



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

The vibes are back!

On Wednesday October 23 we celebrated Diwali during the **International Spouse Coffee** program. I caught myself thinking that finally all the energy and vibes are back! It feels almost like before Covid times: freshly brewed coffee, interesting people, deep conversations, and a lot of fun! If you want to experience it yourself, stop by the Bechtel Center any Wednesday from 10:30 am to 12 pm for a cup of coffee (or tea) to get to know our internationals and enjoy the atmosphere.

September was a really busy month, not only for students, but for our volunteers as well. **Community Advisors** and **Loan Closet** Programs were fully engaged. Both were a huge success. We received so many warm words from internationals. Seeing how grateful they are for the help our community provides is the best reminder of why we are doing these programs. I would like to encourage you to sign up for a Community Advisor program the next year. And if you have something to share with internationals, we are now accepting things for the Loan Closet.

September and October were full of new initiatives as well. We launched a new campaign "**CCIS this Month**" **Newsletter** where spouses share their thoughts and information with other spouses. The November edition will be coming out soon. The link to subscribe is: <https://ccisstanfordu.us18.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5fc2f54c9f157c4fe9076af2&id=b7e3abf04d>

Knowing how much struggle internationals experience when they are looking for a job in the U.S., we launched a pilot **Career Coaching** program in collaboration with Erickson Coaching. It was a surprise that all 10 spots were taken in 90 minutes. We will see how this program goes and will add more spots in the future.

One of the CCIS volunteers who wanted to contribute more is organizing a playgroup program. It's a program for parents with young children. "**Playgroup**" will be under the Bechtel's umbrella and CCIS will co-sponsor this amazing initiative. More information will be available soon.

Another incredible volunteer kindly offered help with improving the recruitment process for CCIS (see more information below). We are very excited and looking forward to start working on executing some of ideas we brainstormed during the Board Retreat in August.

If you are looking for a way to make an impact and contribute more, please, send me a message at president@ccisstanfordu.org. We are open for your ideas and initiatives.

I want to thank you for being a valuable part of CCIS and supporting our International Community at Stanford.

We truly appreciate it! If you see me on campus, please stop by and say "Hi!". I look forward to learning more about CCIS members and to discovering new ways to make our community stronger.

Sincerely,

Kate Khatseyeva

President of CCIS at Stanford

Thanks for being a part of CCIS and supporting our International Community at Stanford.
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Windows on the West Resumes



Windows on the West (WOW) is a joint program of The Community Committee for International Students (CCIS) and The Bechtel International Center. Films are screened at the Bechtel International Center, Friday nights at 6:30pm. No RSVP is needed. A meal is provided to the first 45 people to arrive at 6 pm by the group Global Chefs.

This film series is designed to help all international students, post docs, and visiting scholars to understand Americans, and to adapt to American life and American academic life. All Stanford international students, from first year on, are invited. WOW encourages discussion and connections at dinner and the after-film discussion.

Bob Spears is the chair of this CCIS program. The program encourages participants to help with set up or clean-up, although it is not required. Contact Bob to volunteer: Bob@CultureConnection.net

- Friday 11/04/22 Berkeley in the Sixties (documentary) 1990
- Friday 11/11/22 Green Book 2018
- Friday 11/18/22 Dead Poets Society 1989
- Friday 11/25/22 NO MOVIE THIS WEEK- Thanksgiving holiday
- Friday 12/02/22 My Week with Marilyn 2011
- Friday 12/08/22 Hyde Park on the Hudson 2012



Global Chefs prepare meals for WOW

What started as an informal addition to the Friday **Windows on the West** film series has become an organized program. A meal is provided to the first 45 people to arrive for each WOW program. **Global Chefs** team members meet Friday afternoon to share recipes and cooking techniques, make new friends, and chat about food and family in a lively and engaging setting.

Participants are encouraged to suggest dishes from their home countries. Based on participant input, a menu is prepared. Food is ordered online on Tuesday and delivered on Wednesday. The Bechtel Center provides funds for the purchase of food.

Tooran Oshikoji is the CCIS chair of program. Individuals are encouraged to help cook. Tooran can be reached at gc@ccisstanfordu.org.

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Get Involved with CCIS!

We need committee members for 2 working groups

CCIS is looking for people who want to get involved with the organization by joining one of two committees. These two committees are both working groups, and will require your creative ideas and program development, as well as driving campaigns that will show results for all of CCIS. Your volunteerism and shared involvement will benefit all of us. The two committees are the Recruiting working group, and the Branding and Promotion working group.

The **Recruiting** working group will involve developing Ideas and campaigns to bring more volunteers to CCIS to support the many service offerings that CCIS provides to the International student community. We have a great community of students from all over the world, but we need more leaders, program support members, and people who want to get involved. Your idea generation and marketing program execution will allow CCIS to expand our services offerings to more students. Whether you create a Stanford radio campaign, connect with Rotary and Toastmasters in the local community to support CCIS, advertise in the Palo Alto News, create mailings to the Stanford community.....we need your ideas, your energy, and your passion to allow us to grow.

The second working group is our **Branding and Promotion** group. We need to strengthen our brand, increase our messages on LinkedIn, leverage Google, create automated messages on our website or leverage the web in a more general way. Your participation will allow us to generate better marketing, better awareness, and enhanced and clearer ways of getting the messages out to the people in the Stanford Community who need and should know about CCIS.

If you want to get involved in either of these working groups, please send an email directly to Kate Khatseyeva: k.khatseyeva@gmail.com for the Recruiting working group or to Jeff Greenwald: Jeff.Greenwald@hotmail.com for the Branding and Promotion working group.

Get involved with CCIS. We need your passion and your ideas!
Thank you in advance!

Jeff Greenwald, Board vice-president

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.

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