

Mt. San Antonio College INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM Newsletter

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You Are Invited!

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 4:00PM~6:00PM Founders Hall

FREE FOOD AND MUSIC!

Music, delicious food, and good company – the perfect ingredients for a wonderful reception! The International Student Program will honor and recognize graduating and transferring international students at their annual Recognition Ceremony. Come let us congratulate and celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Please join us in recognizing the end of a great academic year for our students and our program!



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2014 Orientation/Events



Top 7 Majors/Degrees for International Students at Mt. SAC

- Transfer—Business 1.
- **Business Management AS Degree** 2
- 3. Transfer—Engineering (General)
- 2 Transfer—Business Management
- 5. Accounting AS Degree
- 6. Nursing AS Degree
- 7. Transfer—Business Admin./Accounting

Student Profile

Kelly Chien is from Taiwan and came to the United States for the very first



time when she was 19 years old in January of 2011. She said she felt a sense of freedom and liberation, but was also a bit scared. She took a few courses to improve her English, and did not formally start at Mt. SAC until the Spring semester of 2012. Kelly originally started as an Engineering design major, but found more passion in the field of Business. During Kelly's time at Mt. SAC, she's been involved with AGS (Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society) and loves to do volunteer work. Kelly is also one of our student ambassadors and enjoys helping new, and current, international students become familiar with Mt.

SAC and American culture. During her free time, Kelly likes to bake desserts. Her favorite dessert is a French dish called crème brûlée. Kelly hopes to eventually transfer to USC as a Business major. One word of advice from Kelly: "Come to the International Student Center and use their resources. They have computers and free printing! If you ever have any suggestion regarding field trips, you can let them know. Join clubs to meet native speakers and to make friends!" Needless to say, we feel that Kelly has really become part of our Mt. SAC family. Kelly, we hope you aren't scared anymore and we wish you best of luck in your future endeavors!

Campus Services

Whether you're starting your journey or continuing your education here at Mt. San Antonio College, transitioning to any new environment can be difficult! If you're ever feeling depressed, homesick, or need guidance and direction, we are here to help! Here are just some of the many wonderful resources we offer students:

Health services (909) 274-4400

- **Preventative Medical Services**
- **Chiropractic Services**
 - -Headaches
 - -Neck/Back pain
 - -Hip/Leg/Arm pain
 - Personal counseling
 - -Depressoin
 - -Anxiety and stress
 - -Relationship problems

 - -Adjustment to new environment -Trauma

- Counseling Services (909) 274-4380
- Plan your academic class Schedule
- Explore academic/career goals
- Choosing a major
- Transfer counseling •

Transfer Services (909) 274-6388

- Meet with university representatives
- Attend university tours
- **Transfer Workshops** •

Career Services (909) 274-4510

- Career Counseling
- Resume/Cover letter assistance

F1 Student Tip:

If you are thinking about withdrawing from your class(es), make an appointment with an International Student Counselor at (909) 274-4380. If you drop without prior authorization, your SEVIS record may be terminated for Unauthorized Drop Below Full Course / Withdrawal.

Photographers Wanted!

We want to showcase the cultures of our international students through photos! Submit your favorite photographs of your home country to slee@mtsac.edu. Photos may be framed and displayed our International Student in Center!



International Trivia

Test your International knowledge!

What is the largest state in the United 1. States?

a. California	c. Texas
b. Alaska	d. Montana

- 2. Which country elected it's first woman president in 2012? c. South Korea a. Iran d. Liberia b. Egypt
- 3. What is the tallest mountain in Japan and is also an active volcano? a. Mt. Arashima c. Mt. Everest
 - b. Mt. Aso d. Mt. Fuji
- Which continent is the only one to have 4 no glaciers? a. South America c. Africa
 - b. Australia d. Asia
- 5 Which European country drinks the most beer?

a. Germany	c. French
b. Italy	d. Ireland

Answers: 1. b, 2. c, 3. d, 4. b, 5. a



Center for more information.

made at least two weeks in advance. Contact the International

We're Here to Help! Access FREE tutoring on campus:

Writing Center Tutoring Services

The writing center is here to help you with your writing assignments. Their qualified tutors can work with students writing for any class offered across the campus and who are at any stage of the writing process. They can help you:

- Understand an assignment
- Brainstorm Ideas
- Generate a thesis
- Conduct research
- Organize your ideas
- Revise a draft
- Improve grammar

 Properly cite sources Student can call (909) 274-5325 to make an appointment or just stop by the front desk of the Writing Center on the first floor of 26B. They also take walkins as their schedule permits.

Math Activities

Resource Center

The Math Activities Resource Center (MARC) and Transfer-Marc (TMARC) offers services including free tutoring, study spaces, tutorial software, calculator rentals, textbooks, solution manuals, and handouts. The MARC serves students in Math 50 to Math 71, where as the TMARC serves students in Math 100 or above. Students can make an appointment by calling (909) 274-5014 (MARC) or (909) 274-5389 (TMARC).

For more info, please contact the <u>Learning</u> Assistance Center.



Fall 2013 Halloween Fest

Get Involved: Join the International Student Club!

International Student Club members have the opportunity to meet other international students, create new friendships, and learn more about other cultures from around the world! Attend different events such as BBQs, beach days, movie nights, and much more! For more information, please contact president Jimmy Wong (jwong143@mtsac.edu) or vice president Christopher Lee (tlee128@mtsac.edu)



Join us for **Tea Time** the first Tuesday of every month in the International Student Center from 3-4p. We will be having informal conversations about various topics to learn more about each other's experiences! Tea Time can help you meet new international students, develop social skills, and improve your English conversational skills! Contact Stacy Lee for more information.

Spring 2014 International Activities

March

31 Cesar Chavez Day (Campus Closed)

April

- 9 International Student Focus Group
- 18 Hiking and BBQ (International Student Club)
- 25 UCLA STOMP Transfer Conference

May

- 2 Game Day (International Student Club)
- 10 Water Balloon Fight (International Student Club)
- 20 International Student Recognition Ceremony
- 26 Memorial Day (Campus Closed)
- 31 Bonfire (International Student Club)

June

- 12 Transfer Recognition Ceremony
- 13 Commencement
- 23 First day of Summer Intersession



TRANSFER NEWS!



UC MERCED is offering free money to F-1 Students!

UC Merced will award a \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 for the Fall and \$2,500 for the Spring) Global Grant to gualified international undergraduate students in UC Merced sponsored F-1 visa status. The grant is offered to offset a portion of the UC non-resident tuition and fees for new and transfer international students and is UC Merced's commitment to bringing highly gualified students from all parts of the world to Merced.

To qualify for the grant, student must:

- Be accepted at UC Merced as a registered, full-time undergraduate student. New, transfer, and continuing students are eligible.
- Not be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Obtain a F-1 visa status sponsored by the University of California, Merced
- Be funded only by personal or family funds (not receiving funding from a scholarship organization, agency or government)
- Maintain continuous, full-time enrollment in good academic standing while at UC Merced (to ensure that the grant is renewed each semester.

All students that meet the above criteria will automatically qualify for the grant and no special application is required. Check out the website http://iss.ucmerced.edu/globalgrant for more information.

International Student Center

Need help with an issue . . . or a quiet place to study . . . or just a place to hang out? Come to the INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER, a special place on campus where you can connect with fellow F-1 students and the international community. Located on the upper level of the Students Services Center (9B), you will find comfortable spaces to network with friends as well as computer stations for your academic needs. Here's the place where you find out what's happening and what special activities are being planned for F-1 students, like workshops and field trips. The courteous staff at the ISC counter will refer you to all kinds of useful student services and resources. Got a question about anything related to the college or a personal need, we'll help find the answer. The ISC is where you can feel at home!



A World of Opportunity at Mt. SAC



International Student Program Newsletter

Website! www.mtsac.edu/international Contact Us: Mt. San Antonio College International Student **Program & Center** 1100 N. Grand Ave. Walnut, CA 91789

Check out our NEW International Student

Center Location: Student Services Building, 2nd level Tel: (909) 274-5032 Fax: (909) 274-2041 f1visa@mtsac.edu



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