It’s International Education Week!

Find International Week Events on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/PittInternationalWeek

Click on “Events” to see each event planned for the Week!

Join OIS in celebrating International Week during the International Week Restaurant Tour at one of ten Pittsburgh restaurants featuring ethnic cuisine! The restaurants below have agreed to offer $8 dinner specials between Monday—Friday, November 12-16. Please check the business hours to make sure when dinner is offered. Like us on Facebook:

facebook.com/IntlWkRestaurantTour

AJ’s Incas Peruvian Restaurant
3608 5th Ave.
412-586-4382
ajsperuvianrestaurant.com

Abay Ethiopian Cuisine
130 South Highland Ave.
412-661-9736
abayrestaurant.com

Alma Pan-Latin Kitchen
7606 Forbes Ave.
412-727-6320
almapgh.com

Golden Palace Buffet
3607 Forbes Ave.
412-687-2288

Joe Mama’s Italian Deluxe
3716 Forbes Ave.
412-621-7282
joemamas.com

Mi Ranchito
346 Atwood Street
412-481-6325
http://tinyurl.com/bl5rshx

Qdoba Mexican Grill
3712 Forbes Ave.
412-802-7866
qdoba.com

Sorrento’s Pizza
233 Atwood Street
412-621-9129

Tamarind Flavor of India
257 North Craig Street
412-605-0500

Yuva India
412 S Craig Street
412-681-5700
tamarindpa.com
## Selected International Week Events

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For a comprehensive list of events, locations, dates, times and other details visit [facebook.com/PittInternationalWeek/events](https://facebook.com/PittInternationalWeek/events)
Did you know about PMADD?

This year was the 6th annual Pitt Makes a Difference Day (PMADD). This event, held the third Saturday of October, asks Pitt community members, mostly students, to spend a few hours helping a variety of different communities and organizations around Pittsburgh. This year alone there were more than 3000 participants at 67 different locations in the area. These projects varied from helping to pick up trash to painting to preparing food boxes at the food bank, and these are only a few of the different ways the Pitt students, faculty, and staff helped make a difference. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please visit the PMADD website and remember to look for the PMADD registration next fall!
Please help us improve the international student experience at Pitt!

We are asking you to complete the OIS International Student Survey about your experience thus far at the University of Pittsburgh. This year’s survey is the second in a three-year series that is being used to determine what is working well and what is frustrating so that we can help current and future students have the best collegiate experience possible.

Your responses will be confidential.

Please be assured that your responses will be confidential and the resulting data will not identify you in any way. We do want to caution you, though, that the reporting process includes the text of any comments that you provide; therefore, we recommend that you avoid making comments that might enable you to be individually identified.

This survey is extremely important to the University and we sincerely hope that each international student will take the time to complete it—average time to complete it is 15-20 minutes. However, we also want you to know that you will not be subject to any penalty of any kind if you do not complete it. Please be sure to encourage your friends to complete it as well.

You could be a winner!

The survey forms part of a wider ongoing study and is independently administered for the University by the International Graduate Insight Group. Those successfully submitting a completed questionnaire will have the opportunity to win either an Apple iPad or iPod, which are offered by OIS, or to be entered into a drawing to win a $1,000 cash prize or to suggest a $1,000 donation to charity, which is offered by i-graduate. In all cases, the winners will be chosen by i-graduate to ensure that your submission remains confidential and anonymous.

Further analysis may be done at Pitt on the data and by taking part in the survey you agree to this. If you want to know more about i-graduate, please view its privacy policy and FAQs.

Thank you for your participation!

Just click here to start the OIS International Student Survey!
Spotlight On: ANKUR (Indian Graduate Student Association)

The Indian Graduate Student Association for University of Pittsburgh is an apolitical student organization aiming to substantially represent the Indian community in Pittsburgh at large. The word ANKUR means a blooming bud and living by its name this organization reaches out to provide the cordial atmosphere to Indian students at Pitt to blossom to their full potential. ANKUR reaches out to students who have come here to win laurels and make their mark to ensure that their stay in US is a pleasant and memorable one.

We help new incoming students with airport pick-up on their arrival here; provide temporary accommodation until they find an apartment to settle down in; provide relevant information regarding transportation, grocery, extracurricular activities, and emergency situations to facilitate their smooth transition into life in US. Once students are well ensconced in their surroundings, we host a formal ice breaking event called the ‘Fresher’s welcome’ to introduce them to the Pittsburgh student family and to embrace them as one of our new members to the family. Ankur’s senior students have experienced the gamut of emotional upheaval during their initial days and can clearly perceive the emotional turmoil; homesickness; feeling overwhelmed by course work; work pressure; and multitasking challenges that the newcomers are confronted with. We do realize that real world is not easy, and flying out from the cocoon of our comfortable homes and exploring a new world is beset with enormous challenges and responsibilities. Keeping all this in mind we at ANKUR extend a friendly hand to ease out their anxiety and to reassure them as living examples that it’s hard, but not impossible, to strive for their goals and to achieve their dreams. We try to promote camaraderie and make them feel secure and at home in any small way we can so that they have a happy and successful stay out here.

DIWALI

In order to ameliorate the longing for the festivities back in our homeland, ANKUR also celebrates Diwali, the biggest festival celebrated all across India. Diwali is a modern version of the word ‘Deepavali’, which means a row of lamps. It signifies the eternal triumph of good over evil, of truth and virtue over falsehood and vices, and reminds us that enlightenment dispels all darkness and ignorance of our mind. Mythologically, Diwali commemorates the return of Lord Rama, along with his wife Sita and brother Lakshmana, from his 14-year-long exile and vanquishing the demon-king Ravana. It is that time of the year when families and friends come together, exchange sweets and gifts with their loved ones, wear new clothes and celebrate the occasion by lighting up their homes with lamps, lights, crackers, music and dancing.

ANKUR, celebrates Diwali every year in a magnitude reminiscent of the festivities back in India so that everyone at Pitt can get a taste of the fun, frolic and festive fervor, regardless of being thousands of miles from home. It is these moments of your life when you crave to be with your family and we at ANKUR make an honest effort to partially fill up the void especially at this celebration. ANKUR would like to cordially invite you all to come for Diwali and be a part of the celebration and spread the joy around.

Diwali at Pitt:

ANKUR Diwali celebrations are the focal point of my Diwali at Pitt. Not only does ANKUR facilitate a unified podium to portray folk dances from different parts of India, but it also proves to be a great medium to enjoy the festivities with fellow Pitt students. In addition to the cultural performances on Diwali, Ankur offers authentic Indian food and sweets befitting a festive meal! A trip to Sri Venkateswara Temple and Hindu Jain Temples in Monroeville for the traditional prayers would leave anyone feeling blessed. Although we don’t really get enough of Diwali fireworks, the food and fun, laughter and bonding with other students on Diwali make it a wholesome experience.
Meet the OIS Student Staff!

Quan Chen (Steven) — Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
Hello and my name is Quan Chen, although I often name myself Steven. As a philosophy major freshman, I enjoy different things in different ways. As a human I love to sit under the afternoon sunshine and read some books as well as taking some beautiful pictures since now photography is my temporary hobby. As a man, I love to do some exercise over the day including weight training and boxing. As a student I spend the rest of my time solving daily tasks and play some video games as a leisure activity. Also as a creature I love to enjoy different kinds of delicious foods. Live happily and be philosophical!

Boxuan Duan (Fiona) — College of Business Administration
Hey, my name is Boxuan Duan. I came from China, and this year is my sophomore year in Pitt. The first time I came to Pittsburgh and Pitt, I just felt a feeling of familiarity somehow. Pittsburgh is my second hometown! I love Pittsburgh! I love Pitt!

Jingwen Fu — Graduate School of Public & International Affairs
My name is Jingwen Fu, I am a second year master student studying my program in GSPIA. I like to travel different places to broaden my horizon. That is why I choose to study in United States. The experience of being an international student is very exciting because I can get to know different kinds of people. For one year, I experienced a totally different life style than I did in my home country. Life in the US is wonderful, I can get surprise every day.

Kai Fu — College of Business Administration
My name is Kai, a freshman major in CBA. I am an easygoing and energetic girl from Beijing, China. I love dancing very much, especially Latin Dancing, an inseparable part of my life. Every time I hear the music, I cannot help dancing with all my enthusiasm whole heartedly. I’m so excited to be here at Pitt, and work in OIS. I believe the life here would be wonderful and memorable.
Meet the OIS Student Staff!

**Xiaoye Jin — Graduate School of Public & International Affairs**

My name is Xiaoye Jin and I am a master student in Public and International Affairs at Pitt. I work as a student worker at OIS at the same time, and found it very interesting meeting different people and carry out various projects. Basically I love everything: books, movies, music, sports J. So pop quiz: what English word you know that has four “A”s? (I don’t know what to say……aaaaaaahhhhhhhhh)

**Xuehong Li (Shirley) — Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences**

My name is Xuehong Li, but all my friends call me Shirley. I am from China and I am a sophomore here. I have been working at the Office of International Services for almost a year and I love my job!!!! Studying and working in the US make my life extremely unique and different from others’ because I feel like I am nurturing myself as a strong and independent person. I am funny and talkative, so if you are free, come and talk to me at the Union. I will be happy to help you if you have any question and concern.

**Su Mei Ma — Graduate School of Public & International Affairs**

I have a strong global outlook, and I am particularly interested in international migration and economic development with a regional focus on Southeast Asia. I am a second year graduate student at GSPIA, pursuing a master degree in MPIA-Human Security. Grown up in San Francisco makes me a nature-lover and an outdoor explorer. I have been skating on Lake Louise in Canada, river rafting at Yosemite, rock climbing at the Arches, and hang gliding along the Pacific Ocean shoreline. After graduation, I would like to become an immigration services officer in USCIS.

**Yi Zhou — School of Education**

I am a second year graduate student in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. I enjoy working in OIS, in a diverse environment with many wonderful people. I have a lot of interesting things to do besides studying. I like swimming, exploring new areas, and try different things. I used to be a hotel connoisseur in nine cities around China. This summer, I successfully traveled to Europe for three weeks by myself. I have also experienced different parts of America in the past year. I captured a lot of exciting moment during these travels, which made me want to be a photographer. But that’s not realistic. After graduation, I plan to do something related to international education in an academic setting.
OIS PRACTICAL TIPS: Travel

Travel Information and Suggestions!

As the winter break nears, many international students will want to travel home to be with their friends and family. Here are some important steps to take before getting on that plane!

• Make sure your passport is valid.

• Make sure your I-20 or DS-2019 has a valid travel signature. If you are an F-1 student, your travel signature will be on the bottom of page 3 of your I-20. If you are currently enrolled as a student, the signature cannot be more than 12 months old. If you are on post-completion OPT, the signature cannot be more than 6 months old. If you are a J-1 student, your travel signature will be on page 1 of your DS-2019. If you are currently enrolled as a student, the signature must not be more than 12 months old. If you are on post-completion Academic Training, the signature must not be more than 6 months old.

• Check your visa expiration date. If your visa stamp has expired, you will have to apply for a new one before you return to the United States. Be sure to visit your consulate’s website for the application requirements and to schedule a visa appointment.

• Check to see if you need a visa for your destination. If you are visiting a country that isn’t home, make sure to check with that country’s embassy or consulate in the United States to see if you require a visa.

• Make sure you have all your travel documents. You will need your passport, visa, I-94 card, I-20/DS-2019 form with valid travel signature, and documentation of your finances. As an extra precaution, students may also bring an enrollment verification letter or an official transcript as proof they are maintaining their status. F-1 students on OPT should also carry their EAD card and employment offer letter. J-1 students on post-completion AT should carry their employment offer letter.

• Pack your travel documents in your carry-on. You will want to keep your documents close to you and have easy access to them at all times.

TRAVEL SIGNATURE WEEK

In order to help you get a travel signature as easily as possible, OIS is offering a Travel Signature Week. On these days, you don’t need an appointment or to come back later to get your travel documents signed. Simply come into OIS from 1pm — 4pm and your document will be signed then and there!

Travel Signature Week will be:

December 3 — 7

Bring your I-20 or DS 2019 & passport!

As you make your travel plans, keep in mind that the Fall Term ends December 14th and the Spring Term begins January 7th!
INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST 2012

VISIT THE PHOTO GALLERY!
You can see the top 5 photos & essays from each category in the Kimbo Art Gallery on the ground floor of the William Pitt Union during the international week – Monday November 12 to Wednesday November 14 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

“I felt like I was part of this big Pitt family”

COME VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!
Pitt faculty, staff, and students can vote for their favorite photo and essay in each category.

Voting will end Wednesday November 14 at 5:00pm. The winners will be announced on Thursday, November 15 at 4:00 pm during a private ceremony.

$100 PRIZES FOR:
Study Abroad Students & International Students:
- Life Changing Experience
- Cross Cultural Experience
- Postcard

Faculty and Staff:
- Postcard

$200 PRIZE FOR:
- Judge’s Choice
When living in Pittsburgh, it is an absolute must to try a Primanti Brothers’ sandwich. Primanti’s is a Pittsburgh classic, opening in the 1930s as a sandwich cart in the Strip District on 18th Street. The restaurant has grown in popularity and now has 18 locations in Pittsburgh and 3 locations in Florida! Primanti’s has become famous, featured in National Geographic, Food Paradise, and Man vs. Food on the Travel Channel.

So what makes Primanti’s so special? They put the fries and coleslaw on the sandwich! The concept might sound crazy to some, but as a restaurateur and Pittsburgh native, I find it completely genius. The mixture of the crispy fries, seared lunch meat, melted cheesy, tangy coleslaw, and fresh tomatoes is a unique and delicious combo. Plus the sandwich is completed with fresh Italian bread from local bakery Mancini’s (also located in the Strip District). I recently visited Primanti’s in Oakland for my restaurant review, though I have been to Primanti’s on numerous occasions. There are many different meat options one can order. My personal favorite is the pastrami, but I chose turkey and cheese this time. The sandwich was humongous! Also, I ordered the chili fries, which were perfect for a cold, rainy day. My eyes were bigger than my stomach and could not finish the delicious meal!

Primanti’s in Oakland can be found at 3803 Forbes Ave. Hours are Sunday – Wednesday from 10:00 am – midnight and Thursday – Saturday from 10:00 am – 3:00 am.

Are You a “Yinzer”? 

The word “Yinz” is a second-person plural pronoun used mainly in Pittsburgh to refer to a group of more than two people. One example of usage is: “Are yinz goin’ dahn to the game today?” A “Yinzer” is someone native to the Pittsburgh area who wears Pittsburgh sports gear and speaks in a thick Pittsburgh accent. It can be considered a pejorative term although most natives will willingly accept this term as a designation to show their pride in da Burgh.

You can see one of the most popular Yinzers in action on the Pittsburgh Dad Channel on YouTube.

You can look up the definition of the word “yinzer” and others such as “caach”, “chipped chopped ham”, “drawling”, “druthers”, “dupa”, “flahr”, and many more on the site www.pittsburghese.com.

Office of Cross Cultural and Leadership Development (CCLD)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Overcoming Test Anxiety**
Midterms got you feeling blue? Learn how to tackle the greatest hurdle of taking exams.

**Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 6 pm**
G-1 Gardner Steel
Convention Center
Call 412-648-7930 to register.

**Global Ties: How to Talk to Professors 101**
Come learn about different ways to address your professors in different situations in our informative session! Stay on top of your classes with some helpful advice.

**Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 5:30pm**
538 WPU

**Global Ties: What’s OCC?**
Come attend the International Out of Classroom (OCC) Experience Info Session! Learn about the benefits of the OCC, what requirements can be fulfilled through cultural activities, and more. Please bring a laptop.

**Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 6 pm**
538 WPU

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**International Week Events**
International Education Week is a national event sponsored by the US Departments of State and Education. Beginning November 12th, a wide variety of events and activities will be offered throughout Oakland to promote international understanding. A sampling of events taking place include: The Study Abroad Fair, International Movie Nights, International Food in Market Central, and deals from Oakland Restaurants. Get involved with everything going on by checking out www.facebook.com/PittInternationalWeek or follow @Pittstudyabroad on Twitter. Don’t miss out on these great events!

- **November 6:** David So (comedian) O’Hara Ballroom. Doors open at 7:45pm
  [http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/397388280332721/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/397388280332721/)

- **November 11:** Golden Chinese Acrobat. Bellfield at 7:30pm (Free for Pitt Students, $5 General Public)

- **November 16:** Cultural Fair. Assembly Room (12:30-5:00pm)
  [http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/359438717481856/?context=create](http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/359438717481856/?context=create)

- **November 17:** Pojangmacha Night (Korean Night Market). 5th Floor William Pitt Union at 9:30pm

- **November 18:** Hari Kondabolu (comedian) O’Hara Dining Room. Doors open at 7:45pm
  [http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/pittasa/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/pittasa/)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 6th (Tuesday): American Election Day
- 7th (Wednesday): Spring Term Enrollment Begins
- 10th (Saturday): Nationality Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning Decorated in Holiday Styles!
- 10th—17th: International Week
- 21st—23rd: Thanksgiving Break—No Classes!
- 24th (Saturday): Pitt Football vs. Rutgers at Heinz Field—Last Home Game!

DECEMBER

- 3rd—7th: Travel Signature Week in OIS
- 7th (Friday): Last Day of Undergraduate Classes
- 7th (Friday): Last Day to Take the OIS International Student Survey and Possibly Win an iPad or iPod!!!
- 10th—15th: Finals Week
- 16th (Sunday): Residence Halls Close
- 16th thru January 6th: Winter Recess—No Classes!

ONGOING

- First Sunday of every month — International Market Days in the Strip District 10AM—4PM.
- Every Friday OIS hosts a session on Optional Practical Training (OPT) from 2PM—3PM. Registration is required and can be done on the OIS website.

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