

School Is In Session

Welcome to all of the new international students joining Kirkwood for Fall 2019! And Welcome Back to all of our returning international students.

We hope this next school year will be educationally rewarding and that there will be many new friends and great experiences in store for you.



New International Visa Student Fall Orientation

On August 15th and 16th in Iowa City and August 19th and 20th in Cedar Rapids, Kirkwood held orientations for New International Visa students. These orientations cover information about many areas of the college that the new students will need to help them get off to a good start. The Cedar Rapids orientations had seventeen students in attendance, and there were thirteen in attendance at the Iowa City orientations.

Welcome to all of our new students, we are happy to have you here.!



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Meet Zoe

Meet **Zoe Ceynar**, the fresh new face working in the International office beginning this Fall. Please help us to welcome Zoe.



International Programs Calendar of Events

- ▶ **Sept 1st** – **Global Spotlight** ⇨ **India**
- ▶ **Sept 2nd** – **Labor Day** ⇨ College Holiday (No Classes)
- ▶ **Sept 5th** – **Fun Fair** ⇨ 10:00am - 1:00pm, Linn Hall
- ▶ **Sept 10th** – **Club Cookout** ⇨ 11:15am, outside of Iowa Hall. Learn all about Kirkwood clubs you can join.
- ▶ **Sept 12th** – **Study Abroad Fair** ⇨ 11:00am in Iowa Hall. Join us to learn all about Study Abroad programs.
- ▶ **Sept 17th** – **Global Spotlight Lunch & Learn** ⇨ 11:15 - 12:15pm, Cedar Hall 3059. Join us for this fun event.
- ▶ **Sept 17th** – **Global Food Fair** ⇨ 11:00 - 12:30pm, Cedar Hall 3rd floor lobby. All are welcome to this event.
- ▶ **Sept 24th** – **Fun Fair** ⇨ 10:00am - 1:00pm, Hort Building
- ▶ **Sept 25th** – **Fun Fair** ⇨ 10:00am - 1:00pm, Hospitality.

F1 Student Features

- F1 students are required to be enrolled full-time for the Fall semester which means you should have 12 credits. If you are not yet enrolled full-time, this must be done right away.
- Health insurance charges have been included on your tuition bill. Please pay your entire bill by September 25th to ensure you have health insurance coverage.
- If you are graduating in December and want to apply for OPT work authorization, stop by to see Shannon for details about the application process.



New Students from Tunisia

Kirkwood Community College is happy to welcome three new students who are part of the Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program! Talel, Maryem and Bilel are studying IT for the next year and are excited to meet people and get involved.

Global Spotlight

Kirkwood's International Programs is featuring the country of **India** as our "Global Spotlight" country for September. The students from India will have the opportunity to showcase their country and its culture. Join us on Sept. 17th for their Lunch and learn presentation at 11:15 - 12:15pm, Cedar Hall 3059. All are welcome.

New Leadership Team for 2019/20

Kirkwood's new International Student Leadership Team!

These six students are from different countries around the world and each hope to help make international students' experiences at Kirkwood positive and memorable. Team members are dedicated to the success and involvement of international students at both Iowa City and Cedar Rapids campuses.

You may see them at events, orientation or around campus *please say hello and introduce yourself!*



Pictured from L to R: Sanna Younis, Miyu Kojima, Nathan Gapo, Vrushti Bhatt and Jiajing Zhang. Not shown is Rebecca Mbali

Summer Study Abroad Wrap Up: 162 students and over 30 faculty participated in study abroad during the last academic year. The busy summer study abroad season finished off with two programs returning in August.

The **Singapore, Global Education Network (GEN)** program returned from three weeks in Singapore. Led by Ben Symonds, three students participated in field visits and academic courses in accounting, business and paramedics.

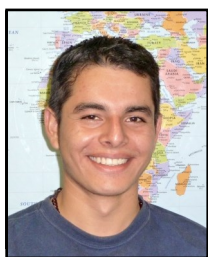
The **Peru, Spanish and Culture** program was led by Professor Richard Heath and Bridget Malone. 10 students studied at the Academia Latinoamericana de Español in Cuzco for three weeks. Students completed 4 credits of Spanish Language and enjoyed excursions to Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley of the Incas and Vinicunca, the Mountain of Seven Colors.



Study Abroad Fair: Save the Date! The Kirkwood Study Abroad Fair takes place on **Thursday, September 12 from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm, Iowa Hall 2nd Floor** (by the Café). This is a great opportunity for students to learn about global opportunities, scholarships and meet with study abroad alumni/faculty leaders. We will see you at the Fair!

Alumni Spotlight

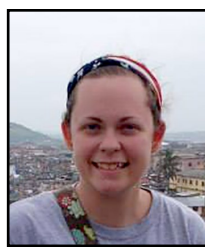
International Student Alumni of the Month



David Gonzales is our international student alumni for the month! He studied Agricultural Business and Culinary Arts at Kirkwood Community College from 2012-2014 as part of the SEED Program. David is from El Salvador and is now back in his home country. His three biggest

takeaways from his experience at Kirkwood were studying in an environment with so much diversity and meeting so many other students from different countries and cultures. He also appreciated learning from experienced teachers and great sources of practice such as the greenhouse, corn and soybean fields. Finally, he said that "the chance to have so many people supporting me - teachers, coordinators, friends, but knowing the control of learning was still on me" was impactful and lasting.

Study Abroad Alumni of the Month



Danielle Dougherty is our Study Abroad alumni this month, she is originally from Center Point, Iowa. She started classes at Kirkwood in 2012, graduating with her A.A. degree in 2014. After Kirkwood she attended the University of Northern Iowa and completed her degree in Elementary education. Today she is

an elementary school teacher in Central City. Danielle studied abroad twice with Kirkwood. In 2013 she participated in the Global Education Network (GEN) program for Early Childhood Education in Melbourne, Australia. In 2014 she took part in the Cross-Cultural Solutions program in Ghana, West Africa. In Ghana, Danielle completed a service learning experience with Ghanaian students in a K-5 classroom. Danielle's advice to students going on a study abroad, "Get to know those that are going with you, I made so many new friends from all over the world through these experiences!"

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GENERAL INFO

Iowa City

Community Resources

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

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Hours

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

Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

International

Advisors at

Iowa City Campus

Schedule of dates advisors will be on Iowa City Campus

Sept 3 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

Sept 4 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

Sept 10 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

Sept 11 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

Sept 24 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

Sept 25 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

Global Food Fair

As part of #WelcomingWeek, Kirkwood is hosting a Global Food Fair. Please bring a dish from your culture to share with Kirkwood students and staff! **Thursday, September 19th** in Iowa City in the common area.

A college library is a great place to come and study

We have both quiet study areas and group study rooms. Need help with research? Come ask our librarians! Did your instructor ask you to use APA or MLA source citation? We can get you started! Want to borrow a book, magazine, or DVD? We've got them. Need to use a desktop, print or borrow a laptop? We're here to help. Come in person AND find many resources on our website <http://www.kirkwood.edu/library> Also find us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. There are libraries in both Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. **For current hours go to:** <https://guides.kirkwood.edu/hours>.

Cedar Rapids



Welcoming Week 2019

Global FOOD FAIR

Tuesday Sept 17th

All are welcome to bring a dish to share from their culture and also to try out new foods!

**Kirkwood Main Campus
Cedar Rapids**

**Cedar Hall, 3rd floor lobby
11:00am - 12:30pm**

Everyone is welcome!

Welcoming Week is an annual celebration bringing together thousands of people and hundreds of local events that builds unity between the contributions of immigrants and refugees and the role long term residents play to foster greater welcome. Welcoming Week is Sept. 13-22 across the country and is expanding to other parts of the world.

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Join us to learn all about STEM

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Club is open to all students and it is run by students. We provide pizza at each meeting and do a fun group activity. It is a great way to meet students and get involved. You do not need to be a STEM major to come to the meetings. We meet at 11:15 on the following Tuesdays in Linn Hall room 3126: Sept 3 & 16, Oct 1 & 15, Nov 5 & 19, Dec.3. Check us out anytime!

You can talk to any Math or Science instructor if you want more information.

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