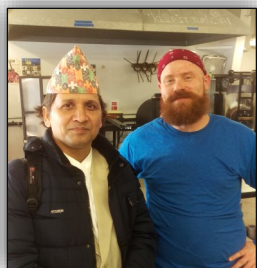


Fulbright Visitor from Nepal



Dr. Ajaya Bhattarai pictured here on the left with Kirkwood Instructor of glass blowing Christopher Gray.

Kirkwood hosted Dr. Ajaya Bhattarai, Fulbright Scholar from Nepal for a visiting lecture on Thursday, February 21. His visit was funded by the Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund that encourage Fulbright scholars to travel to other schools, particularly community colleges to share knowledge about their culture and area of study.

Dr. Bhattarai, presented the following topic: "Nepalese Culture: The Culture of Nepal from the Perspective of a Fulbright Awardee". He spoke about the diverse regions of Nepal, it's unique geography sandwiched between the large countries of China and India, and it's welcoming people. He showed images of the Himalayas, Mt Everest, native dress, the

flag and shared videos about other Americans' experiences in Nepal.

The lecture was delivered to a full house of Kirkwood faculty, staff and students. Dr. Bhattarai also had the opportunity to visit the Glassblowing Lab located in the Art Annex area at Kirkwood where he was amazed at the beautiful work being done. Dr. Bhattarai said his visit to Kirkwood was overwhelmingly positive and he looks forward to spreading the word about what a great college Kirkwood is.



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Student Message:

Spring Break Reminder

Kirkwood's Spring Break is March 17th - 23rd

See message in F-1 Student Features!

Kirkwood Community College's International Programs presents:

International Student TRANSFER FAIR & PIZZA

Tuesday, March 26th
11:00am - 1:00pm
Linn Hall 1152 /1154
Main Campus

Meet: Advisors from 12 Colleges and Universities:

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| <p>• Northwest Missouri State University</p> <p>• Upper Iowa University</p> <p>• University of Wisconsin-Platteville</p> <p>• University of Missouri</p> <p>• Drake University</p> <p>• Mount Mercy University</p> <p>• University of Iowa</p> <p>• Cornell College</p> <p>• South Dakota State</p> <p>• University of Northern Iowa</p> <p>• Iowa State University</p> <p>• University of Wisconsin - Stout</p> | <p>• Mizzou University of Missouri</p> <p>• Drake University</p> <p>• Cornell College</p> <p>• South Dakota State University</p> <p>• Iowa State University</p> <p>• University of Wisconsin - Stout</p> |
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Explore: Academic programs and scholarship opportunities
Discover: How easy it is to transfer your KCC credit
Questions: Send your questions to shannon.ingleby@kirkwood.edu

This event is open to all international students of Kirkwood Community College

Make sure to attend if you are planning to transfer to another school after Kirkwood!



International Programs Calendar of Events

- ▶ **March 1st – Spotlight Country** ⇒ Egypt
- ▶ **March 7th – Lunch & Learn Presentation** ⇒
Spotlight **Egypt** presentation in 3059 Cedar Hall at 11:15
- ▶ **March 17th -23rd – Spring Break** ⇒ No Classes
- ▶ **March 26th - Intl. Student Transfer Fair & Pizza** ⇒ 11:00 – 1:00pm. Linn Hall 1152. If you have any questions regarding the transfer fair contact:
Shannon.ingleby@kirkwood.edu.
- ▶ **March 29th - Rough Riders Hockey** ⇒ 7:00pm,
It's Kirkwood night, FREE with valid Eagle card.
Off campus event.

Student Presentations

Pakistan was the featured Spotlight country for the February Lunch & Learn presentation in Iowa City – it was arranged through the Multicultural Club. The Cedar Rapids February Spotlight Lunch & Learn presentation was on Mexico and was presented by Igor Sanchez.



International Student SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

ANSWER THE QUESTION
How will an international education help me make a difference in the world?

**APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP
BY APRIL 15, 2019**

For more information and to apply, go to:
lewermark.com/lewermark-scholarship

1ST PLACE:	\$1,500
2ND PLACE:	\$1,250
3RD PLACE:	\$1,000
4TH PLACE:	\$750

Please see attachment with this email for application and contest rules.

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International Student Insurance

CCI students visit African American Museum in Cedar Rapids



Kirkwood International students toured the African American Museum of Iowa which is dedicated to preserving, exhibiting and teaching Iowa's African American history. Students learned about the journey of African Americans in Iowa from slavery, the Civil War, the Underground Railroad, segregation to the Civil Rights movement.

F1 Student Features

- Spring Break Reminder: All F-1 visa students wishing to travel outside the U.S., will need to make sure **your** passport has not expired. In addition, you will need a travel signature on the 2nd page of your I-20. Stop by the International Programs office or Iowa City One Stop for a signature.
- If your I-20 is ending in May, you need to start thinking about next steps: Transfer to another school? Apply for OPT work authorization? Extend your program? Return home? Watch your email regarding next steps for each of these options.
- Scholarships for next academic year are due March 15th! Do not delay – apply today!
www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships

Global Spotlight Country of the Month:

Egypt – Thursday, March 7,
11:15 - 12:15 Cedar Hall 3059

Kirkwood's International Programs features a different country each month for our "Global Spotlight". This is an opportunity for our international students to showcase their country and its culture.

For more information about
Global Spotlight contact
Jane Ann Rix at:

319-398-7663 or email to
jane.rix@kirkwood.edu

Eagles Abroad News

- **Study Abroad Program Deadlines Extended:** Opportunities to study abroad this summer are still available through March 15. Go to www.kirkwood.edu/studyabroad to apply before it is too late!
- **Gilman Scholarship Application Due March 5:** The application deadline for the Gilman Scholarship is Tuesday, March 5 at midnight. Pell Eligible students who are selected for Gilman qualified programs should create a profile and complete the application on the Gilman Scholarship website www.gilmanscholarship.org. Questions? Contact: Ken Nesbett, Study Abroad Advisor ken.nesbett@kirkwood.edu
- **Study Abroad Health and Safety Orientation:** Save the Date! All selected study abroad students going on a Summer 2019 Program are required to attend the Health and Safety Orientation. Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, Cedar Rapids Campus.



Kirkwood's International Student Advisor Travels to Tunisia

International Student Advisor, **Shannon Ingleby**, traveled to Tunis, Tunisia in February to participate in interviews for the Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. As part of the interview panel, she interviewed and helped to search for the best candidates to come to the U.S. during the 2019-2020 academic year. Interview criteria included career goals, involvement in community service, leadership skills and interest in contributing back to Tunisia's economy. Also while in Tunisia, Shannon led an Innovation Chat with a group of 9 alumni from previous years. They discussed how their unique strengths can help them to become better leaders and they identified action steps to utilize their strengths.

Pictured are
Shannon Ingleby
with IREX alumni



Alumni Spotlight

International Student Alumni of the Month



Our International Alumni this month is **Badis Saidani**. Badis is from Tunisia and attended Kirkwood from 2017-2018 and studied ESL during the summer and IT in the Fall and Spring semesters. Currently, Badis is doing a graduation software engineering internship in Tunisia. He said time spent at Kirkwood and in the US "Was the best I have ever spent in my entire life." He got to improve his English, experience American culture and the American education system. Badis wanted to make sure to thank his advisors Shannon Ingleby and Jane Ann Rix and his mentor father Jeff Sherman as well as many others. Living in the US "Changed my life and my perspective of the world." To other Kirkwood students he had this to say "Enjoy your time to the fullest, it is really an amazing and unique experience and share as much as you possibly can of your culture."

Study Abroad Alumni of the Month



Emily Dawn Szajda is this month's Kirkwood Study Abroad Alumni Spotlight. Emily is originally from Victor, Iowa. During her time at Kirkwood she participated in the Culinary Arts study abroad program to Italy. Prior to the program she had travelled to Germany in high school and that helped start her interest in traveling abroad. Emily earned two degrees from Kirkwood before continuing to Arizona State in Tempe for a degree in History. Emily is a professional chef, a writer, a meditation and yoga instructor, and a sports nutritionist. Emily now lives in Washington D.C. with her family. Emily's advice to Kirkwood students is to be open to possibilities and opportunities, say yes to an experience when it presents itself and not to let fear take over. For more on Emily's amazing story check out her website <http://emilydawn yogaandwellness.com>.

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GENERAL INFO

Iowa City

Iowa City Resources for International Students

Kirkwood students in Iowa City, if you would like to practice speaking English informally with a conversation partner or small group there are opportunities for you. Please go to the website for [community resources](#) with opportunities listed.

International Advisors at Iowa City Campus

Schedule of dates advisors will be on Iowa City Campus

March 5 — 11:00am—4:00pm

March 6 — 8:00am— 4:00pm

March 12 — 11:00am—4:00pm

March 13 — 8:00am— 4:00pm

March 20 — 8:00am— 4:00pm

March 26 — 11:00am—4:00pm

March 27 — 8:00am— 4:00pm

Community Resources

Have questions regarding the resources available to the community at the Iowa City Campus?

Please contact

Brooke Strahn-Koller, Interim Executive Dean - 319-887-3614

brooke.strahn-koller@kirkwood.edu

Betty Adams, Center Coordinator
319-887-3610

betty.adams@kirkwood.edu

Contact us

Phone - 319-887-3658

Address: 1816 Lower Muscatine Rd.,
Iowa City, IA 52240

Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Cedar Rapids

Info for Cedar Rapids City Bus Users

If you're waiting for the bus and wonder where it's at, simply go to Ridecrt.com. Click on the route number and an arrow will show exactly which street or intersection your bus is at.

Please remember, that you may ride the bus on routes **7** and **11** for free when you show your Kirkwood Eagle card with the bus sticker on it.

The bus is FREE on Saturdays.

Tax Forms Reminder

2018 Income Tax Forms for F1
Visa Students

All non-resident F1 visa holders are required to file both 1040NR and the 8843 forms. Even if you did not earn any wages, these forms still must be completed. Click on <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040nr.pdf> and <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf> to download and print the forms.

*If you have any questions,
please stop by 1154 Linn Hall,
for assistance.*

Kirkwood Graduation Information

Graduation will be at 10:00 am on May 11, 2019, at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids. Please see the following link for more graduation details:
<http://www.kirkwood.edu/graduation>

Graduation is not automatic

– You must apply for graduation.

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Click on this icon



Prayer Room for Students

Prayer Room is available Monday-Friday from noon to 2:00pm each day in Cedar Hall room 3041.

Kirkwood Alert

is an alert system that allows Kirkwood to contact you during an emergency by sending text messages to your: email accounts and cell phone, pager or smartphone.

To Sign up if you are not on the Kirkwood Alert:

Or

Kirkwood Alert is powered by Cooper Notification's Roam Secure Alert Network

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