

# **PURDUE**

**LIBERAL ARTS**

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL**

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## About CLAISC



## WHO we are and WHAT we do?

While Purdue University's West Lafayette campus has a large population of international students with an increasing population of international students in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), there is a need to address issues pertaining to this group of students.

In 2013, the College of Liberal Arts International Students Council (CLAISC) was established to serve this

purpose. This council is currently made up of faculty and undergraduate students of the CLA.

The council meets every other week to discuss and plan activities specific to international students of the CLA.

## Our Mission and Goal

We aim to improve the quality of experience of the international students in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) through various ways:

- 1) **Organizing academic and social events**
- 2) **Providing opportunities for international students to cultivate leadership**
- 3) **Promoting academic, professional and career development for international students**

We believe that the organization would serve as a liaison between international students and faculty, staff. We are an organization that is determined to create a sense of community within CLA while promoting the college on and off of Purdue's campus.

# Get to know our Advisor & Officers



## *Dr. Yuan-Yu Karen Morgan*

### **(Advisor)**

Originally from Taiwan, Dr. Morgan earned her Ph.D. at Purdue. Her specialty is applied linguistics and foreign language education. She is currently the advisor of the CLAISC to guide the organization. She hopes to help students from different background not only in academic area but also in extracurricular activities by creating opportunities for students.



## *Zhiyan Wang (Emma)*

### **(President)**

Originally from China, Zhiyan is a senior, majoring in industrial design. She is currently the president of the CLAISC. Zhiyan has the leading role on planning and assigning work to each member of the organization during numerous events.

# Meet our officers!



## Yexin Huang

Originally from China, Yexin is a junior, majoring in sociology.

She is currently the vice president and secretary of the CLAISC.

Yexin has the duty of taking notes for every meeting and coordinating between the officers.

Yexin has contributed to planning and preparing for several events.



## Keying Wu

Originally from China, Keying is a senior, double majoring in communication and film studies.

She is currently the treasurer of the CLAISC.

Keying is in charge of all the financial activities of the organization.



## Momo Yamaguchi

Originally from Japan, Momo is a senior, majoring in mass communication.

She is currently the webmaster of the CLAISC.

Momo manages all of the social media platforms for the organization including the official web site, Facebook, and Boilerlink.

# Meet our officers!



***Ying Miao (Yolanda)***  
***(Assistant treasurer)***

Originally from China, Ying is a junior, majoring in economic.

She is currently working as an assistant treasurer for the organization.

Ying has attended several treasurer workshops and assisted the treasurer during many events.

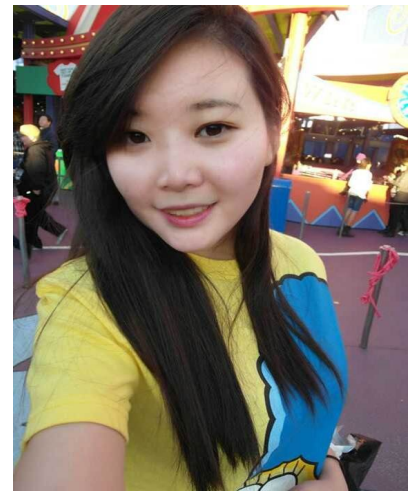


***Yunjing Zhu***  
***(Newsletter editor)***

Originally from China, Yunjing is a senior, majoring in mass communication.

She is currently working as the newsletter editor for the organization.

Yunjing will write and edit articles for the organization's newsletters.



***Xinyue Wu(Sunny)***  
***(Public Relation)***

Originally from China, Xinyue is a senior, majoring in mass communication.

She is going to be a public relation representative for the organization.

Xinyue will apply her skills of video production to promote the organization and activities

## A Letter from Dr. Morgan

**Dear CLA International Students,**

I am proud to introduce you the first issue of CLAISC newsletter. As an advisor, I cannot say enough of great things about the board members of this council. In this newsletter, you will find a brief biography of each board member. For only a short period of time in Spring 14 semester, the council had held quite a few meetings and activities. This is truly an amazing group to work with! You may ask, “There are many student organizations created by international students on campus, so what makes this one special?” It is hard to appreciate the existence of this organization without knowing the history behind it. Next, I would briefly talk about how this council came into being.

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Last year around this time, I was busy helping new international students registering for fall semester. In the meantime, I was contemplating on how to start a council specifically for CLA international students. This idea was initiated by our Associate Dean, Dr. Song No and Assistant Dean, Mr. Dennis Bowling, who would like to provide international students with opportunities to cultivate leadership and to feel more connected with CLA. We are really fortunate to have such a strong support from our college. Many of you may be aware that we do have a general council composed of mainly domestic students, called Liberal Arts Student Council (LASC). Although international students are strongly encouraged to join LASC as well, some issues and specific needs of international students deem it necessary to have a separate council. Therefore, towards at the end of Fall 13, I emailed CLA advisors to recommend some of their best international students, who were juniors, to serve as “founding members”—Zhiyan, Yexin, Momo and Keying. We then had an initial meeting. From that point on, this council has attracted many talents and is full of enthusiasm. We are hoping you can join us too! New ideas and talents are always needed.

If you are interested in taking part in this council, you are strongly encouraged to come to the call-out meetings to listen to our officers discussing future plans. Please watch out our emails and we look forward to meeting you in Fall 2014!

**Boiler up,  
Dr. Morgan**

## A Letter from the CLAISC President

**Dear Future Members,**

It is an exciting moment that our CLAISC- College of Liberal Arts International Student Council has established! For the first time in our collage history; a milestone for which we can all be proud. This organization is aimed to offer more opportunities to International student here at Collage of Liberal Arts to achieve success more than we could imagine. Being successful at Purdue means much more than good G.P.A-- it also includes to work in a dynamic environment and to train yourselves as student leaders.

If you receive this letter, you are qualified to be a member of CLAISC, a future student leader. Give yourself a chance to be more successful!

I am glad to work with our Organization Advisor - Dr. Morgan, Vice President - Yexin Huang, Web Developer Momo Yamaguchi, Treasure Keying Wu, and also our awesome partner Ying Miao(Yolanda), Xinyue and Yunjing.

As the president of CLAISC, I strongly encourage you all to take this great opportunity in order to discover your potentials. I am also looking forward to meeting you all individually during the orientation and callouts!

Boiler Up and Enjoy the rest of the vacation. See you soon at Purdue!

**Sincerely,**

**Zhiyan Emma Wang**

**President of International Student Council, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University [wang1388@purdue.edu](mailto:wang1388@purdue.edu)**

# What have we done?

## *1. Call-out*

We had our first call-out at the beginning of 2014 Spring semester in Beering hall, it was the first time we present the CLAISC to all students of CLA. Students from different department of CLA came to the call-out and leant about our organization.

During the call-out, our advisor and officers introduced themselves and talked about futures plans of the organization.





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## *2. The General Meeting*

On the meeting, Dr. Morgan talked about how to build up qualification to increase chances to scholarship and future career development. Dr. Morgan started with listing out the commonly required qualifications for scholarships and showed two student examples afterward. The presentation showed the importance of leadership and service students had when applying for scholarship. Dr. Morgan encouraged students to seek out volunteering opportunities and build up a good relationship with advisors and professors.

## *3. The Farewell Party*

The organization had a farewell party in collaboration with the Study Abroad office for graduating seniors and exchange students of the CLA. Participants brought snacks from their country to share with other students at the party. During the party, students shared and exchanged experiences of studying at Purdue. It provided students a rare opportunity to establish network on a global level.

***Come to our orientation call-out!***

**CLAISC Orientation**

Wednesday 9/17, 2014      6:00-7:00pm      BRNG1268

**CLAISC Call-out**

Tuesday 9/9, 2014      6:00-7:00pm      BRNG1260

Tuesday 9/23, 2014      6:00-7:00pm      BRNG1232