Global Mixer

On Thursday, February 15th, the Office of International Education joined forces with Multicultural Students Center and held the Global Mixer in celebration of the Lunar New Year! At 1 p.m., students came to join us as we had a lot of fun activities such as fortune sticks, bookmark making, characters matching, Bingo, as well as Lunar Lucky Draw. Everyone who had an original bookmark made enjoyed seeing their names so much in Chinese characters. Some of them felt happy, some of them felt sad, and some were confused after listening to their fortunes at the fortune telling table. When everyone started playing the Bingo, everyone got really excited to see if they can win it. Sarah, a fellow international student herself who conducted the Bingo, made sure everyone felt hyped about playing the Bingo. Five winners were given special Chinese dolls to take home. Throughout the event, we also had the Lucky Draw session. It was really fun seeing everyone getting different prizes to take home. Another interesting part of the event was the New Year Wishes board, where everyone wrote what their wishes were for the new year. Certainly, everyone was hopeful about the new year and what fortune it brings to each and every one of us. Chinese snacks and drinks were also provided such as mouth-watering sesame balls and prawn crackers. Around 3.00 p.m, the event ended and everyone went back home, feeling content. –Afiq-
Pack the Gym

Throwback to Wednesday, February 7th, OC students, faculty, and staff packed the gym for women’s and men’s basketball games. People gathered and showed their support for OC basketball teams with cheers. Women’s basketball game started first, and every athlete played above par and this enlivened the atmosphere. During the halftime, OC foundation gave away tons of free OC swag including pom poms, bracelets, and T-shirts. Our Associate Dean Heather and Housing Coordinator Hideko joined some interesting activities to show OC spirits! At the second half, our athletes still worked hard with offense and defense. At the interval between Women and Men’s basketball, we were so excited that one of international students—Ayane was lucky to win a $250 scholarship! As for Men’s game, people were excited after the “warm up” in Women’s game. Our athletes did their best with the cheers and claps. Hope they can get better results next time!

-Queenie

Summer Classes!

Did you know? OC offers summer session that you can take regular classes or IE classes during the month of July and August. During the summer term, you can take a full-time load (12 credits or more), or less or all online classes to work toward your graduation! Even you take summer session, you still have 3 weeks+ vacation time until fall quarter starts! It is the great time to catch up or bring up your GPA! If you are interested, start planning for summer!

Treasure Box

This month, we’ll be featuring Coming-of-Age ceremony in Japan! When a person reaches 20 years of age, the person is considered to be an adult in Japan. Coming-of-age ceremony is a ritual to celebrate the new adults. Each town and city has its own ceremony.

The “new adults” go back to their hometown to attend the ceremony, so it is a good opportunity for them to meet up with old friends. Many women wear furisode, colorful, long-sleeved kimono, while some men wear kimono with hakama pants.

-Saaya

Happy Birthday!

Theodore (China) Mitchell (Hong Kong)
Yaoyu (China) Sutewee (Thailand)
Yanje (China) Louis (Taiwan)
Yumi (Japan) Afiqah (Malaysia)
Azure (Taiwan) Mengyan (China)
Yuma (Japan) Mai (Vietnam)
Joey (China) Satoshi (Japan)
Amirul (Malaysia) Saaya (Japan)

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