



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

Navigating Change in a Foreign Land

Dear Members of our Wonderful Community,

I understand firsthand the challenges of starting anew in a foreign land with a different language and culture. It can be overwhelming, and I know many of you have experienced this as well. Remember how it felt to start from scratch?

Finding your island of stability in these situations is crucial. As a community, we can provide a safe and friendly environment to support our new students and their families in adapting to their new reality. Let's share valuable advice on how to settle in easily and be there for them during this transformative journey.

Your wisdom and support can make all the difference in helping others find their footing. Let's embrace the opportunity to stand together and guide one another through this exciting new chapter.

With warmest regards,

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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**New Board members
are excited to join us!**

**Meet the new board
contributors**

**Sumana Sur-
Board Events chair**



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Sumana completed her graduate studies in Operations Research at Stanford University and worked at Oracle for a few years before pursuing her passion for teaching.

For the past 21 years, she has been a dedicated faculty member at the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University. Sumana is thrilled to be joining the CCIS board.

She looks forward to planning the annual Holiday luncheon.

**Bob Paugh-
Secretary**



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Bob Paugh has participated in many of the programs offered by CCIS. He has worked with several English in Action partners and the Hospitality program.

He attends the Spouse Coffee regularly, often bringing a home-baked coffee cake for all to taste. Bob also teaches a class in BBQ and American cooking.

He earned a BS, MS and MBA from Stanford and worked in Silicon Valley for 33 years.

Save the date!

**Holiday luncheon will be held Monday December 4.
More details will follow.**

Presentation helps define options



The spouses and family members who accompany international students, postdocs and visiting scholars to Stanford have often paused their busy lives and professional careers in order to join their partner here. Time looms large as they seek to make a new beginning. The Spouse Education Fund Committee wanted to make new spouses aware of a broad range of options for making good use of their time here.

On October 11, the Spouse Education Fund Committee joined with Bechtel Spouse & Family Programs to offer a presentation, "Enhance Your Time Here: Opportunities for Online Learning". Colleen Silva-Hayden, who has broad experience developing online courses for both universities (Harvard) and online companies (Coursera), was the perfect speaker to introduce the wide spectrum of courses available online, and the differing characteristics of each. The conference room was filled as she presented an inspiring overview of how "Learning for a Vibrant Life" can contribute to their personal and professional growth.

This information will be especially helpful for those who apply for a grant from the CCIS Spouse Education Fund in November. Applicants are required to identify a course that relates to their personal or professional goals, and grantees will be selected through interviews.

For those interested in supporting spouses in their pursuit of further training, it is still possible to contribute to the CCIS Spouse Education Fund. See the CCIS/SEF website for details. <https://ccisstanfordu.org/donate/donate.html>

The next issue of CCIS Notes will introduce more new board members.

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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