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Welcome International Undergrad Students!

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Welcome International Graduate Students!

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INTERNATIONAL CHAPEL SERVICE

Want to carry your country's flag?

The International Programs Office will be hosting our annual International Chapel Service on Wednesday, November 19; the event will take place in the Samuelson Chapel at 10 A.M. This is an opportunity for the CLU community to celebrate our international students as well as the study-abroad students. The celebration will consist of a procession of flags from all the countries represented at CLU, and carried by CLU's international students. If you're interested in participating and carrying your country's flag, please e-mail mcintlprogs@callutheran.edu with your name and country.



ADDRESS CHANGE

Let us know!



Immigration Services requires that you contact the International Programs Office at CLU within 10 days of changing your address. We must have your most current contact information on file at all times. This includes any and all phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. Please come to our office or print the change of address form at:

www.callutheran.edu/multicultural_documents/change_of_address_form.doc

REPORTING INFO AND I-20s

If you're planning on leaving the country.

All International students (undergraduate **and** graduate), are required to report to the International Programs Office **in person** each semester or quarter to update your information. Additionally, you are required by U.S. Immigration to notify us within 10 days if there is a change in your contact information. Finally, if you are planning to leave the country, including trips to Canada and Mexico, you **must** have your I-20 signed by Dr. Juanita Hall, Director of Multicultural and International Programs.



OUR VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Vision Statement

A fully inclusive campus community where campus members feel they belong and are valued where diversity is treated as an educational and social necessity.

Mission Statement

To provide CLU learning community with educational opportunities that foster an appreciation for diversity, enhance cross-cultural competency among campus members, increases student commitment to social justice, and encourages unerrepresented student retention.;

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING

Take advantage after you graduate.

If you are graduating this quarter/semester and are interested in applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT), to work a year of full time employment after graduation, please pay attention to upcoming deadlines: ideally students will apply up to 90 days before graduation. Please see the OPT Checklist attached and complete all highlighted sections before making an appointment with Dr. Juanita Hall.

http://www.callutheran.edu/intl_student_services/forms.php



INTERNSHIPS

Interested?



For immigration purposes, an internship while you are *still* in school is called Curricular Practical Training (C.P.T.) and it's highly recommended to students seeking practical work experience. There are strict immigration laws that apply, so read your international handbook or stop by the International Programs Office to learn more about it. Under no circumstances should you begin any internship without first getting approved from the immigration department through the International Programs Office.

CAMPUS CLIMATE MINI-GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Funded by the Irvine Campus Diversity Initiative

Do you have a great idea to help improve our campus climate for diversity?

Members of the CLU community are invited to apply for up to \$500 in Campus Climate Mini-Grants.

Mini-grant applications are now available in the International Programs Office in the S.U.B.



MULTICULTURAL BOOK AND VIDEO LIBRARY

An educational and fun resource.

The Multicultural book, video, game, and music library is a resource that is open to the entire CLU community. The library is located inside the Multicultural and International Programs Office in the S.U.B. and offers hundreds of popular books and videos as well as multiple games and various cultural music CDs.

We have books from famous multicultural authors such as *Maya Angelou*, *Denise Chong*, *Sandra Cisneros*, *Amy Tan*, and much more.

Our video library has both VHS and DVD videos containing different multicultural themes, such videos as *Take the Lead*, *Crash*, *The New World*, *Rent*, *Get Rich or Die Trying*, etc.

Our library also contains multicultural magazines such as *Latina*, *The Advocate*, *Essence*, *Ebony*, *Hispanic*, *The Our Traveler*, and *Native*.

All material can be checked out free of charge. For an updated list of all our books and movies, please stop by our office.



ARE YOU HOMESICK?

Here's what you can do.

Develop friendships, and be open to new people and experiences. Friendships will form, but not overnight.

- Try talking to people after class or going to residence hall activities.
- Get involved in on-campus activities. For example, join a club.
- Suggest that a group of people from your residence hall go eat together. That *group* might develop a habit of going to eat around that same time every day.
- Try talking with a roommate or some friends.

Remember, homesickness won't last long. try to make the best of your stay.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Come and join us!

Diversity Leadership Retreat

A one-day retreat for current and future CLU student leaders to discuss barriers of interactions between cultures.

Saturday October 25 from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. in the Soiland Recreation Center, sign up online at www.callutheran.edu/multicultural/.



International Chapel Service

A church service to celebrate CLU's diverse international community.

Wednesday November 19 at 10 A.M. in the Samuelson Chapel. Please e-mail mcintlprogs@callutheran.edu if you want to carry your country's flag or have any questions.



World Fair

A celebration of the cultures of the world including entertainment and cuisines.

Wednesday November 19 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. in the Pavilion. Please contact Angela Rowley at (805) 493 - 3323 if you want to perform or have any questions.



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