

# Purdue CLAISC

## Fall Newsletter

### Fall is here so are we!

*Get a glimpse into the events that the CLAISC hosted early this semester and what we have in store for the future.*

As fall settles in, making its presence felt with the changing colors of the leaves and the drop in temperature, the College of Liberal Arts International Student Council hopes you have a great October break in the midst of this hectic semester. This semester has been an exciting one for the council so far. Not only have we grown as a family with the addition of new members, we have hosted a plethora of events this semester that have made many of the international students on campus adapt to their environment better and feel more comfortable at Purdue. With a diverse range of events from professional to laid-back and fun, we aim to cater to the vast group of international students with a multitude of different expectations and experiences. As a council, we organise events not only to introduce international students to the world of Purdue, but also to bridge the distance that might exist between them and all that Purdue has to offer. We want nothing more than to be a form of support and comfort for the existing as well as the new students. This is a community build on friendship, support, teamwork, and dedication. We are grateful to have you here with us. ***Boiler up!***



## International Students Mandatory Orientation

The International Students Mandatory Orientation conducted by Yuan-Yu Morgan, the Coordinator of International Student Services was an orientation aimed at informing the incoming freshmen international students about the resources and opportunities available to them on this campus. It also helped in advising the new students about the expectations attached with them being a student at Purdue. The orientation is crucial as it can be the stepping stone of support and information between the new freshmen and the university. The idea is to provide them with a uplifting and open environment where they feel free to ask questions plaguing their minds as well as receive information that can help ease their transition from school

to university in both professional and personal spheres.



After attending the orientation, freshman Aakansha Chacko majoring in Visual Communications Design writes, “As an international student, coming into a large university such as Purdue can seem daunting. But my transition here was much more comfortable and simple because of resources provided to me by CLAISC. I attended the international student orientation which

provided me with academic information and advice on how to succeed here at Purdue. Dr Morgan made us all feel welcome and at home , which made me feel extremely confident in myself and for the experiences ahead of me.”

## College of Liberal Arts International Student Council Call-Out

The President of the Student Council Sapphire Lai who hosted the CLAISC call-out had the following to say about the event: “On Aug. 30, CLAISC conducted a successful Call-Out meeting, where the council first introduced the mission



statement about aiming to improve international students’ experiences in the College of Liberal Arts through a variety of academic and social events. After each officer introduced themselves, we showed a confirmed schedule of abundant event for the semester, which students find very meaningful and interesting. In addition, we also played a fun game called 'draw something'. At the end of the meeting, members said that the atmosphere was great and they loved it.”

## International Students and Domestic Students Pair-Up



The international students and domestic students pair-up was hosted by council member MaKenna Doherty as a way of bringing together people from different backgrounds in order to broaden cultural understanding among the students and help them connect with one another. The purpose of the event was for the participants to realize how similar we all really are once we get to know each other. The event also helped everyone practice their communication skills which is an

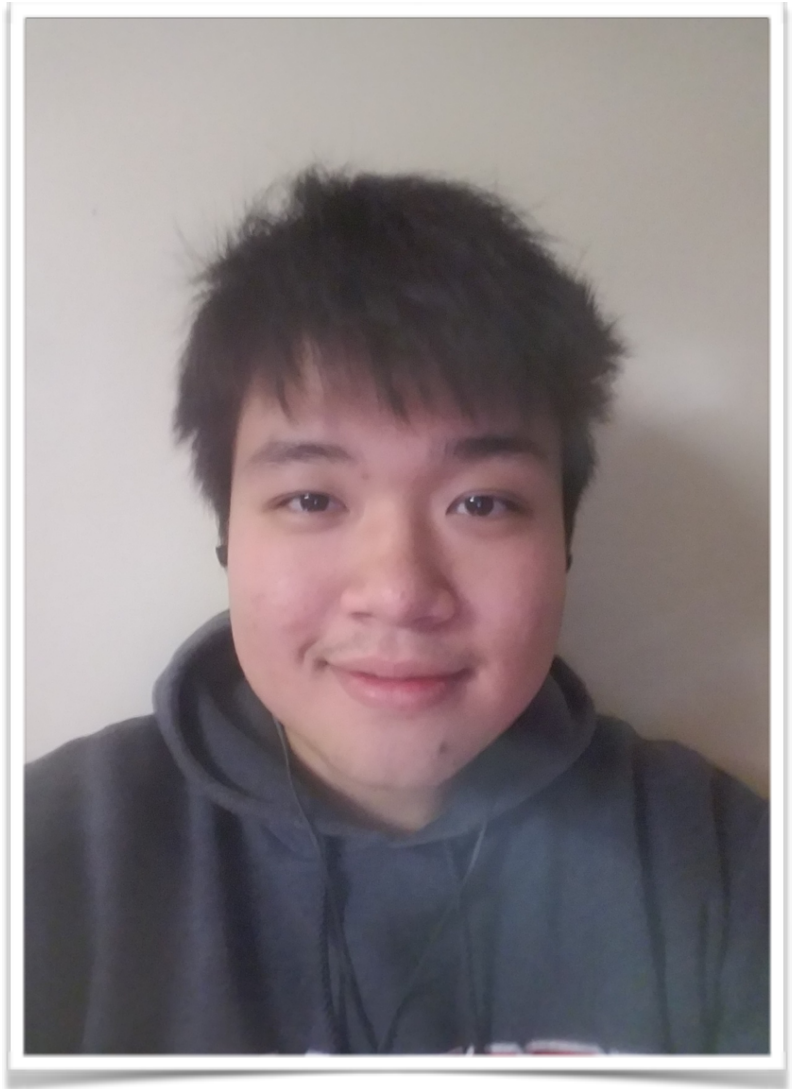
important skill to cultivate that can aid one in every sphere of their personal and professional life.

One of the attendees of the event, ShengHao Mei, a freshman in Industrial Design said, “The pair-up event was fun! Although a few members could not make it, we played games and I really liked the Draw and Guess game. We also talked about future plans, such as watching movies and playing sports together. I look forward to participating in future events and activities held by CLAISC.”

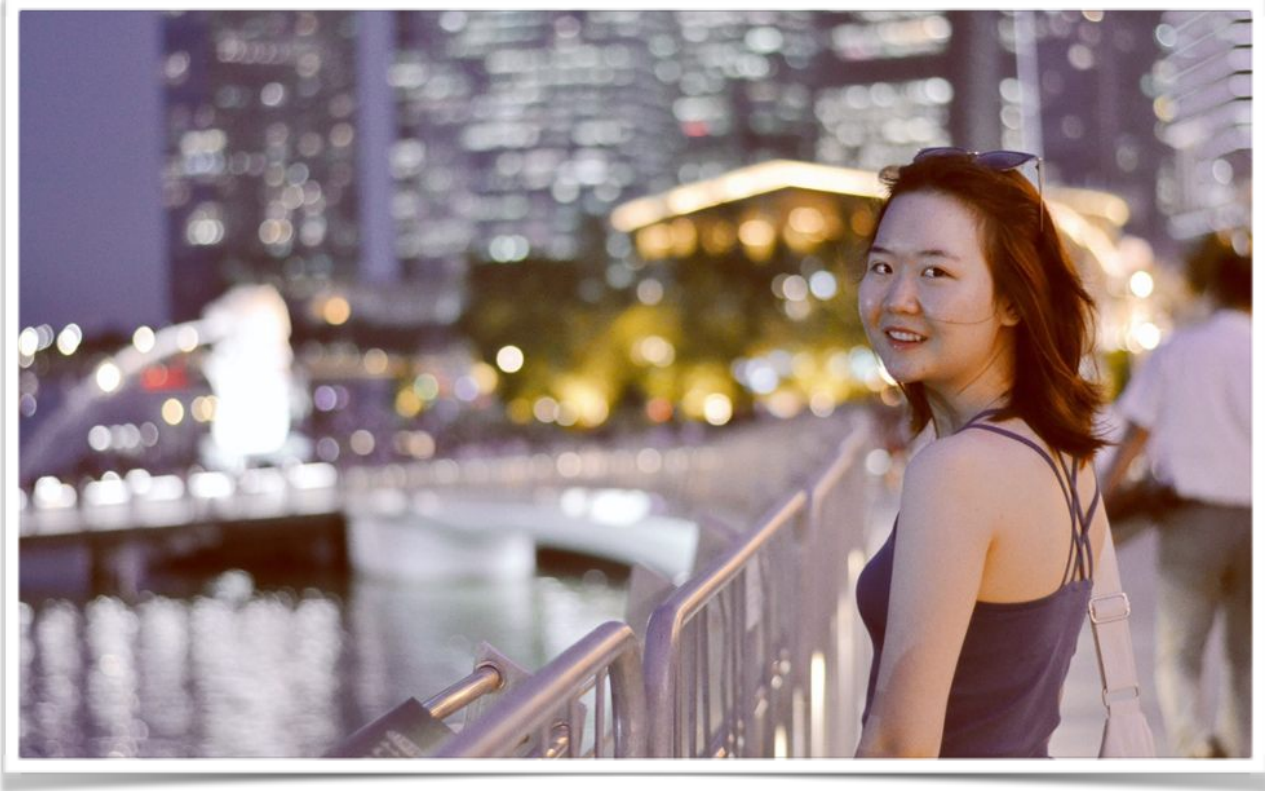


## Jobs on Campus

Hanfei Zhang majoring in Interior Design had the following to say about the event: “The Jobs on campus event was great because I wasn’t expecting it to be more than a freshman guide speech. But the event turned out to be much more informative and useful than I had anticipated! We had two e-board members who have been actively working campus jobs. At the event, they spoke to us about the choices and the conditions/restrains that accompany their respective jobs in a very personable manner which was awesome since they were so easy to understand. The event was very interactive as well, opinions and thought were well exchanged in time, leaving me and most of the students who attended our event feel comfortable and safe about the campus jobs, especially after our questions were individually answered.”



## Japanese Tea Ceremony



Swanna Yu, CLAISC council who organised the Japanese Tea Ceremony had this to say about the event: “The CLAISC holds food and culture events regularly every semester, but it is our first time having a Japanese Tea Ceremony. I am so happy that the event is successful with the help of Professor Ohashi, who is a certified tea master on campus. It really gives all the participants the true tea ceremony experience without traveling all the way to Japan. I hope we can keep this tradition alive and introduce food and culture from more countries to CLA students in the future.”



## Scholarship Workshop

The CLAISC Scholarship Workshop was hosted by Dr. Morgan to inform the international students about the scholarship opportunities offered by the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Morgan's workshop focused on making the students attending the workshop aware of the various methods through which they could access the different scholarships in ways that would

increase their chances of receiving them. Her workshop also covered private scholarships and how one go about applying for them to help aid their college education. She broke down the seemingly complicated process into a series of simple steps that anyone could follow. Dr. Morgan moved beyond the technicalities of the scholarship world and delved into her personal experiences working with students either on scholarships or in the process of applying for scholarships.

She spoke individually to the

students present during the workshop and took the time to understand their questions and situation. Based on their specific scenario, she spoke about similar experiences that some of her previous or current students had gone through. Her ability to share those experiences allowed the students to

understand the entire process in a better light as a lot of the students could relate to the stories that were being narrated to them. By the end of the workshop, she had made the daunting process of applying for scholarships look quite accessible.

**DATE:**  
Thursday, September 27th

**TIME:**  
6 pm - 7 pm

**LOCATION:**  
Beering Hall 1238

**CLAISC**  
**SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP**

**Learn About University-Sponsored and Private Scholarships**

The Liberal Arts International Student Council will discuss information about Purdue departmental scholarships available for majors in the College of Liberal Arts. Moreover, there will be additional information about private scholarships that have been known to be resourceful for international students in the past.

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**LIBERAL ARTS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL**



## Our New E-board Members



Name: Hanfei Zhang

Position: Vice Public Relations Director

Major: Interior Design

Year: Sophomore

Interests: Photography

Name: Mohan Ge

Position: Fund Raising Vice-Chair

Major: Mass Communication

Minor: American Studies

Year: Senior

Interests: Basketball, writing





## Upcoming Events!

**RESUME AND COVER LETTER  
WORKSHOP**  
with Mia Giron

Thursday 6 PM

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*Come and learn how to create perfect job application!*