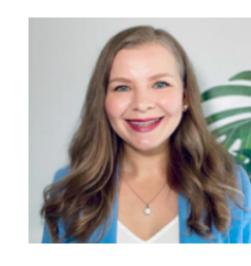


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CCIS Volunteers continue to serve international graduate students, visiting scholars and their families at Stanford University. Read about some of our programs and events!



"Notes at the Top" Kate Khatseyeva

CCIS President

A Season of new opportunities

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy that the coming

of spring brings.

the sight of the magnolia trees in bloom. It's amazing how nature works its magic, and the change of seasons never gets old. For those of us who grew up in colder countries or climates, the sight of

As I walk through my neighborhood, I can't help but be filled with awe at

blooming trees and the warmth of the sun feels like a miracle. As we welcome this new season, I am reminded of the countless opportunities it presents us. One of these opportunities is to join the Board of Directors of our nonprofit

organization. As we continue to make a positive impact in the community,

we are in search of individuals who are passionate and committed to our

cause. This is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference. You will have the chance to work alongside other dedicated members, and together, we will take the organization to new heights.

please let me know and I'll send you more information about open positions. We welcome all members to apply and we look forward to working with you. Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a wonderful

If you are interested in applying for a position on the Board of Directors,

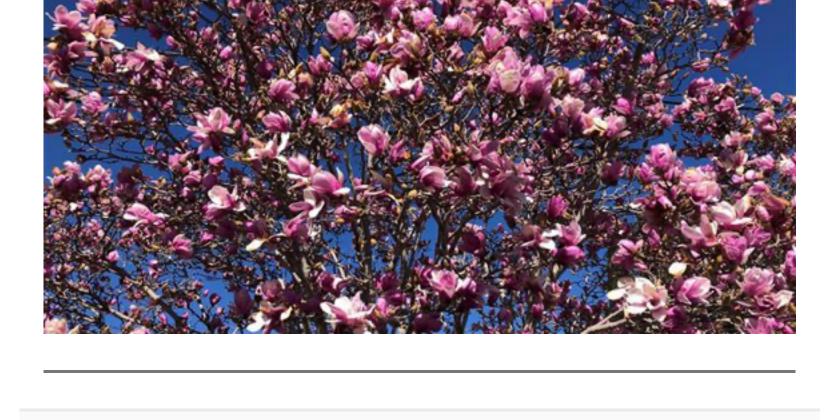
spring season.

Sincerely,

Kate Khatseyeva

President of CCIS at Stanford Thanks for being a part of CCIS and supporting our

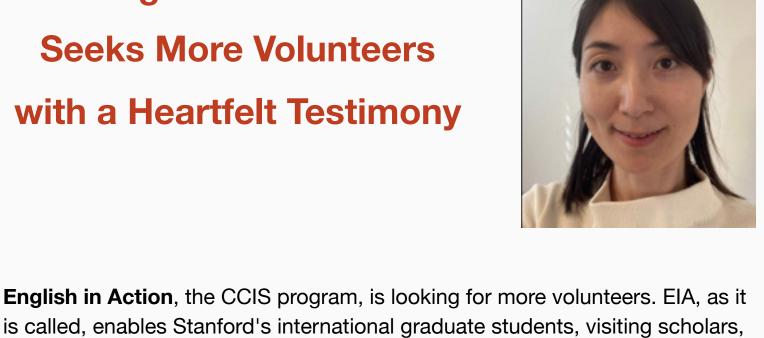
International Community at Stanford. president@ccisstanfordu.org



Seeks More Volunteers with a Heartfelt Testimony

delivered the following statement.

English In Action



about American culture, and develop friendships with English-speaking community volunteers. Partners usually meet weekly for one or more years. Recently the volunteer organizers of the program held a recruiting event at the Moldaw Residences in Palo Alto. One of the EIA participants, Tomoko, spoke about her experiences with the program and the attention that she receives

from her EIA partner Marilyn. Tomoko, with her enhanced English proficiency,

post doctorates, and spouses to practice casual English conversation, learn

Marilyn and I meet every Wednesday using Facetime for about one hour. She always asks me if I have any questions. And she teaches me a lot about local things, events, and American cultures.

Marilyn became my daughter's friend's mother, my husband's colleague, and boss. That was fun. Marilyn goes to farmers market every week, and when I asked her where to buy

fresh vegetables, she guided me to the farmers market.

At first, I'm not good at speaking English, and I wanted to know how to say

"hello" and how to reply, "how are you?" So, we practiced with role-playing.

Christmas, New Year, and Valentines. And she also taught me which places to visit in the U.S. and which season is the best. I've experienced many cultural differences, and here I have no relatives and no close local people. So, not only practicing speaking English, Marilyn is the one

I can ask anything, even the smallest thing. It's really helpful for me.

We talked about how to celebrate the American holidays, like Thanksgiving,

enjoys cooking and trying new local restaurants. To learn more about volunteer activities contact eiavolunteerrecruitment@ccisstanfordu.org

Tomoko lives off campus with her husband, who is a post-doc, and their four

year old daughter. She is taking ESL classes at Palo Alto High School. Tomoko

International Spouse Coffee Celebrates



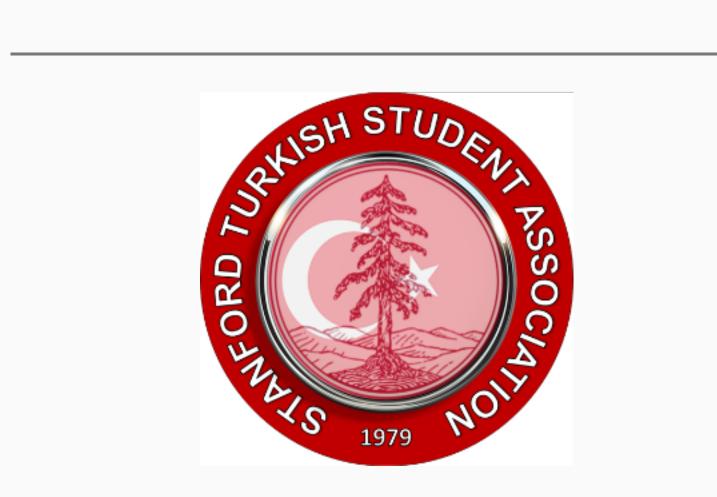
Koreans eat on New Year's Day. Those attending also learned to write

Future special events will celebrate the International Women's Day on

March 22.

March 8 and the Nowruz (New Year) as it is celebrated in Kazakhstan on

their name in Korean on a special bookmark, which they took home.



The Stanford Daily reports that the Stanford Turkish Student Association (TSA) is calling for support for the affected communities following the 7.8-magnitude

community-for-support-in-wake-of-recent-earthquake/

earthquake that struck south-central Turkey near the Syrian border. Information about how to help is included in the following link: https://stanforddaily.com/2023/02/07/turkish-syrian-students-call-on-stanford-

Earthquake relief

A word from the editor

As the newsletter editor, I hope you will enjoy learning more about what's happening at CCIS. Your feedback is welcome. Send an email to me at: notes@ccisstanfordu.org.

Pamela Baird

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