

Communiqué

January /February 2006

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Community Committee for International Students at Stanford University



CCIS Programs

Associates + Cooking + Community Advisors + English Classes + English-in-Action + Homestay + Hospitality
+ International Women's Circle + Loan Closet + Professional Liaison + Spouse Fund

Spouse Fund dollars dispersed....

The CCIS Spouse Education Fund was created to help spouses who have interrupted their own education or career development in order to accompany international students coming to Stanford. Now in its 19th year, the Fund has awarded 177 grants to women and men from more than 30 countries to enable them to pursue their career and educational goals. We are grateful to our donors who make these grants possible.

This year, in spite of a drop in funding level, we have awarded grants to all 19 of the 19 applicants; however, in most cases we were unable to fund the full amount requested.



The grantees and their fields of study are:

Yeliz Celiker (Turkey) to take classes to prepare for the birth of her first child;
Yuri Chang (Korea) to attend an art class in the Stanford Continuing Studies program;

Yanhua Chang (China) to begin studies at DeAnza College in preparation for a change of her major area of interest;

Melanie Chong (Singapore) toward completion of course in stock photography and/or grant writing;

Naja de Pilla (Australia) for books and supplies to assist her preparation for taking the U.S. Medical License Examination so that she may continue her medical career;

Mao Ching Foo (Singapore) to help fund studies at UC Berkeley toward a Master's Degree in Financial Engineering;

Ingrid Hornickel Velasquez (Venezuela) to continue studies at UC Berkeley in the Certificate Program in Project Planning and Controlling;

Yi Jiang (China) to continue classes at the Academy of Art University;

Kyung A Kim (Korea) for study in the Department of Structural Biology at UC Berkeley contingent on her acceptance by Berkeley;

Silvia Eunyong Kim (Korea) for music lessons at the Community School of Music and Art contingent upon her acceptance by the school;

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Where Oh Where are the Volunteers?

The new year brings more new students, scholars, and post-doctorates who want to practice speaking English with someone willing to listen, correct without criticism, and give them confidence speaking English. So many internationals, not enough volunteers. Our current volunteers are terrific and often take more than one international as an EIA partner. We have matched 160 internationals with partners since September but more register every week.

We can't keep pace with serving the needs of internationals who register for English-in-Action (EIA), thus new volunteers are needed. The commitment is minimal, just one hour per week with an international who requests conversational assistance with pronunciation. If you, your spouse, or your friend could visit with an EIA partner an hour a week, please let us know. Just contact us; we will make the initial arrangements.

In theory, EIA is a one-year commitment. The reality is, friendships develop and often continue as long as the international is at Stanford and beyond. We have matched 160 internationals with partners since September but more register every week. Contact:

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Happy New Year 2006



Lectures, Special Parties and Dinners

◁>Southeast Asian Dinner ▷

Saturday, March 4
Southeast Asian food, presentation of Southeast Asian
Leadership Network
6pm-9pm, I-Center Dining Room

Sunday, March 12
7pm-9pm, I-Center Dining Room

Series -- Movies and Discussions

* Current International Affairs Forum *

◁>Middle Eastern Movie Series ▷

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
January 18: *Sabah*, a romantic Arab/Canadian film by
Ruba Nadda
February 1: *The Fifth Reaction*, a Persian film by
Tahminah Milani
February 15: *A Citizen, a Detective and a Thief*, an
Egyptian film by Daoud Abd al-Sayyid
March 1: *Masumiyet*, Turkish drama directed by Zeki
Demirkubuz
March 15: *At 5 in the Afternoon*, a Persian film by
Samira Makhmalbaf
Hosted by David Giovacchini, Middle East
Collection, Stanford University Libraries.
Sponsored by the Abbasi Islamic Studies
Program, Bechtel International Center, and
Middle East Collection,
Stanford University Libraries.

◁>Sunday Evening Music Movie Series ▷

Sundays at 7:30 pm
January 22: *The Pianist*
January 29: *The Red Violin*
February 5: *Shine*
February 26: *Music in my Heart*

◁>Tuesday Evening Indian Movie Series ▷

Details to be confirmed . . .

◁>International Discussion Series ▷

12 noon to 1 pm
Thursdays, February 16 to March 16
Back Lounge

Classes and other activities

◁>Language classes ▷

Spanish Conversation
Russian for Beginners
French for Beginners
Spanish for Beginners
Intermediate Spanish

◁>Introduction to Drawing ▷

Mondays, January 23 -- March 13,
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
with Ed Stanton

◁>Representational Drawing ▷

with Trevlyn Williams

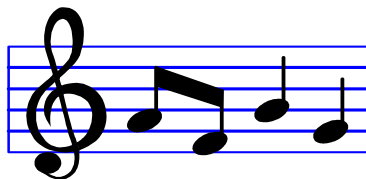
Next Potluck / Music Night

Sunday, February 12 at 6:00 PM
at

Bechtel International Center



If you play an instrument or sing and
are willing to perform, please call:
Dee Gustavson, 650-961-3539



Come with your family and your interna-
tional students, spouses and scholars.
Bring a dish of food to share.
Plates, utensils, fruit punch and coffee are
furnished.

CCIS Spouse Fund (continued from p.1)

Lucy Abbot Lavrsen (England) to assist in her preparation for taking the examination for acceptance on the National Board of Certified Occupational Therapists;

Zhishun Lu (China) to continue prerequisite courses at California State University, East Bay for eventual acceptance by San José State University in the field of Clinical Science;

Zahra (Yasaman) Mohammadizadeh (Iran) to continue her undergraduate studies, contingent only upon her acceptance by a local college or university;

Noriko Oba (Japan) for private lessons with Professor Laura Dahl of the Stanford Department of Music;

Eunjung Park (Korea) for studies towards an MBA at the University of Santa Clara;

Ling Ren (China) for classes in Economics at De Anza College;

Einat Sequerra (Israel) to continue studies towards a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the California School for Professional Psychology.

Jung Mi Sohn (Korea) contingent on acceptance by the school of her choice for study towards an MBA;

Yuye Zhang (China) to study for a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, contingent upon her acceptance by a local university that offers this degree.

Grants ranged from \$200 to \$500 for a total of \$6,810. Again this year, we are very pleased that the Stanford Federal Credit Union provided \$500 for a special grant. The Spouse Education Fund Committee (Gwyn Dukes, Connie Barthold, Ann Galli, Jack Rutherford, Charlene Ward and Gwen Weisner) were extremely impressed by the caliber and the aims of this year's applicants. *We just wish we had had more money!*

--by Gwen Weisner

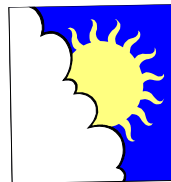
Ed. note: Thanks to each and all of you readers who responded to the request for donations to the Spouse Fund this year. Recipients are always grateful and their spirits are uplifted when they find they can resume studies in their own fields even while the primary purpose they are here is to support their spouses.

CCIS Special Appreciation

Josephine Leung, a some-time-ago-foreign-student from the former British Colony Hong Kong and a committed volunteer, has recently returned to her local endeavor: *Happy Pet*



Smart. Josephine spent four months this autumn as a member of the Disaster/Rescue Team responsible for the financial recovery effort helping to interview and expedite applications for Federal Aid to hurricane victims in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina's devastation in the Gulf Coast States. Now she and her partner, Mark Nakano, have opened an internet store, www.HappyPetSmart.com, dedicated for the fundraiser to help displaced four-legged animals. They (the animals) also are the victims of the catastrophic disaster and many have become homeless and separated from their loving guardians. Portions of the proceeds from sale of pet items on their website will be donated directly to the Humane Society of the U.S. and other Animals Rescue Groups in the southern states.



Josephine and Mark attended and supported our CCIS Holiday Open House on Dec. 3. Did you meet them there?

Josephine, in her email to me (ed.), was recalling her experiences on arrival in the U.S. some years ago as a foreign student and saying she benefited so much from the hosting families and the compassionate Americans who opened their hearts and houses on holidays when she was a freshman. She says, "It certainly helps International Students to eliminate their homesickness, and is the best way to improve the language, learn the customs and culture."

Are You Available?

New students, scholars, post-doctorates and their spouses and children will be arriving in January for the new quarter at Stanford. Can **YOU** find an hour each week to assist one or more newly arriving international to become oriented in our neighborhood? **Call the CCIS office 650-326-5252** to offer your services. You may leave a message (*our office is not staffed on a daily basis, but someone will find your message and give you a return call within a day or so*). Just tell us what you **can or like to do** . . . help at events (potluck suppers), English-in-Action, play a musical instrument or sing at a Potluck/Music event, volunteer to drive on organized outings to local places of interest to newly arrived internationals, assist with cooking classes or other classes, spend a Friday morning from 10 AM to Noon talking with new internationals who come with their preschool children to Friday Morning Coffees. It's always a fun thing to do!

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2006 **CALENDAR**



Jan. 12, Thurs. Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 AM

Feb. 2, Thurs. Volunteer Orientation, 7:00-9:00 PM

Our winter training session is designed to help folks new to English in Action and Hospitality with techniques and approaches to questions that arise. The conversation will be especially helpful to those who have been meeting with the partner for awhile. Veteran EIA volunteers are welcome, and their advice is valued.

Feb. 9, Thurs. Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 AM

Feb. 12, Sun. Potluck / Music Night, 6:00 PM

Mar. 9, Thurs. Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 AM

Apr. 13, Thurs. Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, 4:00 PM

Each year we have a short meeting which allows everyone who volunteers with CCIS to come together. We have an interesting speaker -- often a group of students, some refreshments, and a ten-minute business meeting to vote on the slate of officers for the coming year. The 4 o'clock time eliminates any concerns about parking.

May 7, Sunday Potluck-Music Night. 6:00 PM

May 11, Thurs. Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 AM



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