



LCSC INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER

International Programs Office Welcomes New Staff

The International Programs at Lewis-Clark State College is pleased to announce that international student enrollment is up by 8.3% over last year with a total of 140 students from 29 countries! And these numbers do not include many of our wonderful students studying at the Institute of Intensive English and who are not – as yet – enrolled in college classes. The students represent countries from all corners of the globe: Nepal, Sweden, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil, Kenya, France, and many others. Welcome all!

We have reassigned some of our long time staff to other duties and hired several new people to help us continue to grow and expand our services to our growing population of international students. We have made the following changes:

Suguru Fujiwara, who for two years was an advisor for international students, is now working in the main office helping to bring new students in. If you have questions about the admissions process, or need to speak to someone in Japanese, he's the staff member to call! His number is (208) 792-2177 and his e-mail is sfujiwara@lsc.edu.

To replace him we have not one but two new Service Corps members! We are indeed lucky to have Selina Barua and Maria Lacey join our staff.

Selina Barua hails from “the city that never sleeps”, the great New York City. As an only child, she spent a lot of time alone reading and writing poetry and scripts. As her love for writing and literature deepened – and after spending several years in the corporate business world – she pursued her BA in English Literature, graduating from Marymount Manhattan College in 2004. She has considerable experience teaching English, especially ESL, reading, and literature. She can answer any questions you may have about English literature. She can be reached at (208) 792-2913 or spbarua@lsc.edu



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Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ IIE Spring 1 term begins January 2, 2008; Spring 2 term begins February 25, 2008.
- ☺ LCSC Spring session begins January 14, 2008.

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The International Programs Staff. From left: Suguru Fujiwara, Dana Elliott, Rebecca Fromdahl, Maria Lacey, Director Kathleen Grussing, Colleen Knowlton, Miki Johnson, Heather Boydell, and Selina Barua.

Maria Lacey comes from the local area, a small town with a total population of 285, quite unlike NYC! She has worked for us before as a tutor and an activities coordinator. When a position in our office came open, she jumped at the chance to work here again! She will soon complete her BA in English as well as an AA in Humanities. In addition to tutoring and mentoring, she has considerable experience in the writing center. She has traveled to Europe and lived in Australia for a time, so she knows what it's like to be an international student. Maria can be reached at (208) 792-2192 or mlacey@lcsc.edu.

Rebecca Fromdahl, our former Study Abroad counselor and a teacher, is now our Coordinator of International Student Services. Feel free to congratulate her on her new promotion! She handles all in-coming international students for LCSC and helps them whenever they have questions or concerns. Having lived overseas herself, she is well acquainted with issues facing international students and lends a very sympathetic ear. She can be reached at (208) 792-2877 or rfromdahl@lcsc.edu.

To replace Rebecca, we have hired Dana Elliott. Dana has a master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language and graduated near the top of her class. (We only hire the best!). In addition to her years as a teacher, she was also granted a coveted Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Germany. She has also lived and studied abroad in New Zealand. You can contact her at (208) 792-2184 or drelliott@lcsc.edu

To meet the demands of the growth we have been experiencing, we have hired another teacher. Everyone please welcome Heather Boydell! Heather, from Moscow, Idaho, has a Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language as well as two bachelors degrees — one in English and one in Spanish. As with all of our teachers, she has several years of teaching experience, with an emphasis on writing. Having studied in Spain and lived and worked in South Korea, she knows what it is like for international students here. She is very sympathetic to all their concerns about living in a foreign land and adjusting to life overseas. She is happy to be working at the IPO office and enjoys working with the warm, friendly people at LCSC. She can be reached at hkboydell@lcsc.edu

[“Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. Education is essential to change, for education creates both new wants and the ability to satisfy them.”](#)

Henry Steele Commager

Change is good. Change is growth.

Miki Johnson

[Your Students Can Receive Scholarships at LCSC!](#)

Your students may have chosen LCSC for high-quality education at an affordable price. However, did you know that LCSC also offers a generous amount of financial aid to international students? Not only are students able to apply for Presidential out-of-state tuition waivers, but they can also apply for the International Club scholarship for an international student. Scholarships reduce tuition expenses by \$3,000 - \$5,000 a year. These Presidential Scholarships are available only to new LCSC applicants who plan to enroll in a college program. The student must have strong grades from their secondary education or higher education. If an IIE student receives a scholarship, it will begin when the student enters a college program. Of the 117 plus admission letters we have sent out for Spring 2008, 43 of the applicants have received scholarships so far. Over **\$78,000** in scholarships have already been awarded to international applicants--**just for spring semester 2008!** These scholarships are renewable for up to eight semesters (4 years) for incoming freshmen, as long as the student maintains at least a 2.5 grade point average. Transfer students will be able to renew the award until the estimated time of program completion. Our scholarships open doors for your students to study abroad!

For more information, please contact us, or visit us on the web at www.lcsc.edu/admissions/intl.

Rebecca Fromdahl

Lewis-Clark State College to Get a New Nursing Building

Lewis-Clark State College officials have selected the area north of Talkington Hall as the location for the new Nursing/Health Sciences Building, college administrators announced on Monday. Construction on the building is expected to begin in March and the \$16 million project is expected to be completed prior to the 2009 Fall semester.

“This building illustrates LCSC’s forward movement, its growth, and its strength,” LCSC President Dene K. Thomas said. “Selection of this site also will result in the removal of the fewest trees on campus,” Thomas said. “The location also allows for a major entrance to campus coming from the north.” Thomas says the selected area is large enough that there will still be enough room for volleyball courts and lawn areas.

It’s a Small, Small World!

What do Japan, the U.S. and Hungary all have in common? Cooperation in the education of future doctors and health professionals! The Institute of Intensive English (IIE) hosted 16 Japanese students this summer for a very special and unique program. The students were all pre-medical students preparing to go to medical school in Eastern Europe. Their program at IIE included full-time intensive language instruction, special tutoring services, homestays, and a special seminar to prepare them for their future careers in medicine. Dr. Jacob Hornby, LCSC’s pre-med advisor, met with students to give them information about how to prepare for medical school and what to expect. Students also had an opportunity to participate in a comprehensive tour of St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center and meet with a variety of health professionals. The students’ final experience was to “shadow” doctors and nurses and other medical personnel at the Snake River Community Clinic in Lewiston. These very practical, hands-on experiences complemented their language studies and has prepared them well for their next exciting educational adventure.

Kathy Grussing, Director



Japanese medical students gather outside St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

Students on a tour of the hospital.



Academic Support

Lewis-Clark State College is dedicated to the success of its college and language school students. Academic support is available to all students in the Math and Sciences lab, the Writing Center, and on-campus computer labs. Students enrolled in LCSC’s professional and technical programs may also use the campus Learning Resource Center. We have recently upgraded the workstations in the small computer lab specifically for international students located in the International Programs Office. We also have a multi-media lab reserved solely for students enrolled in the Institute of Intensive English located in Sam Glenn Complex.

To provide further support to its students, the International Programs Office at LCSC also hosts two AmeriCorps members dedicated to tutoring and mentoring international students at LCSC and the Institute of Intensive English. LCSC affords many social opportunities as well. International students may participate in many student clubs and organizations, including but not limited to International Club, student government, or collegiate and intramural sports. They may also become writers for *The Pathfinder* or deejays for KLCZ, LCSC’s student newspaper and student radio station.

Maria Lacey



International Club has Successful Fall Event

On October 5th the International Club was very proud to sponsor a film event on the LCSC campus. The film, a documentary entitled "Tibet: A Light in the Darkness," was created by two LC professors, Patricia Keith and Sean Cassidy, who traveled to Tibet to film and document the culture there.

Our students in the International Club made this film premier a festive event. A half hour before the film began, our students, dressed in their colorful native costumes, greeted film-goers with music, food, and entertainment. The food, which many students had labored long and hard to prepare, included appetizers from around the world, featuring shrimp balls from China, savory meat and vegetable pancakes from Korea, rice balls from Japan, and pepper-lemonade from Nepal. As the guests enjoyed the delicious food, they were entertained with singing, dancing, and drum playing from various countries.

The students worked hard to make this event the success that it was. From ticket sales and a raffle, the club was able to raise quite a large sum of money, which will be used for the club's scholarship fund and for future club projects. All in all, it was an enjoyable, profitable evening, and a festive celebration of diversity for the campus and the people of Lewiston.

Colleen Knowlton

Above, student chefs prepare an array of international hors d'oeuvres to serve to arriving guests. Center and bottom, students show off beautiful clothing from their home countries.



An aerial view of the LCSC campus and a snapshot of the International Programs Office.



The Call to Study Abroad

When many students dream of studying abroad, they have a certain country in mind, and they imagine themselves going there, experiencing the culture and meeting the people, learning new things and seeing new places, and finally, bringing many memories home with them. During this experience, not many of them choose to study abroad *while* studying abroad. It may seem a curious thing to do, but as LCSC student Nobuyuki Miyauchi demonstrates, doing so means embracing the true meaning of studying abroad – taking every opportunity to grow and learn.

Miyauchi, originally from Saitama, Japan, came to study at the Institute of Intensive English (IIE) in the summer of 2005. By spring 2006, he had entered LCSC as a Kinesiology major. As an international student, he already had taken on the challenge of living abroad, learning a foreign language, and taking classes at an American college. With a variety of friends – both American and international, membership in the college Rugby Club and success in his studies, Miyauchi settled well into life at LCSC.

After a few months, Miyauchi began thinking about an additional challenge: studying abroad at one of LCSC's sister schools, the University of Ulsan (UOU), in South Korea. He was already studying abroad, though; why study abroad in yet another place?

"I like having many experiences," Miyauchi shared when asked about his decision to attend UOU. "Whenever there's an opportunity, I want to go there. I want to know about more cultural experiences and talk to people."

This curiosity and desire to learn led Miyauchi to attend UOU in the spring semester of 2007. His time in South Korea taught him a lot. Not just about the Koreans, but about his own country.

"Korean culture is similar to Japanese culture in some ways," Miyauchi said, further adding that he was nervous about going to South Korea because the relationship between Koreans and Japanese historically was not always good. "I was afraid they might not like Japanese people, but they were very welcoming."

Attending UOU influenced Miyauchi in other ways, as well. Before studying there, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do in the future. After seeing how driven the Korean students are to study hard and do well, it helped him to focus on his future. The business classes he took while at UOU uncovered a new interest in management, which is now his major. While Miyauchi is still deciding exactly what he wants to do after graduation, his experiences in South Korea helped sharpen and define his interests and studies. In addition, he is now able to speak to his Korean friends at LCSC in his newly acquired language.

Like all students who study abroad, Miyauchi learned some valuable lessons which are universal: patience, tolerance and an open mind. When going to South Korea, or any foreign country, he advises, "Be open. Expect it to be different. Be open-minded and know that it takes time to get used to."

The study abroad program at LCSC currently offers summer, semester and year-long study options in Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and the South Pacific, many of them with classes taught in English. Any student enrolled full-time in the college who has at least 30 credits and a strong GPA is welcome and encouraged to participate in these exciting and rewarding programs.



Chrysanthemums Arch, Ulsan, South Korea



Dana Elliott

From left, Won-Kyo Jung, University of Ulsan International Affairs staff; Lewis-Clark State College President Dene Thomas; Kathleen Grussing, Director of International Programs Office at LCSC; Jung Hoon Kim, UOU International Affairs staff; Nobuyuki Miyauchi, LCSC student and study abroad participant.