**Lunar New Year Celebration**  
By Maria

The Office of International Education celebrated the Lunar New Year on Monday, February 8th. The Lunar New Year is a traditional and important celebration in many Asian countries such as China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore. Customarily, red packets with lucky money are given to children by adults during family gatherings to wish good luck and bring happiness. Participants of the event also received packets with a list of activities to participate in (instead of the lucky money) to learn something cultural about the Lunar New Year. International students interacted with many students by providing the activities including Fortune-Telling, Calligraphy, and an “I am OC” photo booth.

In addition, Yifei from China demonstrated his skill of Chinese calligraphy and Yanze performed a beautiful traditional Chinese dance to the audience. The performances were excellent and everyone enjoyed the show.

This celebration was a huge success and we look forward to celebrating this holiday again next year. Hopefully more and more students will participate and learn about this great tradition.

---

**Meet Donna, Our New Advisor**  
By Maria

We welcome Donna, our new Academic Advisor. She says, “I worked in the International Office at Tacoma Community College and loved interacting with students from so many countries.” She understands how difficult it can be to live abroad because she traveled a lot and also lived in Japan for 3 years where she did not know the language.

She will be glad to meet and advise students with their educational plans, transfer applications, and help with any issues or problems that student may bump into. Please stop by her office to welcome her! Her office hours are Monday-Thursday, 11am to 3:30pm!

---

**Important Dates**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mar 9</td>
<td>Last day to change a variable-credit class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 10</td>
<td>News Student spring quarter registration begins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 12</td>
<td>Weekend final exams and/or instruction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 14-18</td>
<td>Bookstore Rental Returns and “Buy Back”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 15-18</td>
<td>Weekday final exams and/or instruction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 17</td>
<td>End of Quarter Snack Station 10am-1pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 18</td>
<td>Winter quarter ends</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 24</td>
<td>Grades available</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**In This Issue**

- Lunar New Year Celebration
- Meet Donna, Our New Advisor
- Important Dates
- Alumni Presentation
- Meet Our International Student
- Birthday Celebrants

---

Please contact the Office of International Education at international@olympic.edu for corrections in your mailing address, e-mail and phone number.
Alumni Presentation  By Thu and Maria

On February 26th, we invited 3 alumni from Taiwan, China, and Nigeria to share their experiences as successful international students studying in the U.S. The first speaker was Ting-Yu from Taiwan who will graduate from Eastern Michigan University soon. She talked about her student life at OC and her current university including how she has made a lot of friends by engaging in lots of activities. The second speaker was Shunying from China who is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University. She has had various internship opportunities, and plans to make a career in the Documentary Filmmaking. She encouraged our students by talking about her struggles with language barrier and difficulties as an international student and how she overcame the challenges. Lastly, Ibrahim, from Nigeria, who is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Theology at Whitworth University, shared many tips of being a good student. He emphasized that it is important to make friends who speak different languages, to plan ahead when registering, and to challenge in different opportunities. It was a great opportunity for our current students to be motivated and inspired!

Meet Our International Student  By Thu & Maria

Jemima from Nigeria  Major: Cosmetology

Jemima has been studying Cosmetology at OC for more than a year because she believes she can have the best education in America. She has a very supportive husband back home, and two beautiful children who accompanied her in this journey. The reason she chose to study in the U.S. (in addition to a Bachelor’s degree she already has) is to acquire an Associate degree in Cosmetology. She wants to “have knowledge of all the facets of cosmetology (hair care, skin care, nail care. and makeup)”, which will enable her to expand and improve her business she owned in Nigeria. She has big plans ahead of her to educate youth and provide employment opportunities in Nigeria, and to be successful in beauty, fashion, television industries by providing the latest beauty products and services. “My experience has been pleasant, wonderful, educating, enlightening, and enriching. My life will be the better for it. Olympic College is a very good school to attend. The instructors are good and brilliant teachers. The Office of International Education is willing to help, and they have been very helpful to me.”

Birthday Celebrants

Jiakun (China)  Jordan (DR Congo)  Tielong (China)  Khoi (Vietnam)
Anna (Austria)  Yanze (China)  Mai (Vietnam)  Fong Yip (Hong Kong)
Shoko (Japan)  Junna (Japan)  Mengyan (China)  Ngoc Rim (Vietnam)
Satoshi (Japan)  Martin (Sweden)  Yuying (China)  Shoko (Japan)

Sign-up for OC Text Alert
@ http://www.olympic.edu/alerts/signup.htm
to stay on top of any emergency or closure/delay information.
Please use your student OC email for all communications
with your professors and all Olympic College Services.