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### What is Halloween?

Halloween is a yearly holiday observed around the world on October 31. Typical festive Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (also known as "guising"), attending costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, visiting haunted attractions, playing pranks, telling scary

stories, and watching horror films. Every October 31, both children and adults slip into the night as ghosts and goblins, princesses and pirates. Many Americans celebrate the traditions of Halloween by dressing in costumes and telling tales of witches and ghosts. Pumpkins are carved into glowing jack-o'-lanterns. Children parade from house to house, knocking on doors and calling out "Trick or treat!" hoping to have their bags filled with candy. It can be a night of fun for those who participate, but the history of Halloween in America has a darker side.

For most of the 19th century and well into the 20th, Halloween was more trick than treat. Bands of mischief-makers roamed city streets and country roads blowing horns and vandalizing both residences and businesses. In addition to playing relatively harmless tricks, some pranksters caused major inconveniences. Often, special police were appointed to keep damage to a minimum.

Modern Day, people celebrate Halloween by gatherings with their family, friends, or coworkers. Common events are: parties, trick or treating, passing out candy, watching scary movies and attending special events such as haunted houses, hayrides, and corn mazes.

## International Students of the Month



Fang Fang

Fang is from Shanghai, China. She is a marketing major here at Madonna. Fang Fang enjoys Madonna so far, and enjoys the social events and activities that go on in the dorms. After Fang graduates, she plans to look for work here in the States. If she can't find a job, she will be leaving us to go back to China. When Fang is not busy with school work and events, she enjoys: watching movies, traveling, exercise, cooking, and watching sports. Fang likes a wide range of foods, including: sushi, cheese cake, s'mores, ice cream, seafood and authentic chinese food.



Bo Shi (Jada)

Bo shi is from Hebei, China. She is a Environmental Science major here at Madonna, and so far has enjoyed her stay here. After graduation, Jada intends to stay here in the states and continue her education. When Bo shi is not pushing ahead in school, she enjoys watching movies (preferably action), games, reading novels, and playing badminton. Bo shi prefers to eat authentic Chinese food but will eat other foods as long as they are not extremely spicy, or overly greasy.

## Upcoming events and activities

- ◆ **Shopping Trip**

Every Friday 3 pm -5 pm

- ◆ **Workshop Success in Health Careers**

Every other Monday from

Oct. 15th to Dec. 3rd, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: UC4 (in the Residence Hall)

Topics include: Introduction of Health Care Careers, Admission process of MU Nursing Program, Medical Terminology, and many more

- ◆ **Madonna Miles: Cedar Point Halloweekends**

Cedar Point is an amusement park like no other. If you love roller-coasters and junk food, then this is the place for you. It also happens to be the spookiest part of the year. Wear a costume- if you dare!



## Notable Upcoming Halloween Events and Attractions


Night Terrors: <http://nightterrors.biz/>

Beware! This is not your average haunted house! The acres of Wiard's Orchards south of Ypsilanti Township, Michigan (near Ann Arbor, in Washtenaw County) are truly haunted. Prepare yourself to confront those fears at one or all 6 of the Wiard chilling haunted attractions: the Ultimate Haunted Barn, the Asylum, The Mineshaft, Hayrides of the Lost,

Erebus: <http://www.hauntedpontiac.com/tickets/>

Erebus: The World's Largest Haunted House from Aug 2005 - Sept 2009!  
Erebus the 4 story Haunted House is located in Pontiac, Michigan and was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records as the World's Largest Walk-Through Haunted Attraction from Aug. 2005 - Sept. 2009

## How to Maintain F-1 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.
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.



This semester we have a total of one hundred and eighteen international students. These students come from the following countries: Brazil, Canada, China, Spain, United Kingdom, Ireland, India, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Latvia, Mongolia, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.