

IFP Friends Biographies

Sumit Bajracharya

Sumit Bajracharya is an international graduate student from Kathmandu, Nepal and currently serves as the Graduate Assistant for Student Government. He is currently an MBA student specializing in Operations Management. He received a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a minor in International Business from Nova Southeastern University (NSU). He received a Graduate Student Award, Juan Pablo Scholarship, Best Student Government Member and a Service Award from the Office of International Affairs at NSU. He was a volunteer for Child Workers in Nepal (CWIN), an association affiliated to International Labor Organization working for deprived children and helping them out off the streets.

Charlotte Barna

My name is Charlotte and I will be a sophomore in the Music program in Fall 2011 majoring in vocal performance. I love everything involving music: listening to it, playing instruments (piano, guitar and ocarina flutes), and of course singing! Aside from that I enjoy hanging out with my friends, travelling, going to the beach and trying out new foods :-). I am originally from Germany -born and raised- but my parents are Hungarian and I speak both languages. I am very much interested in different languages and cultures and I can't wait to meet all the new international students!

Caitlin Connolly (Ella)

A senior at FAU, spends her time eating, watching Korean dramas, and daydreaming. Although her major is in anthropology, she hopes to get a job working with international students or teaching English once she graduates. She loves learning about new cultures and watching soccer games and would be happy to be able to do either of these with international students.

Jany Cabezas

I lived in Chile for a year as a child. I am interested in both the Sciences and Humanities. I love painting, drawing, and the like. I played tennis for about six years of my life, and even though I am extremely rusty have a very strong first serve. And finally, I am a lefty!

Amanda Forman

I've lived in beautiful and hot south Florida all of my life. I'm almost a senior in the college of Science and am majoring in Biology. However, I enjoy studying many other things: business, law, politics, education, the Bible, communication, history ... or whatever. I love the beach, cooking and eating, teaching, talking, spending time with my family and playing basketball. I've been able to travel to almost all of the 7 continents (still have to visit Antarctica) and have really enjoyed getting to know the many different cultures that I've experienced! I'm really looking forward to meeting the incoming students and sharing the university experience together!

Rachel Gold

I am a linguistics major with a minor in German and working towards my TESOL certificate. I love languages and I know some Spanish and Arabic as well. I also love to travel and experience different cultures. I went on a 21 day cruise in Dec 2010 and it was an amazing experience. I hope to do an abroad program before I graduate. I am also an avid golfer and have been since I was 6 years old.

William Medina

I was born and raised in Colombia and moved to the United States at the age of 11. I am a Political Science major and hope to one day work for the State Department. I just spent the last 10 months in Germany, where I learned a lot, including the language and many other amazing things about this country and Europe. I was also able to meet other wonderful international students and this is one of the reasons why I wanted to participate in this program. I am fluent in both Spanish (native speaker) and German (intermediate level).

Shakeera Maragh

Hello my name is Shakeera, I am currently a junior, majoring in biology. I like most foods except horseradish. I enjoy going fishing with my dad and also watching the ocean. I like reading books. I try to sing but I don't know how to dance. All in all, I enjoy meeting new people and sharing stories.

Pedro Sanchez-Herrera I was born and raised in Alajuela, Costa Rica. I moved to the US six years ago. I'm currently a senior majoring in biological sciences. I like to play soccer and workout.

Karl Schreiber

My name is Karl Schreiber and I am originally from Peru. My father is of Jewish-German descent and my mother of native Peruvian descent. That explains a lot the interesting mixture in my family. We all practice Christianity regardless of our heritage. I came to the United States (Boston) at the age of 18 and fell in love with the American culture ever since. In my free time, I really enjoy reading. I do not have a favorite book but what I do not forget to read every day is my Bible. I also love playing sports in my free time. I am very active when it comes to participate in intramurals soccer during the regular semesters at school. If I had to pick a type of food to live off for the rest of my life, I would definitely choose Peruvian food. However, I am always trying and enjoying new dishes from different countries around the world.

Zara Sawh

My name is Shobna Zara Sawh and I'm 21. I'm from the Caribbean island of Trinidad and Tobago. I moved to Florida 3 years ago with my brother to attend FAU. Currently, I am in my senior year but I recently changed my major from Biology to Linguistics and Spanish because I

am very passionate about languages and cultures! With my degree in Linguistics and Spanish, I would like to go to Law school with the hopes of being an International lawyer.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing the piano and violin, going to the beach and to the movies with friends! I love traveling and meeting new people as well! I am also a huge fan of football (soccer- my favorite team's Barcelona!). I look forward to meeting you all in the future! :)

Amanda Leigh Stockdale

I'm a biology major and I love learning about everything there is to learn about. I'm a vegetarian and I love animals. I enjoy almost all types of music, including metal.

Damayanti Sari Rohmaningtyas Welcome to FAU! Hi, I am Tyas, an International student from Indonesia in South Asia. I just started studying my Master in Non Profits Management at FAU last Spring 2011. Prior to my departure to America, I had been working in my country with people with multicultural backgrounds including America, Australia, Europe, Africa, and Asia. And I like to make a friends with people from different countries, because it gives me wide knowledge and deep understanding about their culture, language, and perspective. I know how it feels as international student when I first time came here, so I'd like to make a friends with you to make your days at FAU more fun and enjoyable.

Zsak Vincente

My name is Zsak Vincente, I am Trinidadian and I am always told by my family that I have a rich heritage soup; however, my heritage stems from primarily China, India, and Portugal. I attend FAU, and I am currently in my third year studying Biology and Chemistry. I more so prefer to play sports than to sit and watch them; I mainly love soccer and hockey. I love food, especially new cuisines from varying cultures; I enjoy the sun at beaches, or while doing water activities. I also spend a great deal of time in the salt water, be it scuba diving or fishing. To describe my personality in a nutshell, I am spontaneous, caring, goofy, yet hard working and dedicated. I love making new friends and meeting new people.

Ka Kei Yap

My name is Ka Kei Yap. I like traveling, learning new languages and meeting people. I am also an international student from Hong Kong. So we can share the experience and feelings of living in the new environment.

Long Zhang

I'm Long Zhang, Chinese, 26, male. I speak Mandarin and English. I would love to help other students from East Asia adjust to life at FAU (China, Japan, Korea stc)