



CCIS NOTES

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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 - President of CCIS

"A Heartfelt Farewell and Warm Welcome."

Dear CCIS Community,

As the academic year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the retiring Board members who have dedicated their time and energy to our organization. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I cannot thank you enough for your hard work.

At the same time, I want to extend a warm welcome to all the new Board members joining us. We are excited to have you on board and to benefit from your fresh perspectives and ideas. Together, we will continue to grow and achieve even greater things.

As we approach the end of the academic year, it brings about mixed emotions. On one hand, I feel a sense of sadness as we bid farewell to those who have become friends during this journey. It's hard to see them go. But on the other hand, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride and satisfaction when I look back at the incredible results CCIS at Stanford has achieved.

The dedication and hard work of our members and retiring Board members have truly made a difference. We have accomplished so much together, and I am confident that next year will bring even greater success. CCIS at Stanford will continue to evolve and thrive, thanks to the collective efforts of our passionate community.

As we move forward, let us cherish the friendships we have made and the memories we have created. Let us continue to support one another and work towards our shared goals. Together, we will make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

With heartfelt appreciation and optimism,

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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A great afternoon at the Annual CCIS Meeting May 8



A great afternoon of listening to speakers was held in the Assembly Room at the Bechtel International Center. Those attending had the opportunity to mix with members and volunteers before and after the panel discussion.

Vice-President, Jeff Greenwald, assembled a fantastic panel of speakers. Spouses who followed their partners to Stanford spoke about how life has changed for them. Most stated that the CCIS organization was a crucial part of adjusting to their new lives. The Wednesday morning coffee meetings provided a place to meet people and create friendships. For some the Spouse Education Fund grants provided a chance for more learning and increased confidence. Almost all discussed the challenges of living in a high cost area.

The panelists included:

- * **Heeseung Lim**- a Korean husband, who is now working at Applied Materials
- * **Airi Eguchi**- a Japanese spouse of a post doc, who is attending English classes
- * **Yunhee Park**- a Korean spouse
- * **Florence Thiry**- a spouse of a post doc who is currently working as a postpartum Doula. She was a doctor in Belgium
- * **Micaela De Poi Segovia**- a spouse from Uruguay, seeking a position as an architect.
- * **Sarah Carnielli**-an urban planner from Brazil



Shown left to right-front row- Micaela, Florence, Yunhee, and Sarah. Back row- Jeff, Airi, Heeseung and Kate.

Shalini Dev Bhutani and Elsa Gontrum provided a review and preview of efforts and accomplishments at the Bechtel Center.

Global chefs is a big success



A revised and expanded program call "**Global Chefs**" has been providing opportunities for planning, cooking, and fellowship for internationals and their families. CCIS volunteer members help the group prepare the meals.

Organized by CCIS board member Tooran Oshikoji, the group meets on Friday afternoons to start cooking the meal which is served at 5:30 to the first 45-50 people to arrive. Dishes are suggested by those participating and are a reflection of the diverse group of cooks. The Bechtel Center pays for the food. The group has prepared cuisines from 14 different countries with the help of chefs across 16 different languages.

The photos are from the June 2 dinner. Among the food offerings were two versions of Chinese fried rice, a Brazilian cheese ball, Persian salad, two kinds of salad and quiche. Tooran prepared "Food Hero" certificates of appreciation for those chefs who participated.



You can learn more about the program contact Tooran at- gc@ccisstanfordu.org.

Dinners will resume in the fall.

Watch for membership renewal information arriving at the end of July

CCIS is looking for two more people!



The Board is looking for two more people to fill open positions-

***Board Events Chair.** Your task would be to organize, with the help of the board president, four gatherings:

**Board Retreat in August,
Holiday Luncheon in December,
Bechtel Staff / CCIS Board Breakfast in January,
Annual Membership Meeting in May.**

***Professional Liaison Chair-** a program that connects spouses of internationals with other professionals to discuss questions about their careers in one-on-one conversations.

Could that person be you?

If you are interested in finding out more about these positions, please contact **Kate Khatseyeva**. She can share the job descriptions with you and answer any questions. president@ccisstanfordu.org

A Fond Farewell To Karen McNay

Longtime CCIS board member and valuable volunteer Karen McNay has stepped down from the board. Karen has served on the board for over twenty years in various positions. She spent years developing the September orientation program, served for many years as the Homestay chair and was a vice president and president of the board. She has also helped organize board events.

Karen's awareness of CCIS goes back to the late 1950s when her parents hosted international students in their home. Some of those she befriended as well.

Over the years Karen estimates that she has hosted over ninety students, many of whom have remained in contact with her, even years later. She has also traveled the world to visit with many of the former students and their families.

Karen's hope is that the original purpose of CCIS- to foster human connections between the local community and international students and scholars can go forward. Her memories are "best summed up by the lifetime of friends, memories, numerous international weddings and celebrations." For graduation weekend June 17-18 she hosted a BBQ for over forty guests!



The board extends its best wishes and appreciation to Karen for the many years of support, guidance and leadership that she has provided.

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 notes@ccisstanfordu.org.

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