INTERNATIONAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER
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GREETINGS INTERNATIONAL OWLS
Welcome to the International Services Newsletter, an email publication designed to keep international students and visiting scholars up to date on what’s going on around the FAU campuses and the world.

WORLD FACT: “Dubai is home to the tallest building in the world – Burj Khalifa, which stands at a towering 2717 feet in height. Additionally, Dubai currently has plans to make a $120M Water Discus Hotel that will be the most luxurious, and biggest, underwater hotel in the world.”

Do you want to share a World Fact? Send us a message via Facebook or email Sharon Rodriguez Benarroch at srodriguezbenarr@fau.edu!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS for new students

Immigration Check-in
(You need to check-in during one of the following times, check-in takes approximately 30 minutes)
Available dates and times:
August 14th, August 15th or August 16th 2017
Times: 9:00 a.m – noon and 1 p.m – 4 p.m
August 17th, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m – 4 p.m
Location: Davis Pavilion, Classroom 101
Register here: https://goo.gl/forms/LpT46NPbMjcf4IG93

Orientation
Date: August 17th or August 19th 2017
Time: 8:15 a.m - 12:00 p.m
Location: Meet at the Davis Pavilion, Classroom 101, no later than 8:30 a.m.
Register here: https://goo.gl/forms/YdQJFiYj6m3AZeD23

Complete the pre-arrival quiz
https://goo.gl/forms/b0AQkRz1ebVvjhZs2

Important travel information:
Inspection of Electronic Devices:
You may be selected for inspection. For more information click here:

Social media and information online:
Your social media can be subject to inspection, be careful with what you post, even what you think is a “funny video” can be used against you, and forfeit your immigration status.
This also applies to discrepancies in your LinkedIn profile such as unauthorized employment!
GLOBAL OWL OF THE MONTH

Truong, Nhi, General Education, Senior, Home country: Vietnam

NHI’S SUGGESTIONS
Restaurant: SanTos
Tv Show: Friends
Movie: Lion
Activity: Eating
Destination: The Beach

LEARN MORE ABOUT NHI TRUONG:

Nhi Truong is from Vietnam. What she loves the most about Vietnam are the beautiful beaches, how colorful it is and the food. The smell and dishes of a variety of seafood is what she misses the most about Vietnam these days. In the future she hopes to work in an educational environment where she can contribute, learn, and grow the most to achieve her dream that developing the educational system in Vietnam. She believes education is the most powerful weapon to change a life to be better, and education is the key to achieve happiness. Nhi came to FAU with the scholarship she got from her former school, Broward College Vietnam. She chose Florida instead of another state since it has a similar weather compared to Vietnam and has beaches.

IS: What is the most exciting part about being an international student?
NT: It is a variety in perspectives and experiences. I can reflect on how different cultures and geography affect people in many ways. Being an international student helps me to understand that we are unique among the differences and just that we all deserve to be proud of ourselves.

IS: What are some culture shocks or funny surprising moments that you have experienced so far?
NT: It was surprising how in America people really love sweets and especially dessert and can eat it every day, but in Vietnam it’s not necessary an everyday thing.

IS: What is the most embarrassing moment you’ve experienced since you arrived to the United States?
NT: Umm...oh! (lol) the most embarrassing times are when I speak to local people and I don’t understand them when they speak sometimes so I just pretend like I understand...but then I get caught.

IS: Which places do you wish to travel to while you are in America and which places have you already traveled to?
NT: I’ve been to Chicago, San Francisco, California, Atlanta, Indiana, Kansas City, and Missouri and I really want to go to New Orleans because I hear it’s rich in culture, music, people, and food.

IS: Quote that motivates you the most?
“Be a type of person that no matter where you go or where you are, you always add value to the lives of those around you”

Interview by Kadene Mennell

Do you want to be featured in our next Global Owl Spotlight? Send your name, or nominate a friend, by sending us a message via Facebook or email Sharon Rodriguez Benarroch at rodriguezbenarr@fau.edu!
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**Events starting in September:**
- English Conversation Group
- Global Coffee Hours
- Global Lunch and Learn
- And many more!

**For more information on upcoming events please visit:**
[https://calendar.fau.edu/department/center_for_global_engagement](https://calendar.fau.edu/department/center_for_global_engagement)
International Friends Program (IFP)

Are you interested in becoming an International Friend Mentee/Leader for the Fall 2017 semester?

The purpose of IFP is to promote friendship and cultural exchange by matching new international students with other members of the FAU community.

As a Mentee, you will:
✓ Learn more about FAU and its campus resources.
✓ Learn how to Navigate your way around Boca Raton.
✓ Learn more about campus clubs and activities.
✓ Make long-term, cross-cultural friendships.

Interested in being matched with an international Friend? Or a leadership position?
Sign up here: https://goo.gl/forms/U1l9Cftodq4htePm1

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International Friends Program (IFP)

Are you interested in serving as an International Friend Mentor/Leader for the Fall 2017 semester?

The purpose of this program is to help new/incoming international students adjust to life at FAU, and for many of them, to life in the United States.

As a Mentor, you will:

- **learn about other cultures**: see the world through another student’s eyes!
- **be part of a great team of students**, that you probably would not have a chance to meet otherwise!
- **learn new skills**: to make you stand out during your future/current job search/graduate school application!
- **gain volunteering hours**: *Make a difference!*
- **receive a certificate of achievement/letter of reference (after a successful semester/year)**: *Impress your future employer/graduate admissions committee!*

Did you know that the **top three attributes that employers/committees look for in their candidates are leadership, teamwork and communication skills**?

Being part of this program will definitely help you gain these skills and many more!

To apply, please fill out this form: [https://goo.gl/forms/qDlaN53insSRmgvtv1](https://goo.gl/forms/qDlaN53insSRmgvtv1)

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