On Monday, May 16th the Office of international Education hosted the Asian Festival in the BSC building at Olympic College. Everyone was very excited to attend this event because it is a good opportunity to introduce Asian culture to Americans. Most of the international students helped make the decorations for this event. They participated in activities like lantern making, henna tattoos, calligraphy, origami and played traditional Asian games of Kendama, Kickbo kick, Banh Dua. It was an excellent opportunity for everyone to enjoy and learn more about traditional Asian activities and games.

~Yifei & Thu~

On May 26 at the Multicultural Center, we had Vietnamese Presentation which was led by Thu and Tan from Viet Nam. They told the audience about Vietnamese food, traditional costume and also the differences of culture between the South and the North of Viet Nam. Not only did they talk about Vietnamese food, they also had real spring rolls to eat!. They showed us the beauty of Viet Nam like Ha Long Bay, Hoi An and other spectacular places in Viet Nam. It was nice to learn and compare the differences of culture, tradition and food between Viet Nam and other countries.

~Thu~
The International office held the global mixer event on May 26th. This event first started to help create diversity at Olympic college by inviting students from different cultural identities and backgrounds. With the support of our international team members and students, our global mixer was another successful event. Students prepared popular cold beverages from different countries. Thu (Vietnam) presented Vietnamese coffee and Italian iced cream coffee, Simran Sangha (India) prepared Punjabi lassi, Kyung Bae (Korea) told us the history of the corn tea we were drinking, and Lisa (Taiwan) made us bubble tea, and Christianne presented Filipino iced corn drink called Mais con Yelo. All the drinks were enjoyed by people from many different countries. ~Thu & Deep~

**Student Appreciation Day**

Student Appreciation Day was on May 18th and was held on the grassy field outside BSC and BSC gym. This amazing fun event is held every year to celebrate a successful academic year! The Office of International Education hosted a game called Slippery Bouncy Balls where people used chopsticks to pick up 5 balls to win a prize ticket. It was really hard for someone who isn’t familiar with chopsticks! Students really enjoyed the event. ~Yifei & Deep~

**Gloire (DR Congo)**  
**Xinyi (China)**  
**Huy (Vietnam)**  
**Mei (Japan)**  
**Hsin-yu (Cindy) (Taiwan)**  
**Man-Lin (Taiwan)**

**IMPORTANT** from Donna Whittaker

Hi everyone! I am excited to announce that I will be seeing all international students for academic and transfer advising. Akiko will not be advising students anymore but she will be taking care of I-20 issues.

**My office hours are from Monday - Thursday as follows:**
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Appointments only
- 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Walk-in (no need for appointment)
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Appointments only

I am looking forward to helping you in your OC journey! Please make an appointment to see me to plan your classes for summer and fall. My e-mail address is dwhittaker@olympic.edu. You can also communicate with me via Facebook! I hope to see you soon!

Donna

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