

### **OC International Student News**

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#### Leadership Conference with Chris Collins

On January 24th, SGOC and Multicultural Programs provided a wonderful opportunity for student leaders to develop leadership skills. Chris Collins, the keynote speaker of the leadership training, is an inspiring author, speaker, and consultant. He understands that one of the major obstacles facing student leaders is balancing all the expectations and responsibilities accompany their roles. His solution is to stay in H.A.R.M's way, which stands for being human, being accountable, being a role model, and being a mentor. Everyone has limited time and energy but infinite distractions. As a student leader, being able to identify and focus on what really matters is essential. Finding out everyone's strengths and learning how to operate them values more than having weak abilities for each area. The H.A.R.M. leadership model gives students feasible and instant strategies to become more effective student leaders. By implementing the H.A.R.M's way, student leaders can emerge knowing how to execute and lead a culture of liability. In addition, student leaders can intensify their confidence, self-assurance, critical thinking skills, and comprehend the role as a leader. - Haopung

## Breaking the Language Barrier Series At Multicultural Center

People always say that language determines thought. In order to enhance students' understandings of different cultures, Multi-



cultural Center holds a weekly session, "Breaking the Language Barrier", to meet the goal. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Christian and Tyler from Vietnam taught students some specific spoken Vietnamese. Started with easy greetings, everyone was enthusiastic about learning the language and practiced how the instructors pronounced the greetings. Learning the language is a great way to help people reach the core of the culture. Come and join us at Multicultural Center in BSC 117 every Friday at 10:30! —Queenie



Chanmi (S. Korea)
Chuan-Chi (Taiwan)
Misuzu (Japan)
Kanon (Japan)
Yue (China)
Chloe (Hong Kong)
Marie (Germany)

Zijie (China) Truc (Viet Nam) Lingpeng (China) Weijun (China) Katherine (Ecuador) Yan (China) Wuzhen (China)

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#### **Important Dates!**

- Feb 15: Last day to officially drop a class and receive a "W" grade
- Feb 19: President's Day Holiday
- Feb 26: Registration begins for continuing and former students for spring quarter
- Feb 27: Last day to add/drop a Continuous Enrollment class

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# Where are Our Alumni Now? ~International Student Peer Mentors ~

My name is Xinyi Liu. I come from China. I just graduated from OC last summer and transferred to Drake University. I am an actuarial science major and data analytic minor. When I graduate from the university, I want to be an actuary and pursue the property and casualty path. At the university, I was really impressed to find out that there are more than 160 clubs and student organizations, and I could find more than three events in a week. But what I enjoyed the most (about OC) is the events that are organized by the International club and International office at OC. Once every two weeks, the club organizes a club activity such as mixers or bowling. It was a great challenge (as the president and the vice president of the club) to organize events and we faced many difficulties, but it was worth the effort. The club events were where I got to know people, learned new things about different cultures, and eventually made a lot of friends. It gave me a lot of



fun and most importantly, it prepared me for university. The advisors that work at the international office provided me great support for both academic and personal needs and difficulties. Through the International Peer mentor position, I greatly improved my communication and speaking skills, learned to handle with complicated situations. Now I enjoy the university life and I am involved in the Chinese Student Organization and participating as the vice chair of the Chinese Night event that is going to take place in March. — Xinyi



My name is Chiko Nakamura, I went to OC Fall 2015 to Spring 2017 and transferred to San Francisco State University to pursue my studies in International Relations. My vast experience at OC has prepared me in many ways to take on new and greater challenges, relationships, and opportunities. In the course of two years at OC, I served as the club president for the International club and worked as the international peer mentor. I would have never discovered my passion to work with people of diverse cultures and backgrounds if it weren't for the valuable opportunities and relationships I had the pleasure of encountering at OC. When I started school at San Francisco State University, I looked for opportunities that could add to my experience and capitalize on what I have learned. I currently work at the Office of International Program as the student assistant for International Student Services & Outreach and serve as the officer for the Japanese

Student Association. My experience thus far has been filled with new discoveries that undoubtedly encompass my passion, allowing me to interact with a wide variety of people every day. I believe that the most valuable skills cannot be taught, but are gained through your own experiences, interactions, and connections with the people around you. It is important to recognize and take advantage of the opportunities that are presented in front of you to develop and expand upon the vision you have for your life. — Chiko

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