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The World as a Harmonious Whole

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Tim Curry
April 19th

Maya Angelou
April 4th

Alec Baldwin
April 3rd

Birthday Time!

April BDays:

4 - Karsten Van Rest
7 - Ananda Menon
12 - Sureni Beckford
13 - Duc Chu
17 - Samira El-Adawy
20 - Manish Aryal and Susmit Tripathi
21 - Xiaomeng Ye and Samuel Foulkes
24 - Karlena Luz
27 - Sreyan Chowdhury and Qisheng Li
28 - Krithika Vanamali and Karan Malani

Early May BDays:

2 - Sheila Amoako
3 - Nileema Khan
7 - Mitik Zegeye
8 - Agathe Fontaine
9 - Mariel Ho

Congratulations to our seniors for completing your Independent Studies!

Office of International Student Affairs Staff

Jill Munro - Director, International Student and Scholar Services
Joel Pettigrew - Program Coordinator, Center for Diversity and Global Engagement
Nicola Kille - Assistant Director, Global Engagement
Mariana Weyer - Administrative Assistant, Center for Diversity and Global Engagement

Events and Deadlines

C3's Art Show

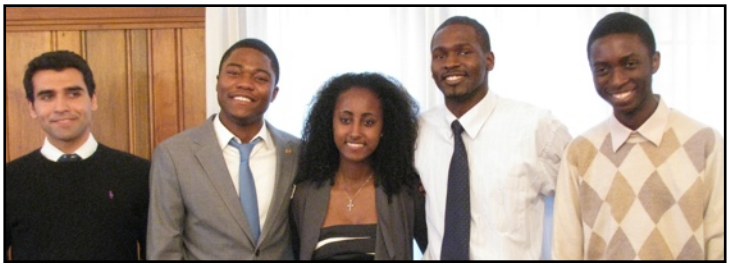
Want to show off your art(painting, drawing, photography, video, fashion, etc.) that exhibits your identity or culture? Here's your chance. **Cross-Cultural Connections is having an Art Show on Thursday, May 3rd, at 630pm in the Babcock Formal Lounge and Dining Room!** If interested in exhibiting, please let jpettigrew@wooster.edu or rsummers14@wooster.edu know by Monday, April 23rd!

Exhibitors wanted for the 2012 WE (Wooster Ethnic) Fair

Exhibitors wanted for the 2012 WE (Wooster Ethnic) Fair (Celebration of Culture and Diversity), to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 (11-5 PM) @ Wayne County Fairgrounds The WE Fair is Wooster's premier community-wide exploration of culture and diversity. If you would like to share information about your heritage with the Wooster community by running a country or heritage booth, please contact Nicola Kille - nkille@wooster.edu - as soon as possible. Admission to this event is FREE and annually over 3500 people attend. Food, fun and festivities! This year, for the first time, the WE fair will be held in conjunction with the Wooster Jam, bought to you by the Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Wooster.

Come to the International Student Association Spring Banquet!

The International Student Association invites you to Travel Around the World at our Annual Spring Banquet, taking place at the Wooster Inn on Sunday, April 15th, starting at 6pm.
Our Keynote Speaker for this year's Banquet - College of Wooster Registrar Suzanne Bates - recently traveled to Pakistan to consult with a fellow Great Lakes Colleges Association partner institution, and has traveled to many other places around the world.
Four awards (Mentorship, Novice, Inspiration, Noble) will be presented, which you can currently nominate people for at https://selectsurvey.wooster.edu//TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=p22L9l4
Tickets can be purchased NOW at the Wilson Bookstore until Saturday, April 14th at 3:45pm. Prices are: $5 for all College of Wooster students, $10 for all non-students (community members, faculty, staff, etc). Children under 10 years and younger are FREE, but please pick up a ticket for them from Wilson Bookstore.



International Profiles

COSMOS is trying something a bit different this month, with a new style of international profile. This month, we'll stalk members of the Center for Diversity and Global Engagement team.

Jessica DuPlaga

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Movie: Bleu

Would you rather work with students, puppies, or kittens? Students (Do I really have a choice in the matter?)

What all do you do in your job as Director of Off-Campus Studies?: Advise students, help them choose a program, prepare for and return from semester and year-long off-campus study experiences, plus many other things.

Favorite Place to hang out or eat at in Wooster?: Local Roots

What countries you have lived in/visited/your favorite place you have been?: Lived in France and Belgium; been to Ireland, England, Scotland, Italy, Spain, Austria, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica. My favorite place is the Northwest coast of France (Brittany).

Jill Munro

Favorite Color: Yellow

Favorite Movie: Too many to pick from, but "The Sound of Music" is up there

Would you rather work with students, puppies, or kittens? Can I work with all three?

What all do you do in your job as Director of International Student and Scholar Services?: I help international students and faculty maintain their status, input info into SEVIS (the government visitor system), oversee FIS (the Friends of International Student Program) and the Forum Series, help Joel cover the Director position this semester, AND help with The Center for Diversity and Global Engagement

Favorite Place to hang out or eat at in Wooster?: Hang out - the farmer's market (LocalRoots), Eat - South Market Bistro

International Profiles

Amyaz Moledina

Favorite Color: Pink or Orange

Favorite Movie: Don't have favorites... but if I have to recall a few, then: Sholay, Mon Oncle, and Adrenaline Drive

Would you rather work with students, puppies, or kittens?: Students

What all do you do in your job?: I teach and mentor undergraduate students. I work with a team of eight professionals at the Center for Diversity and Global Engagement to be an innovative force for inclusion and engagement both locally and internationally. I try to have as much fun doing my job.

Favorite Place to hang out or eat at in Wooster?: My backyard on a moonlit night grilling, but if I had to pick a place in the community it would be at Local Roots.

Programming in April

South Asia Week

Congratulation to South Asia Committee, its members, volunteers, advisors, and collaborators on a successful week of events!

Carib Connect

Make sure you check out Carib Connect's week of programming and learning around Caribbean culture, including discussions, lectures, dance parties, and food!

April 9-13, 2012

7 Days of Gay

Spectrum presents a week of entertaining programming and unique events to highlight and bring awareness to the GLBTQ community!

April 15-21, 2012

Africa Week

UJAMAA presents some wonderful programming examining various aspects of culture and nationality from around Africa this April, so make sure to check it all out!

April 14, 23-29, 2012

Announcements

Congratulations to our new Ambassadors for 2012-2013!

After a long process featuring great interviews and even better presentations, the newest class of Ambassadors have been chosen to represent the College of Wooster on campus and in our local community for next year! If you see them around, please make sure you congratulate these 5 students!

Norman Chamusah - Zimbabwe
Samuel Kitara - Rwanda
Hafsa Ishraq - Pakistan
Ngozi Cole - Sierra Leone
Kuo Deng - China

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2012 International Food Festival - Vietnam!

We had five wonderful teams represent their countries at this year's International Food Festival - Burma, Zimbabwe/Kenya, Vietnam, USA, and France - and the food was amazing! Every nation deserved to win, but below are our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners! Thanks to both our cookers and our eaters!

1st Place - Vietnam
2nd Place - Burma
3rd Place - Zimbabwe/Kenya

Sophomores

If you have declared your major, or are preparing to do so, please ensure that you schedule time to meet with Jill Munro ASAP to update your I-20 (this must be done before the summer break). Please bring her a copy of your Declaration Form.

Seniors

If you are transferring to a graduate school after you graduate from the College of Wooster (first of all, congratulations!), then make sure you schedule time to meet with Jill Munro to begin this process in SEVIS.

Off-Campus Study in the Fall?

Please see Jill Munro before you leave for the summer to sign and update your I-20!

Women's Advisory Board Events!

Cookie Break

Are your finals coming and you find yourself stressing out? Well, come take a break with WAB and some yummy (very yummy!) cookies! **Sunday, May 6th - 6-8pm - Babcock Dining Room**

LEGAL UPDATES

Tax Returns: Deadline for filing tax returns is April 16th, 2012. Please keep a signed copy of all of your complemented tax documents and attach a copy of the W-2 and 1042-S forms (if applicable) to your tax return. All nonresidents are required by law to submit tax-related paperwork, regardless of whether they earned income in 2011. Please see the materials distributed by email and campus mail in early March.

Pursuing a Summer Internship?: A summer internship is an excellent opportunity to apply theoretical understandings from the classroom and to gain hand-on experience in a field related to your major. Off-campus, paid internships constitute off-campus employment and are therefore regulated by immigration laws. F-1 students can only engage in paid internships by applying for Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT), or work authorization based on economic hardship. CPT or OPT authorization is not required for unpaid internships, but such internships can ONLY be done with non-profit and governmental entities. Volunteering at a for-profit organization is considered "employment" by the Department of Labor and Citizenship and Immigration Services. Please contact Jill Munro at OISA if you are considering a summer internship so that you can be appropriately advised regarding the regulations that pertain to your opportunity.

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