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ISL News

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ISL Summer Events

by Isabella

As an international student, figuring out what to do over the summer can feel like a daunting task. Personally, I've done something different every year! The summer after my first year at Carleton, I went back home to Seoul, South Korea and spent quality time with my family. I also tutored SAT for Korean high school students. Last year, I stayed on campus and did Linguistics research with Carleton faculty, in addition to working at OIL as an office assistant.

Contrary to popular belief, staying on campus was pretty fun – surprisingly, there were quite a lot of events going on. For example, Dacie Moses would host ice cream socials for summer residents, and ISL & OIL held some cool events like tie-dyeing on the Bald Spot.



Ice Cream @ Dacie Moses, Summer 2021



Tie-Dye & Bubble Tea, Summer 2021

Tax Session by Tan

One of the most important events for EVERYONE in the spring is... TAX season! Nobody wants to miss that (I mean, what if you get a refund, right?) Every year, the ISL office hosts hours of tax sessions to help international students prepare and submit tax and other forms to the U.S. Federal or Minnesota State Revenue. The office invites a tax specialist, Ann Etter, to review each student's documents and answer any questions. Liz Cody (ISL Director), Elijah Genheimer (Burton/Davis/Severance Area Director), several office assistants, and student volunteers all were at this year's tax session to help students fill out their tax reports. If you have any questions about your tax filings, remember to come to one of our annual tax sessions before April 15th next year!

Defining People's Power

by John

Spring Revolution against the Coup in Myanmar

The 2021 coup in Myanmar left many Burmese people devastated. It wasn't just "another coup". For a country that was steadily back on economic and social prosperity, the coup meant everything would revert back to the dark days: when electricity was scarce, quality of life was hardly enjoyable, freedom of speech was nowhere to be seen, and so on. Especially for the Burmese youth, it meant their dreams had been shattered: many would become unemployed as international companies pull out of the country. For an average university student, studying abroad was only possible through public universities, and because of the coup, this dream could be no more than "a dream".

ISL hosted a talk on May 27th where Professor Tun Myint explained what the recent developments have been since the beginning of the coup more than a year ago and I shared stories from a personal level. It's easy to objectify tragedies when lives become numbers and experiences mere shallow words. I will share what some of my friends, from different social backgrounds, have been going through since the coup and what daily life looks like under a brutal regime.

Help is now needed more than ever for Myanmar. Civil servants had to put not just their own, but their family's lives on the line. Displaced people across the country live in fear, not knowing when the next attack from the military will come. Citizens are arrested arbitrarily on the streets, most never to be heard from again. Resistance fighters have sacrificed their lives for the future of the country, not for just the majority, but also the underrepresented and unfairly treated minorities. But, there is a ray of hope. If the Myanmar people get the support they need and if more soldiers defect from the military, all of the unnecessary bloodshed will come to an end. Every act of aid counts, no matter big or small, and the future of the country lies on the decisions that we do today and now. I'm happy to report that we raised over \$1000 through the Mutual Aid Myanmar fundraiser with CCCE.



ACA Night by Susan

The 7th of May brought not just lovely Spring weather to campus, but also a joyful celebration of African and Caribbean culture. The African Caribbean Association (ACA), in collaboration with International Student Life (ISL), was able to stage a very successful ACA Celebration Night after months of discourse, planning, and practice. 'Triumph of the Diaspora' was the theme. The event featured melodious Acapella performances, dances from all around Africa and the Caribbean, heartfelt poetry, and hilarious quips, all in the Weitz Theater. Members of the ACA flaunted their exquisite traditional attires and jewelry in a fashion show that concluded the event. Graduating seniors were given the stage to perform their final song and dance before the audience bid them farewell. A beautiful art display, featuring work by African and Caribbean Carls, was also presented to attendees. For dinner, they were offered Caribbean, Ethiopian, North African, and West African cuisines.



Ogasawara-Ryu by Tan

On May 24th, 2022, ISL Office organized a wonderful trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art to learn about the art of Ogasawara-Ryu. Ogasawara-Ryu is a traditional Japanese system of martial arts and etiquette, formalized and maintained by the Ogasawara family. Ogasawara Nagakiyo founded Ogasawara-ryū over 830 years ago as a school of long bow archery, mounted archery, and Reihō (etiquette). The Ogasawara family served as instructors to generations of Shoguns in these disciplines. This time, Ogasawara Kiyomoto-sensei came to talk about the applications of the Ogasawara-Ryu to modern life. Ogasawara-sensei not only gave the audience a clear explanation of the tradition itself but also shared his journeys and wisdom in life that come from inheriting these values.



“Sometimes we are like trees shaking branches,” Ogasawara-sensei said, “we get confused about many things that we see and hear, just like the branches are flapped in rains. But that is it. However, if you take the time to learn, you can judge. That is because you are informed of all the details of the particular field. So, it is important to think about increasing the philosophical background to grow a stronger trunk to prevent yourself from getting confused.”

We are honored to join his sharing! Ogasawara-sensei also talked about the archery chapter in Northfield. Anyone interested should check it out!

3x3 Soccer *International Fest*

Tourney by Madhav

One of the big events for ISL Fest was the soccer tournament. We had a total of 8 teams sign up and the play-off style was knockout. The winning team would get \$50 each, and second place would get \$10 each, so the stage was set for competition. It was a rainy and muddy pitch, which made for excellent conditions for a comedic and slippery game of football. The games had a fun and relaxed atmosphere and we saw many different levels of soccer skills, as all were welcome. Over the three hours, Tonny, Mehdi, and Amadou (AKA Chelsea) relentlessly beat their competitors to be crowned champions! They were victorious, and snagged the big prize. But it seemed that even though all did not win, everyone did leave with a smile on their face. Some even asking for another pop-up style tournament in the future, the likes of which we saw at the ISL Kickback event.



The International Student Life office hosted its annual International Fest on the 30th of April this year. The fest was held indoors inside the Great Hall and there was a soccer component to it that was held outdoors on the Bald Spot. The festivities lasted four hours with students from various organizations tabling with food and some fun trivia and other activities. The German table, for example, featured a spinning wheel where students would answer questions about Germany and if they were correct in their responses, they would receive a tasty treat from the region. The French table had quite the mesmerizing spread with croissants, baguettes, macarons, etc. The Asian tables gave us a taste of their culture with mouth-watering dumplings and rice cakes. This was accompanied by lovely performances by student dance groups including Mosaic, Krush, and CarlPop. There were also song performances and acapella groups that made appearances and wooed the crowd. The festival was attended by several students, both international and domestic, and received high praise from them. All in all, it was a great opportunity for international students from all over the world to mingle with each other and get a feel for one another's cultures.

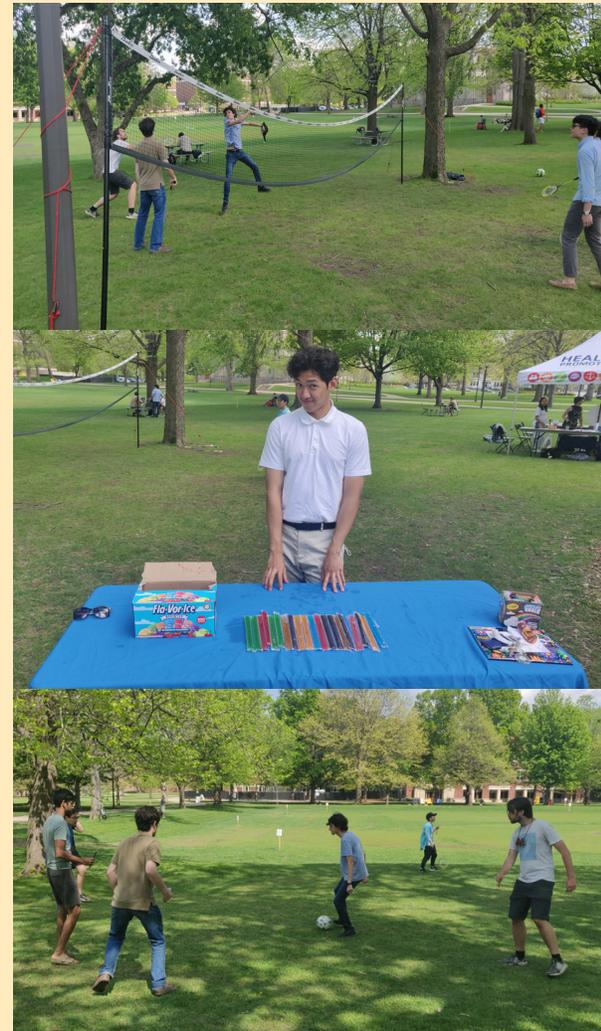


ISL Pop-up Event

by Sachit

On May 18th, ISL got together to create a sports pop-up event! We had a wider variety of activities for participants to engage in: badminton, spikeball, volleyball, and soccer. To top it all off, we provided fruity popsicles for anyone that showed up. Some of the popsicles unfortunately melted, but they still tasted great in the summer heat!

The event started at 3 pm and it went on until 4:30 pm. It was a warm, sunny day where everyone was able to enjoy their time as people got to try out all the activities by rotating throughout. My personal favorite was badminton, however, the cool summer breeze definitely made the ordeal harder. We plan to introduce new activities next year but if you have any that you really want to see then let us know! Overall, it was a great time for everyone involved and I look forward to participating in it next year.



ISL x GSC Collaboration by Moe



How do you perceive gender and sexuality? What does having a certain gender identity or sexuality mean to you and people around you? Your answer to these questions could be different depending on what society you have lived in, what culture you have been in touch with, or who you have been growing up with, and these differences in views might come up in front of you as a cultural shock when you move between different cultures. “Ins and Outs of Gender and Sexuality ~Embrace a Broader World~,” co-hosted by ISL and GSC on April 20th (Wednesday of the 4rd week, a.k.a. GSC Pride Week) was a great opportunity for students from various backgrounds to share and listen to each other’s perspectives and personal stories in a warm environment with dinner provided by New Buffet. In discussing what we look for at Carleton in terms of atmosphere and resources, some international students expressed that this event was the first time for them to talk about LGBTQ+ identities or to have interaction with the GSC. I hope there will be more opportunities for students to familiarize themselves with various topics that they see themselves as not necessarily associated with, which I think is important for fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for everyone at this school. Thank you to everyone who participated!



ISL Senior Profiles



Name: Yemi Shin
Major: Computer Science
Country you call home: South Korea
Favorite Memory at Carleton: International Festival 2019
Advice to underclassmen: Spend quality time with your friends as much as possible! Don't just study all the time!
Anything else: Cherish every moment of college like it's the last time you'll enjoy it. Say 'hi' to people on the street!

Name: Chi Nguyen
Major: Math
Country you call home: Vietnam
Favorite Memory at Carleton: Hanging out with Liz in the ISL office!
Advice to underclassmen: Get a car and sign up to go to conferences!



Name: Maanya Goenka
Major: Computer Science
Country you call home: India
Favorite Memory at Carleton: Farmstock '22
Advice to underclassmen: Make as many friends as possible, make time for yourself but socialize with people when you can

Name: Madhav Mohan
Major: Stats
Country you call home: India
Favorite Memory at Carleton: Cant choose one, days in the sun - bumping into people just hanging out in the Spring and Fall and letting the whole day pass by like that
Advice to underclassmen: College can have a lot of work, its important to find time for yourself and enjoy your time here as well



Name: Lucy Cui
Major: Biology & CAMS
Country you call home: China
Favorite Memory at Carleton International Student Orientation (ISO) when I was a freshman. Everything was new and exciting and I got to bond with many students from different backgrounds. All that nostalgia now that I'm graduating senior...
Advice to underclassmen: Take a break, go to the cities, make more friends, see the world! Carleton is lovely but be reminded that there's a lot out there in the real world.
Anything else: ISL events are very much underrated so please follow our office either by joining our mailing list or on social media to be up to date on fun, engaging, and insightful events!



Reflections on 2021-2022 by Liz

As we're finishing up the 2021-2022 Academic Year (and the first official year of International Student Life @ Carleton) it's hard not to think about transitions. The Class of 2022 was the first group of international students that I've been able to work with throughout their entire time at Carleton College--and it's fun to know that I'll remain connected with many of them over the next few years while they pursue employment opportunities in the U.S., but it's also a little bittersweet to know that I won't have the opportunity to see them as frequently and/or talk through the big moments in their lives. Shout out to all of the seniors who have worked for ISL, helped build community through cultural clubs/events, and those of you who worked for OIIL. I'm looking forward to celebrating you all on June 11th!

I'm excited to announce that ISL will be growing to a 2 person office this summer! We'll also be welcoming about 60 new international students in the Fall, along with several Third Culture kids. It's exciting to see how the representation within the International Community at Carleton has expanded over the last 5 years. I'm looking forward to more growth and diversity in the coming years.

Summer is a time for rejuvenation, new experiences, and for some, journeys home. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall and hearing about what they did over the summer, catching up with alums over email, and seeing some of you around campus for activities during the summer and International Student Orientation.

If you need a travel signature, get a last-minute job offer, or just want to check in-- shoot me an email or sign up for an appointment.



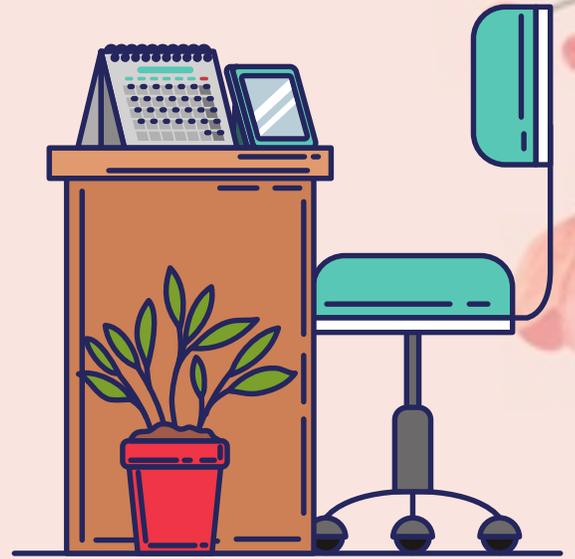
UWC Students 2021-2022

Carleton College currently has 25 United World College alums. We bring this group of amazing students together each year to celebrate their achievements and build community within Carleton. It was so nice to see so many students being able to come together on a beautiful day this May. Thanks to the Grants office and the Stewardship office for their support!

Interested in working for or collaborating with ISL? We'd love to hear from you!
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