

International Week Nov. 18th – 22nd

If you have any questions regarding any of the planned events please feel free to check with the International Programs office 1154 Linn Hall or you can call 398-5579.

Here is the schedule for International Week:

Monday, Nov. 18th – **International Programs Coffee and Tea Time**, Enjoy coffee and tea tastings from around the world, room 1154 Linn Hall from 11:00am – 2:00pm

Tuesday, Nov 19th – **International Showcase Day**, Cedar Rapids main campus, International students and cultural groups will showcase the cultural diversity of their countries. At The Café in Iowa Hall, from 10:00am – 1:00 pm

Global Service and Culture Showcase - Iowa City campus, International students and cultural groups will showcase the cultural diversity of their countries. In the commons area from 11:00am – 12:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov 20th – **Passports, Photos & Pizza**. Free passport photos and pizza for Kirkwood travelers. Room 1152 Linn Hall, Noon – 2:00 pm

Thursday, Nov 21st – **Panel: Internationalizing the Campus**. An informative and interactive conversation about how internationalization has impacted Kirkwood. 3rd Flr. Iowa Hall, from 11:15am – 12:15pm

Friday, Nov 22nd – **World Food Celebration** from 5:00pm at the Kirkwood Court / Campus View Clubhouse. Start planning now for what food you can bring and share – it should be a taste that is unique to your home country!

For detailed descriptions of International week events, go to:

<http://www.kirkwood.edu/internationalevents>

Danish Students Visit Kirkwood

Last month Kirkwood had the pleasure of hosting two different cultural study abroad groups from Denmark! The two schools (Zealand Institute of Business and Technology and Zealand Business College) spent time on both the Main and Iowa City campuses where they studied U.S. Marketing, Business, Immigration and Politics. In all, 33 students and 5 faculty from Denmark enjoyed meeting new people and learning about the cultural differences between the two countries. Thanks to everyone involved at Kirkwood for making these groups so successful!



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Don't Miss Out!

Make sure to sign up for a display table for the International Student Showcase on Tuesday, Nov. 19th.

Tables and space are limited so don't wait to reserve yours!

To sign up, send an email to maria.moore@kirkwood.edu

fill it out form and return it to the International office 1154 Linn Hall or email complete form back to Maria Moore.

International Programs Calendar of Events

- ▶ Nov 1st – **Global Spotlight** ⇨ **Sudan**
- ▶ Nov 4th – 8th – **Spring Registration Week**
- ▶ Nov 5th – **Lunch & Learn** ⇨ 11:15 - 12:15pm, Cedar Hall 3059. Bring your lunch and join us to learn about Sudan.
- ▶ Nov 16th – **Mall of America Trip** ⇨ Sign up in advance by contacting Student Life.
- ▶ Nov 18th – 22nd – **International Education Week** ⇨
(See pg. 1 for details)
- ▶ Nov 27th - 30th – **Thanksgiving Break** ⇨ No school.

F1 Student Features

- Priority registration begins November 4th! Your International Hold will be cleared before that day so that you are able to register.
- Get involved in International Education Week! There are many opportunities to showcase your culture. Contact Shannon for specific ideas and sign ups.
- Are you graduating at the end of this semester? It's time to get your OPT applications in so that you can be approved to work for one year following graduation.

Pumpkin Carving Fun!

Kirkwood hosted two pumpkin carving events on October 30th to help international students in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City celebrate Halloween. Here are some highlights from the two events.





Passports, Photos and Pizza

Event: Students and employees are invited to stop by International Programs from NOON to 2:00 pm on **Wednesday, November 20** to obtain a free passport photo + a slice of pizza. Advisors will be on hand to assist you with the passport application process, as well! This event is part of International Education Week.



Gilman Scholarship Opportunity for Pell Students:

The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Program is a nationally competitive scholarship sponsored by the US Department of State. The scholarship aims to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad by offering awards to U.S. undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints. Over 20 Kirkwood students have won the award in the past four years! Pell Eligible students are invited to one of the upcoming workshops to learn how to prepare a successful application.

Cedar Rapids Campus, Friday, November 8: NOON to 1:00 pm, Linn Hall 1140

Iowa City Campus Tuesday, November 18, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Room, 352

There are more workshops scheduled during the Spring Semester. Visit www.kirkwood.edu/studyabroad for more information!

Alumni Spotlight

International Student Alumni of the Month



Jun Zhu is the November international student of the month. Jun is from China, he started at Kirkwood in 2016. Before coming to Kirkwood he attended a university in China, he quit that university, then came to the U.S. and Kirkwood. One of the things Jun enjoyed the most about the U.S., Pizza, Pizza, Pizza! He really liked it. Jun mentions some of the differences he noticed between schools in China and the U.S.

Jun enjoyed the school atmosphere. Here you can meet students from different countries, you can reach different cultures and customs. In the classroom, the teacher's lecture content is vivid. More importantly, the teacher can help you in the classroom regardless of any confusion you have.

In terms of grades, the results are depend on each assignment, the exam, and group project. But in China, Jun says the results all depend on the midterm exam and final. His current status; Transferred to Another School for Bachelor's Degree. University of Iowa Business Analytics Major

Study Abroad Alumni of the Month



Brendan McCormick is from Muscatine, Iowa. He studied Business Administration at Kirkwood from 2015-2017 and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Marketing at the University of Iowa. (May 2019) Brendan studied abroad in Melbourne and Sydney Australia on the International Marketing program in May 2016. His study abroad experience helped expose him to new cultures, perspectives and strengthened his entrepreneurial spirit. He currently owns two small businesses in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City corridor. His first business, McCormick Staining Services offers professional deck staining and painting services. His second is a packaged food product business called Tiny Baker. Brendan's advice for current Kirkwood students is, "Seize every opportunity; valuable, completely unexpected surprises often accompany trying something new and/or unknown."

Check out Brendan's companies at: www.mccormickstainingservices.com, www.tinybaker.net

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GENERAL INFO

Iowa City

Community Resources

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

Please contact

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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

International

Advisors at

Iowa City Campus

Schedule of dates advisors will be on Iowa City Campus

Nov 5 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

Nov 6 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

Nov 12 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

Nov 13 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

Nov 19 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

Nov 20 — 8:00am — 4:00pm

Nov 26 — 11:00am — 4:00pm

A college library is a great place to come and study

We have both quiet study areas and group study rooms. 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

Global Spotlight

Kirkwood's International Programs is featuring the country of **Sudan** as our "Global Spotlight" country for November. The students from Sudan will showcase their country and its culture. Join us on Nov. 5th for their Lunch and learn presentation at 11:15 - 12:15pm, Cedar Hall 3059. All are welcome.

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.

Thanksgiving Holiday Break - Nov. 27th — 30th

November 28 is the American holiday of Thanksgiving! There will be no classes on the 27th through the 30th.

Please Note: F1 Visa students if you are travelling outside of the US, **remember to have your I-20 signed prior to your departure.**

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