New Student Orientation

This Spring quarter, our office welcomed over 30 students from all over the world; including China, Japan, Vietnam, Germany, Colombia, Nigeria, DR Congo, Korea, Brazil, and India. Together everyone was introduced to the campus and familiarized with all the resources OC has to offer. Events included a scavenger hunt, and a day trip to Seattle!

New Staff—Welcome Autumn!

Hi! As your new program coordinator, I will work alongside Akiko and Hideko to help ensure your experience at OC is both educational and enjoyable. It is a privilege to be working this closely with so many students from all over the globe, and I want you to feel comfortable asking any and all questions you may have! I will be learning along the way how to best answer them, and am happy to link you to the best solution possible. As a 2011 graduate of the University of Washington Foster School of Business, I spent a lot of time studying with international students and appreciate the many angles of perspective that you all have to offer. Your presence here at OC is crucial in helping build a stronger, more inclusive community, and I am grateful to work with you. You will find me either at the front of the office or in the back office, but please say hello and tell me about your studies and interests! Thanks so much.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

BEATRIZ (BRAZIL)
JIAYI (CHINA)
MANH (VIETNAM)
JAVI (SPAIN)
COCO (TAIWAN)
XIANG (CHINA)

Important Dates

Apr 17  International Club Event @ Intl Lounge, 2-4pm
Last day to register for class with instructor permission, request 40% refund for withdraw from classes, officially drop a class with no grade reported, or file for Pass/No Credit or Audit options
Apr 22  Last day to apply for spring quarter graduation (degrees & certificates)

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Please contact the Office of International Education at international@olympic.edu for corrections in your mailing address, e-mail and phone number.
ICE-SKATING EVENT
On March 7th, International club organized an ice-skating event for students to release the stresses from their mid-terms. About 12 students joined this event. Some of them had already learned how to skate when they were little, while some of them went for the first time. It was wonderful to see that students helped each other to stand and skate by holding hands. However, sometimes, new skaters still made mistakes and fell down. It was funny that they also pulled their “teachers” down when they fell down. In 2 hours of skating, most of them got bruises on their knees but they were still happy and joyful about it. Overall, we could see all students had a lot of fun from their happy faces and pose on the picture. They all claimed that they were looking forward to this event next quarter.

Volunteer Career Training: Natsumi (Japan)
I came to the U.S. 2 years ago to study athletic training. The program teaches guide rehabilitation to return to the sports field, body and mental care, and endeavor disability prevention. I first studied and graduated from 3-year technical college in Japan. However, I did not have enough experience for working in the sports field. I heard from my friend who was studying at a university in the U.S. that there are more opportunities for getting productive experiences in the U.S., so I came here. I had the opportunity to volunteer for the basketball team Kitsap Admirals through the ABA league starting in October 2014. I watched what the team doctor did, so I learned a lot about technique. However, I learned more important skills from the volunteer work. As the team manager, I cleaned up the locker room, folded uniforms neatly, and served water to players during games. Everyone showed me appreciation, and that made me happy, so I want to tell that to others who work for others, and I want to make them happy. Moreover, I did not have confidence in my English skill before I volunteered, so I did not want to talk in front of many people. However, when I tried to speak, they tried to understand me, and I could understand what they said more than I thought, so I am not afraid of speaking English in front of many people. I have developed a lot of skills, so when you have opportunities for volunteer work, you should try. You will get valuable experiences. I appreciate everyone who gave me those special experiences.