

## Fall Newsletter

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The Fall semester here at Purdue is in full swing and so is the College of Liberal Arts International Student Council. The wonderful weather, with the summer heat slowly dwindling down called for some great CLAISC events. So far this semester we have hosted multiple events that have been a great success. We have grown in members and have welcomed a host of new students into the council so far. The E-Board continues to work tirelessly in the efforts of providing meaningful experiences and events for international students to take part in. In this newsletter we have included some of the past events that have taken place over the months.

Some of our events this semester were the Domestic and International Student Pair up, Meditation and Yoga, Talk with Anna Darlings.

For anyone new to the council, our goal is to help create a meaningful college experience for international students in the college of liberal arts. To do so, we organize a variety of events in the effort to help promote bonding, friendship and education for the students. As an international council we try our best to push for interactions between students from all over the world from different cultures with different perspectives. We hope to learn from those around us and embrace the plethora of cultures we are exposed to on a daily basis. **Boiler Up!**

## Our Events

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### New CLA International Student Orientation

Our first event of the semester was the New CLA International Student Orientation on August 19th. Led by Dr. Morgan, we welcomed the new international freshman class of 2019. This information session served to provide the new students knowledge of some basic rules, the resources at their disposal and general information about academic and other activities. Sapphire Lai, the interim president of CLAISC introduced the club and the events we provide for new international students. The goal was to provide ample time for students to be able to ask any questions that they had.





Rodrigo Santiago, an incoming freshman wrote *“I chose Liberal Arts because I think that this career can give me the best opportunity in the future in what I want to work. I think that the orientation helped me alot because I learned many things about the college that I was not previously aware of and the opportunities and resources it can provide me for the future.”*



## CLAISC Call Out Meeting



We enjoyed seeing a lot of new faces at the fall CLAISC callout in August. Our E-board introduced themselves and talked about some of the events that have been planned for the semester. We also had Dr Morgan talk about our club and our goals for the semester.

We had a mingling activity that promoted getting to know the new students we had at our callout and are excited about the coming year. Later in the month we also took turns setting up a table at Memorial Mall to promote CLAISC during the Liberal Arts Week here at Purdue.



# International & Domestic Student Pair Up



The domestic and international student pair up activity took place on September 5th. Hosted as a collaboration between CLAISC and AWC, this event was a success yet again. Hosted by council member MaKenna Doherty, the purpose of this event was to bring people from different cultural backgrounds together to create bonds and bridge gaps. Open conversation was facilitated by a fun activity to encourage interaction. The participants enjoyed food and drink while painting canvases. This event serves as an opportunity for international students to interact with domestic students, build connections and also acts as a resume builder, in terms of fostering communication skills.

## Meditation and Yoga



On September 24th, some of our members got together for an event organized by our E-board Member Barbora. There was a free yoga and meditation session with a certified yoga instructor at the CoRec. This was a great way to have some meditation time right before mid terms kicked off. This event was also a great way to introduce students to the many opportunities available on campus. The CoRec provides a plethora of options when it comes to fitness and wellness.

## An Evening with Anna Darlings, WFLI Anchor and Reporter



Another one of our successful events was an evening with the WFLI Anchor Anna Darlings. We were connected with Anna through our E-Board member Mohan, who has worked with her before. She came by to give a quick talk about her career in journalism and the work she currently does at WFLI. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to understand more about the professional side of journalism and this particular career path. It was informative, insightful and gave us a

much more in-depth look into the professional world. A big thank you to Anna Darlings for taking time out of her busy schedule to talk to us. We were so grateful to have you speak to us. Thank you to our E-board member Mohan as well for organizing such a spectacular event.

## Summer Internship

### The National Basketball Academy / Pacers Youth Basketball Camp

Over the summer, I interned for the National Basketball Academy, which is a 3rd party company that partners with the Indiana Pacers to be in charge of their Youth Basketball Program. I first located the internship at the Pacers Career Fair, where I had a brief conversation with the program director. After reaching out to him several times via email and a phone interview, I was fortunate enough to receive an offer. There were three different positions; Social Media, Fund Raising, and Basketball. My focus was a basketball coach and trainer. The main responsibilities were camp check-in, manage a different team each week, coach a specific skill, and alter my coaching style based on campers' age group. Also, along with other interns, I had my hand in on other assignments such as social media, fundraising, marketing, and call campaign.



After the camp, I would assist and conduct personal-trainings with the directors. Rather than addressing a large group of campers, I could swift my focus on teaching individuals with their basketball skills. Mainly, as a basketball coach, I learned to develop myself as an effective instructor

However, I also learned how to maintain my professionalism with campers' parents. By sending their children to the camp, the parents were putting their trust in the program and coaches. Thus, not only I had to provide the best camp experience as possible, but also I had to be attentive to any unexpected situations such as injuries. It was challenging to communicate with the parents because my responsibility was to protect the company's integrity and be mindful of the campers at the same time.

## Upcoming Events

**Chinese  
Water Color  
Painting**

**October 28th**

**Grad School  
Summit**

**November 9th**

**End of Semester  
Dinner**

**November 22nd**

That's all we have so far in the semester, and we look forward to more wonderful events with the council. Thank you to the members of the e-board for working so hard to put together these activities! Have a wonderful rest of fall semester everyone!

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