Lawrence International Yearbook

2013-14
Contents

- ISS & Lawrence International
- Lawrence International Board
- Class of 2017
- Class of 2016
- Class of 2015
- Class of 2014
- Waseda & Exchange Students
- LI Fall Formal
- Ethnic Dinner
- Lunar New Year 2014
- Björklunden / Ice Skating
- Spring Break Trip: Chicago
- Cabaret 2014
- LI Spring Formal
- Friendship Family Program
- Farewells
More than 1,550 students come from 44 states and about 50 countries to experience Lawrence University's unique blend of academic and extracurricular offerings. About 11 percent of Lawrence’s student population is international, making Lawrence one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States. Lawrence is a place where different views and values are treated with respect.

The office of International Student Services (ISS) is devoted to the unique personal and educational goals of the diverse international community at Lawrence University. The office strives to promote awareness, perspectives, and understanding of international cultures to cultivate informed global citizenship. ISS is led by Leah McSorley (pictured), Director of International Student Services, who is the advisor for the LI student organization.

Lawrence International is one of the largest student organizations at Lawrence University, connecting the international community with American students on campus. It organizes campus-wide events including dance formals, ethnic dinners, picnics, cultural activities, the annual Cabaret, and so much more. International students themselves describe LI as “a family within Lawrence that gives each student comfort and familiarity while allowing them to explore a new culture” (Samhita Nagaraj ’15) and as “an inexhaustible source of cultural knowledge and vitality” (Tahnee Marquardt ’16). Amaan Khan ’16 confirms, “Lawrence International is a support system, a launch-pad to life at Lawrence, a social hub, an opportunity to learn about cultures from across the globe and engage in constructive exchange, and a stage to present your own culture all wrapped into one organization.”

Over 200 Lawrence students (out of 1,550) identify themselves with the international community, either through citizenship or personal background. Current Lawrence students call the following countries home:

Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Liberia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam, and more!
A History of Lawrence International 1977-2014

Lawrence International was founded in 1977 by a number of international students under the leadership of Yannis Manoli from Cyprus. During the '60s and early '70s, the Lawrence World Affairs Council, loosely allied to the Government Department, had attracted the interest of international students and American students committed to international issues. In the early 70's, the group died out and so through the mid-portion of the 70's, no organization particularly attractive to international students existed. Yannis and other students wanted an organization which would provide a support system for international students, provide a platform for international and American students to work and learn together, and provide a forum for educating Lawrentians concerning international cultural, political, and social issues.

Over the years, the organization has fulfilled those goals admirably. In most years the group has been composed of 50% - 60% international students and 40% - 50% American students, although with the growth of numbers of international students recently, that ratio has shifted somewhat. Biweekly Friday dinners, which are now the LI general meeting, have greatly enriched the education of all who have participated. In only the second year of its work, Lawrence International presented a United Nations Day Dinner in October that has eventually grown into the Ethnic Dinner which takes place in late Fall term. Now the successor activity, the International Cabaret, is usually done in early Spring. Members of Lawrence International have regularly presented talks in different forums on campus; they've provided an international dimension in local schools by addressing classes and assemblies. With the opening of International House in 1988, Lawrence International was able to expand upon its scheduling of parties and dinners with international themes.

Through all these years, Lawrence International has been a vital force in the lives of all its members: It has been energetic, concerned, and responsive. May Lawrence International continue this fine record of accomplishment and live a long life!
The LI Board coordinates the efforts of the organization and organizes events such as ethnic dinners and Cabaret to bring cultural diversity to the Lawrence campus and the Appleton community. It also arranges LI formals, field trips, movie nights, and pizza parties to enhance the connections between LI members.

**13-14 LI Board Members**

**President:** Diana Szteinberg  
**Vice President:** Anarkali Mahmood  
**General Board Members:** Amaan Khan, Chela Gans, Natsuki Sakaguchi, Samhita Nagaraj, Shang Li, Tahnee Marquardt, Xun Mendez

LEFT: Clockwise from top-left: Xun Mendez, Chela Gans, Amaan Khan, Leah McSorley, Tahnee Marquardt, Anarkali Mahmood, Diana Szteinberg, Natsuki Sakaguchi, Shang Li.

ABOVE: Samhita Nagaraj
Class of 2017

Delina Abadi
Ethiopia

Ghazi Al-Zyoud
Jordan

Audrey Xuejun Chen
China

Regina Cornish Morales
Mexico

Ryan Eardley
Canada

Leafy Yechu He
China

Felix Henriksson
Finland

Breanna Hickson
Australia

Yuriko Hirose
Japan

Mohan Hu
China

Alice Jingwen Huang
China

Jasmine Jackson
Ghana
Class of 2017

Deepta Jyoti
Bangladesh

Elin Karlsson
Sweden

Vijayashree
Krishnan
India

Mesphina Kudowar
Ghana

Young Hun Kwan
South Korea

Kin Thuy Le
Vietnam

Xiaoyang Lei
China

Jiaqian Li
China

Tammy Mingfei Li
China

Kathy Yan Li
China

Cassandra
Yiming Li
China

Zoey
Xi Lin
China
Class of 2017

Bohan Liu  
China

Jemmy Liu  
Canada

Nilida Xiaozhu Liu  
China

Ziling Lu  
China

Mobassir Bhuiyan  
Bangladesh

Kun Keonho Na  
South Korea

Tamara Nassar  
Jordan

Hoang Nguyen  
Vietnam

Abedin Rafique  
Bangladesh

Bimalsen Rajbhandari  
Nepal

Jo-Hanna Rifai  
Canada

Nigel Schuster  
Germany
Class of 2017

Nam Kon Song
South Korea

Yujie Su
China

Siyi Sun
China

Pathompat Tejapaibul
Thailand

Luqiong Wang
China

Tingting Wang
China

Yuchen Wang
China

Peiying Yu
China

Dian Zhu
China

LI sponsored Hindustani Concert
Justice Addo  
Ghana

Razan Anabtawi  
Palestine

Michael Brissett  
US/Jamaica

Angela Butler  
Canada

Cansu Cabucak  
Turkey

He Chang  
China

Liqi Chen  
China

Qiongyu Chen  
China

Donnay Creary  
Jamaica

Eduardo Elizondo  
Rueda  
Mexico

Renato Engler  
Switzerland

Class of 2016
Class of 2016

Liza Girsova
Russia

Karen Kerschke
Germany

Amaan Khan
Pakistan

Kenni La-Anyane
Ghana

Phong Le
Vietnam

Shang Li
China

Wanli Lu
China

Tahnee Marquardt
Germany

Xun Mendez
US/ Mexico

Vahaken Mouradian
Cyprus

Dan Nguyen
Vietnam

Hailie Huong Nguyen
Vietnam
Class of 2016

Linh Nguyen
Vietnam

Jason Jisu Park
Korea

Nutt Achamaporn
Punnanitinont
Thailand

Ryan Rumble
Canada

Effia Safo-Duodu
Ghana

Fabian Sivnert
Sweden

Chloe Stella
US/Italy

Hyung-Ju Suh
Republic of Korea

Hikari Tanaka
Japan/Ghana

Marianthi Tangili
Greece

Mikhail Trought
Jamaica

Annabelle Tsai
US
Class of 2016

Man Hin Tse  
Hong Kong

Ting Hin Tse  
Hong Kong

Kangkang Wang  
China

Sophia Yuxin  
Wang  
China

Xue Yan  
China

Tianyi Zhang  
China

Hanging out at the LI BBQ on the first day of class
Class of 2015

Zain Ali
India/US

Sanfer D’Souza
India

Stephanie Fordwor
Ghana

Nicolas Glennon
Colombia

Kat Aikaterini
Kimoundri
Greece

Le Kong
China

Alex
Tianchu Liang
China

Gustav Lindgren
Sweden

Diana Loewen
Canada

Daniel Martinez
Zambrano
Mexico

Samhita Nagaraj
India
Class of 2015

Carl Anton Olsson  
Sweden

Luke Phillips  
Jamaica

Maria Gracia Rojas Infantas  
Peru/US

David Romero Siekman  
Mexico/US

Yame Senye  
Botswana

Cosonya Smith  
Jamaica

Diana Szteinberg  
Argentina/Bolivia

Vincent Hieu Tran  
Vietnam

Carl-Christian Valentin  
Sweden

Konstantinos Vlachos  
Greece

Shijia Wang  
China

Ruya Zhang  
China
Class of 2014

Amal Abbas  
Iraq/US

Bile Ali  
Somalia/US

Helina Asefa  
Ethiopia/US

Thu Thu Aung  
Myanmar

Deji Baizhen  
US

Winnie Wintana Belai  
Ethiopia

Alexander Causwell  
Jamaica

Qianyu Chen  
China

Biyue Dai  
China

Camilla De Meo  
Brazil

Kabindra Dhakal  
Nepal

Shallion Dixon  
US
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Country</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alfredo Duque</td>
<td>Mexico/US</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pablo Galvan Tello</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chela Gans</td>
<td>US</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fei Gao</td>
<td>China</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ollin Garcia Pliego</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kenneth Goh</td>
<td>Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Huma Hakimzada</td>
<td>Afghanistan/US</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Gia Hoang</td>
<td>Vietnam</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pravin Jayasinghe</td>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elodie Jegu</td>
<td>France/Brazil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Victoria Jhong Chung</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yimeng Jiang</td>
<td>China</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Class of 2014

Valerie Kessie
Ghana

Korapin Kuo
Hong Kong

Oluwadamilola Lasisi
Nigeria

Susan Lee
Korea/US

Feiyu Li
China

Rousang Li
China

Anarkali Mahmood
Pakistan

Gayatri Malhotra
US/India

Shari McCarthy
Jamaica

Thao Nguyen
Vietnam

Margaret O’Connell
US

Armelle Otou Minkala
Cameroon
Class of 2014

Tuyet Pham
Vietnam

Xian Qu
China

Maisha Rahman
Bangladesh

Yuto Sawaki
Japan

Jiyong Shim
Rep. of Korea

Michael Russell
United Kingdom

Cuixiang Tan
China

Adey Asfaw Tewolde
Ethiopia

Stephanie Thomas
UK/US

Carl William Thoren
Sweden

Kimberley Trought
Jamaica

Chiao-Yu Tuan
Taiwan
Class of 2014

Benjamin Wollin
Germany

Zhuyi Yao
China

Nan Yang
China

Shichen Zhang
China
Waseda & Exchange Students

Africa Farina  
Spain

Ayako Fukui  
Japan

Akari Ichikawa  
Japan

Kota Imamura  
Japan

Crystal Jin Jing  
China

Yu Kimura  
Japan

Mai Komagine  
Japan

Chiaki Kono  
Japan

Moemi Mizuno  
Japan

Nanako Nakagawa  
Japan

Tomoyo Nejime  
Japan

Kanae Nishitani  
Japan
Waseda & Exchange Students

Julie
Iullia Nogina
Russia

Asami Oi
Japan

Gen Saito
Japan

Natsuki Sakaguchi
Japan

Yuko Sakurai
Japan

Masaya Sato
Japan

Sayuri Shimbara
Japan

Yoko Suzuki
Japan

Yuki Takezawa
Japan

Saki Tsubokawa
Japan

Shuhei Watanabe
Japan

Yuki Yamazaki
Japan
Ethnic Dinner
———Tongues of the world

Themed Tongues of the World, Lawrence International’s annual Ethnic Dinner was held on November 9, 2013 and paid tribute to languages across the globe. Performances by the Kinkaviwo and Meele dance groups enthralled the audience as did the dishes from six different cuisines.
The 2013 Fall Formal was a night of great company and good fun. The theme for this year was "Arabian Nights" and was held at Liberty Hall. The night was a fantastic success with a large number of people turning up for the evening.
This year, LI and ISS, collaborating with Asia-A, Chinese Student Association, Korean Cultural Club, Waseda and OMA as well as other student organizations, presented a campus-wise celebration of Lunar New Year, which is the important festival in China, Korea and Vietnam. More than 300 people, both students from Lawrence as well as many Appleton community members, attended the celebration on February 1, 2014.
LI Ice Skating Trip

Björklunden
This past Spring Break, LI sponsored students to visit Chicago for five days. The attendees were able to explore the windy city and make good use of their days off. It was a great opportunity to relax, discover, and bond with their friends.
More than 100 LU students from around the globe performed in the 37th annual Lawrence International Cabaret. A fantastic celebration of world culture, Cabaret 2014 was held on May 9th.
Opening: Soul of Vietnam

LI Board Members’ Intro
Bharatanatyam (India)
Adieu (France)
Fashion Show 1
Japan
Ghana
Thailand
Hmong
Bolivia
Nigeria
Pakistan
Ecuador
Tibet
Peruvian Festejo (Peru)

Bollywood Shakthi (India)

Ka Mate! Ka Mate! - Maori Haka (New Zealand)

Raqess Sharqi (Middle East)

Rhythm of Thai (Thailand)
Fashion Show 2

China

India

Vietnam

Mexico

Bangladesh

Ethiopia

Spain
Lei Pikake (Hawaii)

Mehndi (South Asia)

Denkyemfunefu (Ghana)

Matsuri (Japan)
Emcees

Finale
On Friday, May 30th, Lawrence International hosted the annual Spring Formal. This year’s theme was perfect for the wonderful weather: a tropical, Caribbean getaway. This formal incorporated a live performance for the first time. The performance was by the Afro-Cuban percussion ensemble, Tambo Toké. Held at Liberty Hall, fun was had by all.
The Friendship Family Program

This volunteer program is designed to supplement the students’ academic experience by getting them off campus and into the Appleton community. Our families have found hosting to be a wonderfully rewarding experience; and for the students, the opportunity to share a bit of their lives is often one of their most cherished experiences in the United States.

Families and students do a variety of activities together throughout the year such as attending Ethnic Dinner, Cabaret and the Friendship Family Potluck.
Farewell Exchange Students!
Farewell Seniors!