

January, 2013



WELCOME! New International Students!



At lunch we were also joined by Sr. Rose Marie, Dr. Connie Tingson-Gatuz, and Dr. Michael Kenney. Sr. Rose Marie reminded our international students how important they are to Madonna, and how important it is for them to get the most out their stay by making friends of different nationalities and practicing English every day. Remember your promise students!

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This month the Madonna family welcomed 13 new international students from China, Korea, Taiwan, and India. After arriving to an increasingly frigid Michigan and settling into their dorms, the students attended orientation. At orientation they were able to meet each other, as well as our ISO student workers, and staff from various departments. Fantastic presentations were given by Mr. David Hammerschmidt, Ms. Grace Philson, Ms. Beth Hoffman, Ms. Dina DuBuis, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald, Mr. Chris Strychalski, Ms. Hadeel Betti, Ms. Dianne Rich, and Ms. Monique Raymond—and some even joined us for lunch.

Our new students this semester seem wonderful, and I can't wait for everyone to meet them! Please keep an eye out for our newbies and do your best to make them feel welcomed and comfortable!

Thank you again to everyone who helped make our students' transition a success! ☺



Important Dates:

- **Thursday, January 24:** ISO meeting for February Coffee Time planning, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- **Friday, January 25:** Madonna Miles Trip : North American International Auto show in Detroit,
- **Friday, February 1:** Shopping trip to Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- **Thursday, February 7:** Scholarships workshop, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
- **Friday, February 8:** Madonna Miles Trip: Detroit Pistons Basketball Game, 6:00pm to 12:00 am
- **Thursday, February 15:** ISO Coffee time: Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day celebration, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm



Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 21st

This Monday, January 21st, we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (or MLK Day). MLK Day falls on the 3rd Monday of January every year in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, which is near the holiday—January 15th.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a federal holiday in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan, and has been celebrated since 1986.

King was a pastor in the Baptist church as well as one of the most famous American civil rights activists. He was a leader of the African-American Civil Rights Movement in the 1950's and 1960's which fought to prohibit racial discrimination and segregation. Inspired by the teachings and practices of Gandhi, as well as the teachings of his Christian faith, Dr. King advocated for the use of non-violent forms of protest, such as marches, sit-ins and other forms of civil disobedience. Dr. King's most famous speech is the "I Have a Dream" speech that



Martin Luther King, Jr. and wife, Coretta King, with Robert Wagner

he made in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. in 1963.

In 1964 Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent efforts toward ending racial discrimination.

On April 4, 1968 Dr. King was shot and killed outside of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, but his legacy

continues to live on. Just a week after his assassination President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (also known as the Fair Housing Act). This legislation, along with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 are products of the enormous efforts of Dr. King and the hundreds of thousands of other people who raised their voices for equality and justice.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(from his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech)

U.S. Sightseeing: MLK Memorial in Washington D.C.

The National Park Service opened the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in August of 2011 in Washington D.C.

Dr. King is the first African American to have a memorial located on or near the National Mall in Washington D.C., and only the fourth non-president. The planning, funding, and constructing of the monument took over twenty years to complete. The memorial covers 4 acres and the image of King emerging from the "mountain of despair" he speaks of in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech is surrounded by an inscription wall that

contains 14 quotes from Dr. King. This monument, of course, is not the only memorial to Dr. King. In the U.S. 730 cities have roads named after Dr. King, and buildings dedicated to his memory exist in countries around the world, including Ghana, Hungary, India, Israel, and South Africa. Additionally, the opening words of his "I Have a Dream" speech are carved into the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., where he delivered the speech.



Image courtesy of the National Park Service

Meet Our Staff!

In the last issue we introduced two of our student assistants at the International Students Office, Fang Fang and Emily. This month we are happy to introduce a few more of the people who are responsible for keeping things running smoothly at the ISO! Thank you to all our hardworking staff!



SangGi Jung

SangGi Jung has been at Madonna for 2 years and is majoring in Human Resource Management and working at the International Students Office. SangGi is from South Korea—originally from Seoul, but most recently living in Namyangju. He came to Madonna based on a reference by a friend and finds it to be very peaceful—a great atmosphere for studying. He also enjoys the atmosphere in the dorm, which is very friendly and fun. Coming to Madonna was his first time in the U.S. and he really enjoys it because the seasons are very similar to Korea. Although Spring and Fall are his favorite seasons, SangGi really enjoys snowboarding in the winter, and became



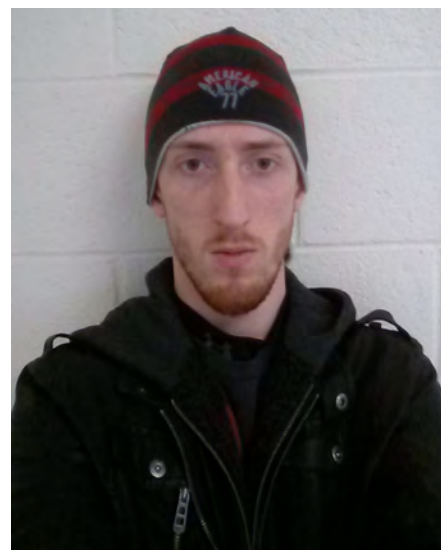
very good at it while working at a ski resort in Namyangju. SangGi also enjoys music (soul, electronic, house, etc.), movies, gaming, and is good at soccer. He also enjoys driving and is one of the drivers for the ISO.

After graduating, SangGi wants to work in the U.S. for a while before returning to Korea to work. He hopes his time in the U.S. will give him an advantage in the job market. When asked what he missed the most about Korea, SangGi said his family, especially shopping with his mom.

Derrek Trail is a senior majoring in Management Information Systems and working at the International Students Office. Originally from Michigan, Derrek chose to stay local and attend Madonna after graduating from Schoolcraft. To Derrek, one of the advantages of Madonna is the smaller size of the school, which leads to smaller class sizes, which is especially beneficial for some of the more technical subjects.

When not in class or at the ISO desk, Derrek spends his time hanging out with friends, playing games, or watching movies. His hobbies also include playing guitar, and Muay Thai.

Derrek is in his last semester at Madonna. After graduating he intends to study at the University of Michigan for his Master's degree.



Derrek Trail

Amy Dickerson is the International Student Advisor. She has worked at Madonna since last October. Amy Graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy and a degree in East Asian Languages and Cultures. After completing her studies at MSU she spent almost 2 years in Seoul, South Korea, first studying at Yonsei University, then working for Pagoda Language Academy as an English teacher.

Amy likes working at Madonna because it has a very comfortable and friendly atmosphere. She loves the international students, though she hasn't gotten to

meet most of them yet. Her office is room 1209 and is glad to help the international students with any questions, problems, or suggestions they might have—either related to academics or just daily life. So please stop by anytime!

Amy's hobbies include reading, cooking, and eating—especially Korean, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Lebanese and Ethiopian food.



Amy Dickerson

Attention Nursing And Pre-Nursing Students!

Seminar for Pre-nursing and Nursing Students!

For the second semester, the College of Nursing in conjunction with the Office of International students, is conducting a series of seminars for pre-nursing, students who would like to be in nursing, and current nursing students. Over the past two semesters, many topics have been discussed. These include: how to apply to nursing, critical thinking, hospital tours, visiting a Korean restaurant, and meeting other nursing students.

Our participants have discussed the challenges of being an international student in the nursing curriculum: how to juggle

classes, medical terminology, memorization v critical thinking. Recently we had nursing students Dolrick Rosales, Sean Hohl, and Jessica Domingo talk about how to manage time, attend SI (supplemental instruction), studying tips, how to interact with other nursing students.

These workshops will continue in the Winter 2013 semester. Ideas for these include a hospital tour, visit a nursing class room, medical terminology (including pronunciation). We are always interested in what would benefit you the most!

If you are interested in joining us,



please contact Grace Philson or Amy Dickerson. We are interested in arranging times and days that will work into your schedule, have topics that interest you, AND have some fun.

—Ms. Nancy Kostin,
Associate Professor of Nursing

Coffee Time Is Back! Want To Get Involved?



Thursday, February 14th will be our first coffee time of the semester! We're planning celebration of both Lunar New Year (or Chinese New Year), and St. Valentine's Day. If you would like to join the ISO staff and help plan the celebration, please contact Amy by email: aldickerson@madonna.edu or stop by room 1209.

We want to hear your ideas and know what you would like to do! This Thursday, January 24th we will have a meeting to start planning. If you are unable to attend, but still want to help plan, please let Amy know.

All are welcome to attend the celebration!!!



What's Happening At The ISO?

 Find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/ISO.mu

Or search: MU ISO

Want to stay updated on the latest ISO events and other campus activities? Friend the International Students Office on Facebook and stay up-to-date with everything happening with the ISO: shopping trips, workshops, Madonna Miles, important events and dates, as well as events happening around campus and locally!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our student staff via Facebook too!

Winter 2013 Activities

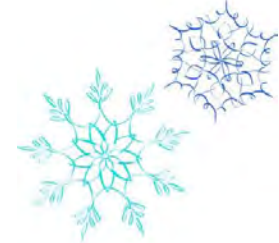


This semester the ISO is introducing our new Activity Mileage Card. For each ISO sponsored event (or other designated event) you attend, you will receive a stamp on the back of your mileage card. Once you fill the mileage card, you will be eligible for a raffle at the end of the semester. There is no limit to how many stamps you can get, and the more you earn, the more chances you'll have to win the raffle!



If you don't have a card yet, you'll receive one at the first event you attend.
Please note: Madonna Miles trips and shopping trips do not count for a stamp. Qualifying events will be

Upcoming Events:



Madonna Miles:

Shopping Trips:

- * Friday, February 1: Twelve Oaks Mall, 3:00–8:00 pm
- * Friday, February 15: Meijer, 3:00–5:00 pm
- * Friday, March 1: Meijer, 3:00–5:00 pm



- * North American International Auto Show
Friday, January 25, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Experience over 500 new and innovative designs from various automotive manufacturers at one of the biggest auto shows in North America!

If you want to attend, come to room 1209 to sign up the week of the shopping trip!!

- * NBA Game: Detroit Pistons vs. San Antonio Spurs @ the Palace of Auburn Hills
Friday, February 8, 6:00 pm – 12:00 am



**Madonna Miles trips are required for those in the American Culture course, and the fee is included in the lab cost. The trips are open to anyone, but if you are not in the American Culture class, you will need to sign up and pay at the Student Accounts Office, room 1411



ISO Workshop: How to Apply for Scholarships

Thursday, February 7, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Location TBA

Come to our seminar led by Mr. Thomas Laabs of the Financial Aid Office and learn how to apply for scholarships and maybe get free money to go school!



Coffee Time: Chinese (Lunar) New Year and Valentine's Day Celebration!

Thursday, February 14, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Location TBA

Celebrate Chinese New Year and Valentine's day with fellow students and staff! Refreshments provided.



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.**
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. The ISO has useful information on maintaining your visa, travel requirements, employment, applying for a social security card, and applying for a driver's license.

This semester we have a total of one hundred and eleven international students. These students come from the following countries: Brazil, Canada, China, The United Kingdom, India, Japan, South Korea, Lebanon, Latvia, Mongolia, Mexico, Poland, Romania, The Slovak Republic, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe!

