



*You are invited...*

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**FOUNDERS HALL**

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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## Student Profile - Thuc Nguyen

**Thuc** who usually goes by “Sushi” is from Vietnam and came to the United States three years ago in January 2012. He decided to study in U.S. because the country provides the best education; plus, he wanted to experience new adventures in his early 20s. After arriving here, the first barrier was the language: he could not even speak to others since his English was not good enough to communicate. However, hard work and the multilingual environment helped him to improve his English very fast. As a result, he can sing English songs while playing guitar. Sushi is majoring in business focusing on Global trade because he loves making money and traveling around the world. Thuc is a member of Accounting Finance Management (AFM) and is a vice president of Vietnam Student Association (VSA). While being at Mt. SAC, Sushi works for International Student Program as a Student Assistant because he enjoys helping new and current international students become familiar with Mt. SAC and American culture.



During the last day in AMLA class in the first semester, Thuc heard that Evelyn Hills-Enriquez, his professor, was going to visit Hue, his home city in Vietnam. As Thuc asked the professor about the details of the trip, he wrote a letter to his mom. The professor went to visit his family and surprised the mother with the letter and Sushi's grade for AMLA class. It was a priceless moment when his mom received the gifts from her son.

A piece of advice from Thuc, “Don't be shy to show the world who you are. And smile!” Needless to say, Sushi has really become part of our Mt. SAC family. Thuc, we wish you the 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
- Depression
- 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



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 walk-ins 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 **Learning Assistance Center**.



Fall 2014 International Student Welcome Reception

## Spring 2015 International Activities

### February

23 Spring Semester Begins

### March

25 F1 Workshop: Employment Info  
30 Campus Closed: Cesar Chavez



### April

4 ISC: BBQ  
7 F1 Workshop: Scholarship  
20 ISC: Potluck  
24 Field Trip: UCLA STOMP Conference & Information Fair  
25 ISC: Bonfire

### May

6 F1 Workshop: Graduation  
16 ISC: Hiking/Camping  
20 International Student Recognition Ceremony  
23 ISC: Theme Park Tour  
25 Holiday: Memorial Day, Campus Closed

### June

11 Transfer Recognition Ceremony  
12 Commencement  
22 First Day of Summer Intersession



# 10 FREE THINGS TO DO IN LOS ANGELES



## 1. Capitalize on Free Museum Days

There are literally dozens of **free museums and museum days** for you to explore in Los Angeles such as LACMA, Huntington Gardens, MOCA or the Norton Simon.

## 2. Exploring the Sunken City

Check out an old neighborhood that literally fell over the side of a cliff on the California coast at the **Sunken City in San Pedro**.

## 3. Admiring The Chandelier Tree

A neighborhood gem in the heart of Silver Lake. Drive by during evening hours to see this **incredible tree light up the night**.

## 4. Hiking to the Hollywood Sign

Trek up to the top of the sign!

## 5. Taking a Free Trip to Catalina on Your Birthday

Register online and get a free trip on the Catalina Express on your birthday!

## 6. Viewing DTLA at the Observation Deck at City Hall

Get an incredible free view of downtown Los Angeles by going up to the **observation deck** on the 27th floor of City Hall.

## 7. Perusing Grand Central Market

Even if you don't partake in the food at **Grand Central Market** (and you should!), just wandering around and admiring the vibrancy and variety will be an enjoyable experience.

## 8. Hearing a Grand Performance in DTLA

A curated collection of **seasonal musical performances** in downtown Los Angeles, and totally free!

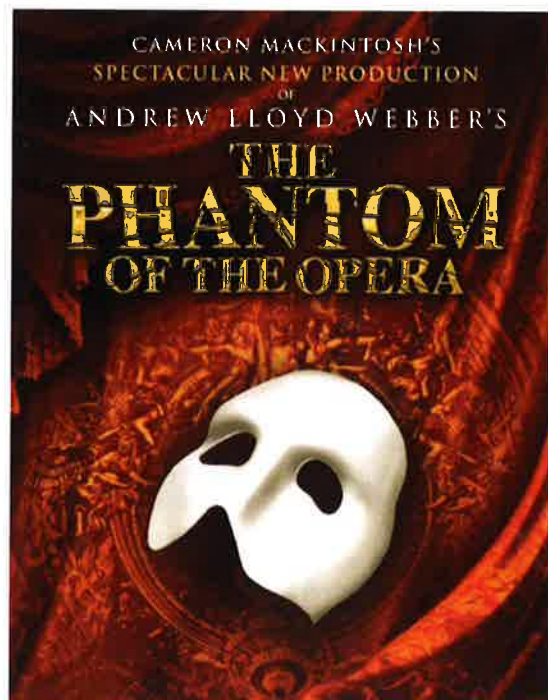
## 9. Observing Santa Monica through the Camera Obscura

A dark room inside a senior center in the heart of Santa Monica offers an artistic projection of the world that surrounds.

## 10. Walking at the Downtown Art Walk

Every second Thursday of the month see downtown Los Angeles come alive in a vibrant blend of art, community, culture and food known as the **DTLA Art Walk**.





***Coming Soon!***

**The Phantom of the Opera**

**Pantages Theatre**

**July 17, 2015**

**\*This field trip is open to all international students enrolled in summer intersession 2015. For additional information contact the International Student Center.**



## **International Trivia**

Test your International knowledge!

1. **What is the largest state in the United States?**  
 a. California                      c. Texas  
 b. Alaska                            d. Montana
2. **Which country elected it's first woman president in 2012?**  
 a. Iran                                c. South Korea  
 b. Egypt                              d. Liberia
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
4. **Which continent is the only one to have 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

### **F1 TIDBIT:**

**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.**

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

# TRANSFER NEWS!



Mt. SAC

## Transfer Services Interview:

SA - Student Assistant K - Krystle Bybee (Mt. SAC Transfer Specialist)

SA: Thank you for being interviewed for the International News, Krystle. I have prepared some questions to ask you about the Transfer Services at Mt. SAC. I wish to get some useful information for International Student. During Spring semester, I know that most of the universities are not yet opened for students to apply. What should we do to prepare for the transfer application?

K: For international students, who want to transfer to UC (University of California), they need to prepare for their application and personal statement. I strongly encourage them to start working on their personal statement as soon as possible, and we have the personal statement workshop every Fall semester.

SA: Do we have any transfer workshops in this semester that give the students some tips about transferring?

K: Actually, we do not have many workshops during Spring semester, but we do hold a large-scale transfer fair that hosts more than 50 universities coming to Mt. SAC and promoting their schools in April. Moreover, I suggest that students can try to visit university they are interested in. Also, students can connect with other University Representatives. The representatives provide students with useful advice and admission information, and they come to Mt SAC every month. Hence, come to the Transfer Center and make an appointment with the representatives to learn more about your desired transfer institutions.

SA: Finally, I would like to ask you about the out-of-state application. Do you have any advice or tips about that?

K: For out-of-state application, it really depends on the school student is going to apply. There are several systems for out-of-state school. If students are really interested about it, they can make an appointment with us at Transfer Services Center. We also provide walk-in appointments during October and November. Lastly, I strongly recommend students to use the resources that are provided by Transfer Services. We have a list of events that help students with transferring, including various university tours. Come to the Transfer Services Center located in building 9B, and visit us in person or on the web at <https://transfer.mtsac.edu>.

## Transfer Tips for International Students

***Before transferring to another school, remember to meet with your DSO. Bring your acceptance letter from the university you plan to attend along with the completed International Student Request Form.***

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- The transfer release date is when the DSO at your new school takes responsibility for your SEVIS record. Your SEVIS record must be current for you to maintain legal immigration status in the U.S., so it's crucial you keep open lines of communication with this official.
- To maintain legal immigration status, international students need to continue to attend classes while waiting for their transfer release date. Otherwise, your DSO could terminate your SEVIS record and Student Visa.
- Once you have a transfer release date, be sure to work with the DSO at your new school. They must create a new Form I-20 for you. And, you are required to contact this DSO within 15 days of the program start date on your new Form I-20.

## 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 the secretary, Kenneth ([mtsacisc@gmail.com](mailto:mtsacisc@gmail.com)), 626-510-5376. Or ask the student assistants in the International Student Center for more information about the club or visit our

Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/215818963131/photos/>

# F-1 Student Employment

**BULLETIN:** F-1 students have an option for one kind of work: on-campus employment. There are limited work opportunities available in the U.S. for F-1 students. For this reason, proof of financial ability is required prior to admission to the college. Off-campus work is not allowed. The U.S. government takes working illegally very seriously. If your DSO knows you are working without authorization, your SEVIS and your record can be terminated.





## Commencement Ceremony

Friday, June 12

6:30 PM

Hilmer Lodge Stadium

For more information, visit: <http://www.mtsac.edu/admissions/commencement.html>

**REMEMBER:** *There's still time to petition for graduation! Complete the Application for Graduation form by May 15, 2015.*



Remember to complete your program of study by the program end date listed on your Form I-20. If you need more time to graduate or complete your program, you must request a later program end date by contacting your Designated School Official (DSO), who can print an updated Form I-20 for you. Remember, your visa expiration date does not determine your permitted length of stay in the United States.

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

~ Lao Tzu

## We're Here for You!

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### Check out our **NEW** International Student Website!

[www.mtsac.edu/international](http://www.mtsac.edu/international)

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