping.
- Highland Park Community Service: (11/26 & 28) for serving Thanksgiving meal.
- Highland Park Movie Matinee: (1/23/10) for showing movie, bingo, pizza & snack.

International Students Office(ISO)

- Location: Academic Building Room 1207, 1209
- Website: <http://www.madonna.edu/pages/IntlStudents.cfm/>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ISO.mu?ref=name/>
- Hours: Monday ~ Friday [9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.]
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I'm a Fan of Coffee Time!

On Tuesday, November 10th, the Madonna University Coffee Time was held once again. Coffee Time is an event held once a month to get the international students and other Madonna students and staff together to enjoy each other's company and learn about other cultures. This month's Coffee Time was especially interesting because I was able to watch presentations about foreign countries given by the UNV 1010 students.



Before working on the presentations, these students spent ten hours with an international student, learning all about his or her culture. I could tell that the UNV 1010 students learned a lot from this project.

By watching these presentations, I gained knowledge about countries such as Latvia, South Korea, and Japan. Learning of another culture and its religion, foods, politics and people is not only very interesting, but it can open many opportunities for oneself in business, friendships, and travelling.

Once the UNV 1010 student's speeches were over, everyone who participated in Coffee Time enjoyed a special potluck of international food provided that day. Everybody seemed to be very adventurous, seeing that the sushi was gone within a few minutes. The UNV 1010 students as well as their international friends then sat down and attempted to make origami with the colourful paper that one of the Japanese students brought. Although making the origami was a bit difficult at first, the group eventually was able to make plenty of different shapes and animals out of the paper. Even I made an effort to fold an origami panda. It was really great to see everyone having fun and spending time together. I recommend everyone at Madonna University to partake in Coffee Time. One will definitely be able to learn something new as well as have fun and meet new people.

Written by Joseph Canty

Valid documents for visiting abroad

Before leaving for a trip outside the U.S., you need to visit the International Students Office to have your I-20 endorsed by Grace Philson to prove that you have been in good standing in maintaining your F-1 status. Check your travel documents with the International Students Office one month before you leave the U.S., and obtain necessary additional forms at that time.

A Week of Culture at Madonna University

This past week, the International Students Office as well as the Center for International Relations came together to present the International Education Week. This is a special week designated for the promotion of global languages and cultures. Throughout the week, specific events were held for the Madonna University population.



On Monday, Dr. Jonathan Swift from the Center for International Studies presented his speech, "The Importance of Learning a Foreign Language." With Dr. Swift's great knowledge of the world, an engrossing discussion between the audience and himself took place after the speech.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, a huge assortment of books from around the world was displayed in the Take 5 Lounge for people to look through. A "100 Facts About Poland" book, a Middle Eastern cookbook, a Korean textbook, and a Chinese poetry book are only a few examples of the many books displayed. Ethnic snacks were offered as well. The Indian curry crackers and Korean cookies were a big hit during this display. Everyone was extremely interested in trying the new and unfamiliar snacks. The cafeteria in the Residence Hall even served international food for lunch to celebrate the International Education Week. Students and staff were able to enjoy cuisines from Asia, Poland, India,



Thursday concluded the International Education Week with a speech by myself, Joseph Canty, titled "My Experience as an Exchange Student in Japan." Presented was a power point presentation of pictures taken during my trip to Japan.

I spoke all about Japan's schools, food, people and more through my photos.

The International Education Week has been a great chance to learn about the world we live in and its many cultures and languages in a fun and interesting way. I, as well as many others, am very glad I was able to partake in the festivities. I am sincerely looking forward to next year's International Education Week at Madonna University.

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