

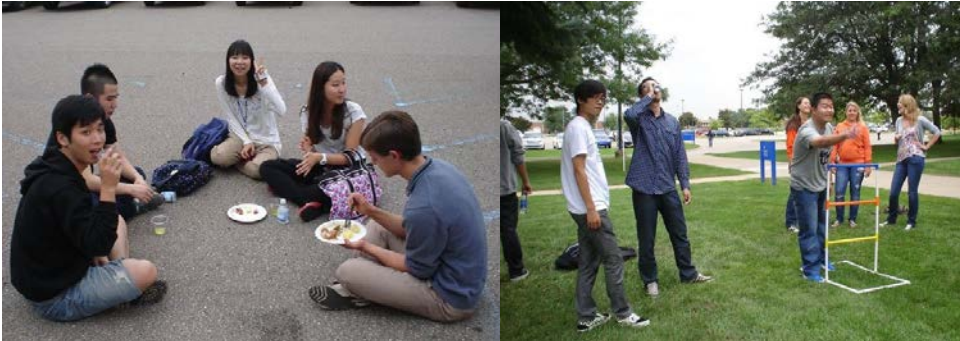
M International Students Office

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September, 九月, Septiembre,

Madonna University Welcome Party



Friday, September 9th was a special day for new students at Madonna University. In the evening, there was a party for first year students and international students. There were many fun games and lots of good food. Many of the international students were able to try hot dogs, chips,

cookies, and other American favorites. There were outside activities like volleyball, Frisbee toss, and an inflatable obstacle course. New international students were able to talk with other American students. They are really excited to start classes at Madonna University and to make new friends with

American students in the dorms. Heavy rain arrived and the party had to end early. To the new international students: welcome to Madonna University. We wish you good luck in your classes this year! We hope you have fun while you are here in Michigan.

Coming up On-Campus:

- > Sep. 24: Madonna Miles: Michigan Renaissance Festival
- > Sep. 30: Campus Ministry: Festival of Praise
- > Oct. 6: ISO: Coffee Time
- > Oct. 13: ISO: F-1 Student Workshop
- > Oct. 14: Rollerhockey Fundraiser at Merri-Bowl Lanes
- > Oct. 21: Madonna Miles: Red Wings Game
- > Oct. 22: Student United Way: Make a Difference Day
- > Oct. 28: ISO: Discover Detroit Field Trip

Welcome! bun venit! Bine ai venit! 欢迎您! bienvenidos! !

Dobrodošli!
Vítejte!
Welkom!
Tervetuloa!
Bienvenue!
Begrüßen zu dürfen!
Καλώς ήρθατε!



Benvenuti!
ようこそ
환영합니다
Velkommen!
Zapraszamy!
Bem-vindos!
Merhaba!

Currently, 175 international students study on campus at Madonna University. This includes 99 students who are in the US on non-immigration visa, such as F-1 student visa and H-1 work visa, and 76 students who have obtained US permanent residency. These students come from 27 different countries, including Bosnia, Brazil, British Virgin Island, Canada, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Ghana, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Slovak Republic, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam.

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ISO's Students of the Month

Madonna University would like to welcome two international students from Japan: Aya Higuchi and Eiko Sugiura. They will be here on campus for one semester.

Aya attended school in Japan for two years before deciding to attend a university in America. She likes to watch soccer and movies. She also likes to go shopping and talk with friends. In America she wants to "learn about American culture, lifestyle, and food". She would also like to improve her English.

Eiko also attended school in Japan before deciding to take classes at Madonna. She likes to play tennis, listen to music, and watch movies. She wants to learn more about American culture, and practice English so she can get a good job. She hopes to teach American students at Madonna about Japanese culture. She likes America because "Americans are nice people and very friendly".

Written by Dorothea McCurdy, MATESOL student



How to Stay Safe in America

Madonna University wants to provide you with a safe and secure environment in which to pursue your academic and social goals.

"Better safe than sorry," goes the American saying. No matter how safe your campus and community appear to be, you should acquaint yourself with your new environment by reading the safety information your institution provides. Upon arrival, begin orienting yourself:

- Familiarize yourself with your neighborhood and campus by walking around in the daylight.
- Ask fellow students or staff members about areas you should avoid at night.
- Do not walk alone at night.
- Note the address and telephone of your country's nearest consulate or embassy.
- Locate the police station that serves your neighborhood.
(Livonia Police Department: 15050 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48154: 734-466-2470)
- Locate the nearest fire-alarm box and learn how to report a fire.
- Identify the hospital emergency room nearest to your home and know what to do in case of an accident. (St. Mary Mercy Livonia: 36475 Five Mile Livonia, Michigan 48154: 734-655-4800)

Did you know?

Madonna University has many other campuses; including: Orchard Lake, Gaylor, Macomb, Dubai, and Southwest Detroit.

Sign up to see the Red Wings play hockey on October 21! Tickets are \$35. This includes your ride and ticket. Come support Michigan's favorite hockey team! Sign up in Office of Student Life (Room 1001).



Need a break from your students? Want to mingle with international as well as domestic students? Thursday, October 6 the International Student Office is hosting Coffee Time. For more details email: internationalstudent@madonna.edu



Want to see a movie for free? Every Wednesday at 9pm in S100 the Office of Student Life will be showing movie. Free popcorn is included.

Campus Resources:

Department	Contact Person	Phone Number	Room Number	Website
Campus Ministry	Sr. Anita Taddonio	734-432-5839	1408	http://www.madonna.edu/mission/campus-ministry
Computer Lab	Kos, Patricia	734-432-5376	1104	http://ww3.madonna.edu/tls/Computer%20Labs/technology%20learning%20center%20hours.htm
ESL	Betti, Hadeel	734-432-5397	1307	http://www.madonna.edu/academics/esl-program
Help Desk	Henson, Cheryl	734-432-5800	1108	http://ww3.madonna.edu/tls/Webpages/help.htm
Library	Quattro, Helene	734-432-5767	2300	http://ww3.madonna.edu/library/
Public Safety	Hammer-schmidt, David	734-432-5442	1704	http://www.madonna.edu/university-resources/public-safety
Registrar's Office	DuBuis, Dina	734-432-5400	2003	http://www.madonna.edu/university-resources/student-services/registrar-s-office
Student Accounts	Finnigan, Peggy	734-432-5600	2005	http://www.madonna.edu/university-resources/student-services/student-accounts
Student Life	Geraci, Amanda	734-432-5425	1001	http://www.madonna.edu/university-resources/student-services/student-life
Writing Center	FitzGerald, Frances	734-432-5304	1403	http://www.madonna.edu/university-resources/student-services/writing-programs/writing-center

Did you know?

The most popular fields of study for international students in the United States are Business and Management (20% of total), Engineering (17%) and Physical and Life Sciences (9%).



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. Students should not drop below a full course or withdraw from the University without informing the university and obtaining permission from DSO. Undergraduate: 12 s.h. Graduate: 9 s.h. Only three online credit hours may be counted towards your degree.
- Report a change of address to USCIS within 10 days of your move.

Did you know?

To sign up for Madonna Miles or any Student Organization you should visit the Office of Student Life in Room 1001.



The majority of Michigan immigrants are from India, China, Mexico, and Canada.

Chinese Mid-Autumn Moon Festival (zhōng qiū jié):

The Mid-Autumn Festival, also called the Moon Festival, is a Chinese holiday celebrated the 15th day of the 8th lunar month (this year, it is September 12th). Family members and friends eat moon cakes and go outside to view the bright mid-autumn harvest moon.

Moon cakes have fillings of lotus seed paste, and duck egg yolks to represent the moon. They were used to pass secret messages during the fight against Mongol rule in the 14th century. On the night of the Moon Festival rebels got rid of the Mongols and started the Ming Dynasty.

A famous story told during the Moon festival is "Chang E and the Jade Rabbit". Chang E's husband Hou Yi helped the Emperor and was given a pill of immortality. He hid it in his home, but while he was gone on a trip, his wife found the pill and swallowed it. She flew to the moon but could not get back home. The rabbit on the moon with Chang E is forced to try and make another pill so she can go back to Earth. Every year on the Mid-Autumn festival day, Hou Yi is allowed to visit his wife on the moon.

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Fall 2011 Student Employees:

This semester we have 6 amazing student employees that are here to help you with all of your needs.

Marci is a senior this year majoring in sign language and social work. She is the president of Student United Way. At the office she maintains our Facebook account. She is a domestic student.

Mia is a junior majoring in para-

legal studies. She is the co-president of Student United Way and on the leadership board of MU Fitness. Mia is the editor of the ISO newsletter. She is a domestic student.

Emily designs the bulletin boards and the display board.

Qi Quian: does the marketing and takes pictures of ISO activities. She is from China.

Maureen: Takes care of support activities, take pictures at ISO activities & designs flyers. She is from South Korea.

Brian Kim: Take pictures, design flyers, & make slide shows. He is from South Korea

Xudong: Takes pictures and designs flyers. He is from China. He enjoys playing computer games and practicing the guitar.

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