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Intensive English Learning Institute

Tomotaka Ishigaki is an IELI student who studies international liberal arts at his home university in Japan. He has been studying in the US for nearly two and half months. "I like American music and culture, so I was looking forward to going to America. However, I thought that safety is worse than Japan, But Omaha was not that much. And also, when I think about Omaha, before I came, I thought that here is

more like city side. My university has connection to Creighton, so I thought it is easy to make an appointment. That's why I chose Creighton. Last week, me and some of my Japanese friends experienced making Jack-o-Lantern with some American students. I've never made it by hand, and it was littlebit difficult for us, but we finally could make our original Jack-o-Lantern. It was so great time for us."

During the month of October IELI took a trip to Lincoln. While there they visited the football stadium and the museum on UNL's campus. Additionally, IELI took a trip to Vala's pumpkin patch.



International Student and Scholar Services

INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION
WEEK

November 11th - 18th is International Student Week. Throughout the week the GEO is hosting several events to showcase students and programs that work closely with the GEO. Vy Do, is a Vietnamese Sophomore studying finance on the Pre-Pharmacy tract. Creighton makes me feel like home away from home, but at the same time there are so many challenges that give me the feeling of living on the edge! To me, appearance, language, and interests are areas that can be either bridges or become walls. I used to be hesitant to talk to friends who did not have dark hair or dark eyes, or even someone who's significantly taller and bigger than me. Language has always been a problem because everyone does not speak the English I learned back home. There are so many slang words and local terms. And I barely shared any interests with the people just because I was raised so differently. However, I constantly remind myself why I chose to come here instead of staying back home - to immerse myself in the American culture and learn the best from it. I started hanging out with more friends from different regions and getting

to know them personally, as well as sharing my stories with them. I came to my professors' office hours and talked to them about study methods and more. All the relationships that I have made were impactful in getting me through these challenges so I really recommend international students to do the same! I know I belong to Creighton when I'm passionate about contributing to the community and I am able to turn those passion into real actions! My current leadership involvements include President of International Student Association, Excursions Coordinator of Creighton Student Union Program Board, Dance Team of Dance Marathon, member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, Pre-Pharmacy Club, Collegiate Association of Social Entrepreneurs, and desk receptionist at Swanson Residence Hall. I have learned so much, so so much, through my presidency in ISA! I get to talk to friends from all over the world and learn about their backgrounds when they are here and even after their exchange periods. I get to contribute to making Creighton a home to international students by incorporating activities (our signature event is the annual ISA Banquet with cultural performances and fantastic food!) with the help from different departments on campus. International Student Association's mission

is to support the international students on campus and connect them to the American culture so that they can get the best experiments possible here. We are open to everyone, so don't feel like you have to be an international student to be a part of ISA. International students love to hang out with American students, and ISA is making effort to bridge the two as much as possible!" Kicking off International Education Week, November 11th, International Student Association will be hosting their annual banquet. Students and off-campus performers will be performing a series of dance, music, and several other cultural performances. Additionally, the banquet features a fashion show, showcasing cultural dresses from all over the world. Each year, students select a series of food dishes and cuisines to share with the Creighton and Omaha Community. Tickets for students are \$10 and non-students \$12. Contact SyrenaDo@creighton.edu for more information.

Study Abroad

Sam Cox, is spending the Fall semester of her senior year on the Creighton in Italy program; “I realized that studying abroad for an entire semester is always going to involve some kind of sacrifice. But I also realized that the sacrifices I was going to be making, like leaving my friends behind for three months and giving up a few leadership positions at school, were going to be eclipsed by everything I could gain from a semester abroad. It’s been really hard so far to miss out on everything happening back home, but I know it will be worth it in the end. I’ve got some incredible things planned soon, and I’m spending my senior year having the experience of a lifetime. getting ready for the second half of the semester, I definitely have my bearings in this city. I can get around town and order food and can sometimes even point tourists in the right direction when they come up to me and ask for directions. I’m looking forward to seeing what the second half of this semester has in store now that I’m more familiar with Rome. The first half of the semester was definitely a huge adjustment period, getting acquainted with living abroad, but this next half I’m looking forward to exploring more and discovering parts of Rome that most people who visit don’t get to experience.” Study Abroad has 74 confirmed participants for Spring semester study abroad. The deadline for summer and fall programs is March 1, 2018, though many faculty-led programs will be full by December.



Ecuentro Dominicano & ILAC

Eleven Comunidad students of the twenty-four currently in the DR, recently spent 10 days in the rural community of Cañafistol. Students worked with community members to construct a new aqueduct system to use in the community. The students collaborated with the community to construct a tank that will serve as a reservoir for the aqueduct. Although Cañafistol belongs to San Jose de las Matas, it is very close to Monción, called the capital of the Casabe, it is one of the places of the Dominican that maintains a considerable proportion of cultures originating from the Tainos, inhabitants of

the island before the arrival of the Spaniards. Cassava, corn, wood, bee products and vegetable essences are produced and processed in this arid and beautiful region. The aqueduct will help with irrigation for the agriculture. “A cheerful spirit and a warm welcome were evident during the meeting of collaboration, in keeping with the warm climax and the natural beauty of that place.” stated ILAC representative

Creighton Global Initiative

ENG 455/ AMS 455 Global Bollywood

Featured this month is Dr. Malik's Creighton Global Initiative (CGI) project "Global Bollywood: Bridging Global Cultures and Omaha Communities" uses Indian popular cinema as a cultural and political lens to help students learn about the "uncomfortable realities of the world." The project consists of multiple components that encourage students to connect this global perspective to our local Omaha community. In addition to the cross-listed course ENG 455/AMS 455 on Global Bollywood that fulfills the Intersections requirement in the Magis Core, the project will organize a public lecture by Dr. Vamsee Juluri, a Bollywood scholar from our partner Jesuit institution the University of San Francisco, and a movie screening. The students will also present the research projects they design for the class to the campus community. The project is designed to give the students the opportunity to do outreach to both the campus and the Omaha South Asian immigrant and refugee communities. Dr. Malik's hopes for the class are enthusiastic student and community participation that will help us build bridges: bridges between Creighton and South

Asian immigrants and refugees; bridges between Creighton and partner Jesuit institutions, bridges between disciplines; and bridges between global and local perspectives. I fervently hope that studying this popular cultural form will enable students to see themselves as part of a larger global community because our histories in the United States are different from yet intimately interconnected with those of people from other places. Students will learn to think critically about social justice at a global level, the politics of globalized production and reception of culture, the connections between India and the United States, and the relations between developing nations that do not always involve the "West." For example, this course will be extremely useful for business students who are interested in emerging global markets such as India. The course will offer unprecedented opportunities for social and professional growth by involving students in research, outreach to the community, and engaging with scholars from other Jesuit universities. I am encouraged by the enthusiastic response I have received from not only

students but people outside the university who are eager to attend events and share the excitement of this globally popular art form. Her primary inspiration to design the project with curricular programming and various layers of sharing this global knowledge with campus and surrounding communities came from Father Hendrickson's and the Global Engagement Office's call to design Creighton Global Initiative (CGI) projects that are committed to sustainability and longevity beyond the initial funding period. That encouraged me to think about integrating this global perspective into curricular offerings so that it is not simply an add-on but becomes a part of the very fabric of the intellectual work we do and the knowledge we produce at Creighton. Father Hendrickson's vision for CGI also inspired me to think about how we can use a curricular project to echo its knowledge beyond the classroom and build partnerships between campus units and with other Jesuit institutions.

Office of Sustainability Programs

In October, the Office of Sustainability celebrated the Feast of St. Francis, an annual commemoration of the life of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. During the first week of October, Creighton University celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with a wide variety of events co-sponsored by the Office of Sustainability Programs, the Justice and Peace Studies Program, Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, Campus Ministry, and St. John's Church. One of the highlights of the week was the presentation of the Annual Spirit of St. Francis Sustainability Awards at the luncheon. Four awards were presented to members of the Creighton community who have made sustainability a priority through service, teaching, and raising awareness on campus. Dr. Richard Miller was awarded the Faculty/Staff Award in honor of his active role in scholarship and advocacy at Creighton and many levels of government over the last decade. Over the past year Dr. Miller played an active role in the Presidential Advisory Committee on Sustainability that produced great fruits including the formation of an Office of Sustainability and Creighton's first fulltime Sustainability Coordinator. Jessica Mizaur was awarded the Stu-

dent Award for her work as the communications director for the Greenjays student group where she helped to organize letter writing campaigns against the KXL pipeline and Earth Week's Green Chat booth. Ms. Mizaur volunteers with political campaigns of candidates working to increase sustainability as a priority at OPPD and the mayor's office. She currently serves as the president of Greenjays. Dr. Barbara Dilly presented with the Community Partner Award. Four years ago, Dr. Dilly developed a community garden on one of Creighton's vacant lots in the Gifford Park Neighborhood on the corner of 32nd and Webster Streets in collaboration of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association and the Refugee Empowerment Center. The garden was designed to further the neighborhood association goals of welcoming and integrating refugees into the Gifford Park community. Kelly Tadeo Orbik was honored with the Distinguished Career Award. Ms. Tadeo Orbik's career includes critical contributions to keeping the St. Francis celebration going over the years by providing vital behind-the-scenes work that doesn't always get the same limelight as other forms of contribution. By providing student volunteers and

resources, she helps make the annual event not only fun, but as green as possible. Her nomination spoke clearly of the impact her personal choices in life as well as advocacy to others, raising awareness on campus of the intersection between justice and sustainability. Feast of St. Francis Day activities were capped off by a Dust Off Your Bike event held on Skinner Mall on the evening of October 4. Bike mechanics from the Community Bike Project Omaha (CBPO) assisted students, faculty, and staff with tuning up their bikes. The event was a great success and plans are in the works to hold a similar event in the spring. Friday, November 17, noon- 1pm in Skutt 105 the Office of Sustainability will be hosting their final fall sustainability forum. Three faculty members from Creighton's College of Arts and Sciences will discuss the work they have been doing in the Western Sandhills. As part of their 2017 Haddix Faculty Research project, titled The Nebraska Sandhills in Interdisciplinary Perspective, Dr. Jay Leighter, Dr. Mary Ann Vinton, and Dr. John O'Keefe will share their experiences and perspectives related to the socio-cultural, ecological and theological research. Check back for exact time and location.

Office of Academic Service Learning

Tom Kelly, Director of Academic Service-Learning, took 14 Creighton faculty and staff to the Dominican Republic and Haiti over Fall Break, furthering the development of academic service-learning (ASL) initiatives at the University. As part of a semester-long CGI development program, Creighton faculty, administrators, and staff participated in immersion experiences to gain concrete examples of ASL activities integrating respect, reciprocity, relevance and reflection. Participants in the program commit to a year of formational readings, meetings, travel, and a project proposal to be used in their courses or departments. These kinds of immersion en-

counters foster global thinking, deepen and expand critical and creative thinking, and contribute to the distinctiveness of Creighton as a Jesuit University. The Office of Academic Service Learning continues to grow. It hosted its first of three Faculty Forums on September 27, which provide information and resources for developing ASL to enhance student learning through

service and reflection. Upcoming forums will take place on Tuesday, October 24, and Monday, November 13. With ASL approval processes now available online and faculty beginning to submit academic service-learning course proposals, Creighton students will be able to search for ASL courses starting in the Spring of 2018.

International Relations In Health Sciences

Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Departments of School of Pharmacy Health Professions invited and hosted a three-member delegation from Sanda University in Shanghai, China. The delegation consists of Dr. Wenhua Chen, Director of Rehabilitation Department and Dr. Buo Yu, Associate Director of Rehabilitation of College of International Medical Technology. Sanda University is one of Creighton's collaborative partners in China. The purpose of the visit is to deepen and broaden collaborations between the School of International Medical



Technology of Sanda University and the Creighton University Health Sciences as well as to explore additional possibilities for collaboration. During the visit, the delegation toured Creighton Health Science facilities, met with administration, faculty and staff of School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, College of Nursing and other pertinent departments and programs, and visited CHI facilities. The visit was a very successful one and all parties involved are very excited about future collaborations.

Asian World Center

On October 7th, the inaugural U.S.-India Friendship Summit convened at Creighton University, which brought together political, cultural and academic luminaries from both countries to talk about the state of Indian and American ties. More than 300 people turned out to take part in the Summit at Creighton, with well more than 500 people also watching via a worldwide livestream of the event. Plenary speakers and panel conversations discussed the past, present and future of India-U.S. relations and generally celebrated the two countries. "This was indeed a historical event that we had at Creighton University and in the United States for the first-ever friendship summit between the U.S. and India," said Maorong Jiang, PhD, director of the Asian World Center who jointly organized the Summit with Sanjay Singh, MD, chair and professor of the Department of Neurology in the Creighton School of Medicine. "There are other summits between the U.S. and India, such as on trade, business and IT, but not one with a focus on promoting the people-to-people friendship and exploring opportunities for collaboration between US cities and Indian cities. In that regard, I believe we met with a successful exchange of ideas and strengthened the understanding between our nations." During his address to the Summit Creighton President the Rev. Daniel Hendrickson, SJ, touched on the

renewed efforts at cultural, political and economic exchange taking place to nurture greater cooperation and understanding as the world looks to the oldest democracy, the U.S., and the largest one, in India. The Summit opened with an address from Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, who represents Illinois' 8th U.S. Congressional District, and who was born in New Delhi. Additionally, the Summit featured Rep. Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska's 1st District, who has taken part in trade delegations to India. Former Nebraska Rep. Tom Osborne and former Nebraska governor, U.S. senator and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns both spoke, as did Charles Morrison, PhD, past president of the East-West Center and Tarun Vishay, one of India's leading intellectuals, a former Member of Parliament, and the philosophical mentor to India's two currently ruling political parties, the BJP and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

The Asian World Center will present the "2017 Distinguished Luncheon Lecture Series", featuring Mr. Dan Semrad for his long researched project. His lecture topic is "Chaos, Probability and Comprehensibility or Lack Thereof in World Financial Markets: A Discussion from Perspectives of Chinese Logic and Buddhist Thought". Dan Semrad graduated from Creighton University College of Business in 1971 with degrees in Finance and Marketing. Dan then earned his Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from Creighton University in May 2009 and is currently completing his Master of Arts degree at Creighton in East/West studies. This lecture will be part of the celebration of the International Education Week. It is scheduled on November 16 (Thursday) in room 104 at Skutt Student Center from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public. Seats are limited, first come first Served.

