To Stay or Not to Stay?

Dear ESL Students,

It is the time of the year when you, our international students, make the decision to take spring ESL classes or not. Remember, whether you return home or not, it is wise to think about the consequences of your decision in terms of your overall progress and the completion of your ESL requirement as well as that of your classmates.

As you know, language learning needs to be reinforced on a daily basis and when you stop taking classes at the end of the winter term, most of you stop learning English for the rest of the year. All ESL instructors know the fact that even though students have reached the next highest level of classes, much repetition is necessary for the full comprehension of what they have previously learned. Taking classes in spring does not eliminate the problem entirely, but it is certainly better than the four-month pause between April and September. While it is understandable that you want to return home for the summer, please consider taking spring classes when spring break does not quite enable you to enjoy a long, much deserved vacation in the US or your home country.

In addition to these pedagogical concerns, your decision also affects your classmates. Many students in the spring classes, but learn that they had to be cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Often these ESL students are quite dedicated, because they wish to finish their required classes but have to wait until fall.

If you decide to follow my advice, please make arrangements as soon as possible. You may look online for course offerings or pick up a schedule back at the Registrar's section.

I wish you success on your final exams, and invite you to see me at any time you have a concern.

Best regards,
Professor Kimball

Motown Auto Show

The North American International Auto Show ran from January 13th through January 23rd. It was open to the public on January 17th. A large number of international students and staff from Interna-

Question of the Month

Can there be found the documents needed for International Students?

All documents for incoming and current international students can be found in the International Student Office at Madonna University. This includes forms regarding immigration and I-9 requirements, enrollment information, and other necessary documents for your years on campus. As always, if you have any questions please contact the staff at the International Student Office. We will be glad to help.

More information can be found here:
http://www.madonna.edu/page/admissions/international-students/i-9-regulations

ISO Events

Bowling Party (4/27)
Private party on campus for fun!
Highland Park Community Service (4/28, 4/25)
Meals with Highland Park community
Coffee Time (4/14)
Recognition of volunteers and graduating students

International Students Office Events 2001

- Location: Academic Building (2007)
- Website: http://www.madonna.edu/pages/admissions/ international-students
- Hours: Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Phone: 734-582-7010
- E-mail: internationals@madonna.edu
- Director: Gussie Phillips (734) 432-5798
- Advisor: Joy Chiu (734) 432-5768
- School of Business

Coffee Time & Read-off

On February 12, the International Students Office hosted another special event for Coffee Time is a time for food, fun, fellowship, and relaxation. The theme of Coffee Time in February was "Nature from Africa, South America and Valentine’s Day Read-Off." This event was organized in collaboration with the Madonna Writing Center students and staff. Student groups from the "To the World," "Caribbean," and "Valentine’s Day Read-Off." In addition, some students shared some of their favorite stories and poems from around the world, while others shared the colorful natural foods.

Each area of the display was dedicated to a particular continent, featuring facts, jewelry, clothing, and books representative of the area. It was always evident that everyone was able to sample a variety of delicious foods, while enjoying the company of others. The events were successful in making others interested to come together in one place. Ideas were shared, new friendships were made, and everyone is looking forward to the next fantastic event.

American Holidays

Memorial Day: Monday, May 25th
Labor Day is observed every year on the last Monday in May. It was originally created to honor the nation’s armed services soldiers and staff killed in warfare.

Independence Day: Saturday, July 4th
Independence Day, also known as the Fourth of July, celebrates the birth of the United States of America by the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Labor Day: Monday, September 7th
Labor Day is observed every year on the first Monday in September. It is an honorary tribute of the contributions made by workers in the United States.