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What is LI?

-LAWRENCE INTERNATIONAL

More than 1,400 students come from 43 states and more than 45 countries to experience Lawrence University's unique blend of academic and extracurricular offerings.

About ten percent of Lawrence's student population is international, making Lawrence one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States. Beyond the numbers, 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 Tim Schmidt (picture), coordinator of international student services.

Lawrence International is the largest organization at Lawrence University, connecting the international community with American students on campus. It organizes campus-wide events including dance formals, ethnic dinners, picnics, and so much more. International students themselves describe LI as "a culture-absorbing sponge, an anytime-helpful hand, a long-lasting carnival (Michelle Zhu, '13), "a place where students from all nations and cultures come together to become a family" (Tanuja Devaraj, '10), and "Home away from home" (Angela Ting, '11). Approximately 180 Lawrence students (out of 1,420) identify themselves with the international community, either through citizenship or personal background. Current Lawrence students call the following countries home:

Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea (ROK), Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe

LI BOARD

The LI Board organizes events such as Ethnic Dinners and Cabaret to bring cultural diversity to Lawrence campus and the Appleton community. They also arrange LI formals, fieldtrips, movie nights, and pizza parties to enhance the tie within LI members.

09-10 LI Board Members:

President:
Angela Ting
Vice President:
Renske Hoedemaker
Event Coordinators:
Tashfique Mirza
Zenabu Abubakari
Tu Nghiem
Tove Nordstroem
Publicity Manager:
Quan Phan
Secretaries:
Meareg Amare
Michelle Li
Waseda Representative:
Yasushi Kobayashi

10-11 LI Board Members:

President: Siddhant Dayal
Vice President: Slavena Molle
General Board: Nhi Nguyen
Ornella Hills
George Levy
Luyuan LI
Mei Gong
Aimen Khan

Exchange Students

Sanae Abe

Japan

Emma de Louw

The Netherlands

Tatyana Biryukova

Russian Federation

Nozomi Fujiwara

Japan

Naoki Hashimoto

Japan

Keisuke Hirano

Japan

Reina Honjo

Japan

Shodai Ike

Japan

Sylvain Jomphe

Canada

Exchange Students

Cecile Kappers

The Netherlands

Seiryu Kasahara

Japan

Yasushi Kobayashi

Japan

Marina Shimada

Japan

Saki Takiyama

Japan

Rika Terajima

Japan

Masaya Toyoura

Japan

Tomohiro Tsuchiya

Japan

Class of 2013—Freshmen

Gustaf Ahlberg

Sweden

Maria Ayala Valencia

Ecuador

Christina Bettencourt

United Kingdom

Yagmur Esemen

Cyprus

Kofi Fosu

Ghana/U.S.

Zhan Guo

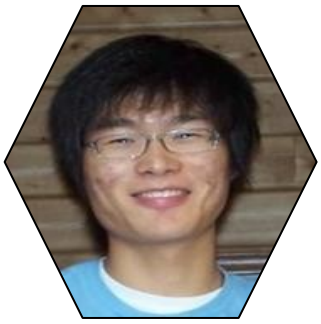
China

Regina Hammond

Ghana

Yang "Alex" Hua

China



Hyeonsu Im

Republic of Korea

Class of 2013—Freshmen

Aimen Khan

Pakistan

George Levy

Jamaica

Linghui Li

China

Linlin Liang

China

Guopeng Lu

China

Zara Mathew

Sri Lanka

Minh Nguyen

Vietnam

Nhi Nguyen

Vietnam

Teresa Protasio

Portugal

Class of 2013—Freshmen

Wanjing Ren

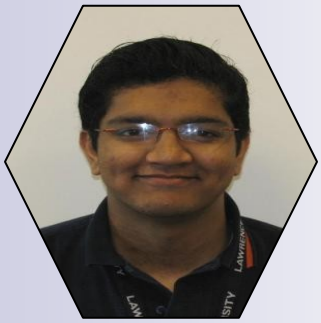
China

Kwaku Sarpong

Ghana/U.S.

Anam Shahid

Pakistan



Vishvesh Subramanian

India

Wenjun Wang

China

He Zhang

China

Yunhao Zhang

China

Yinong Zhao

China

Mingxia Zhu

China

Class of 2012—Sophomores

Isabel Andrade
Ecuador

Yihang Bai
China

Anish Bajracharya
Nepal

Yiwen Deng
China

Van Do
Vietnam

Natalie Fordwor
Ghana

Miya Gentles
Jamaica

Jian Gong
China

Nigar Jasmine Hamid
Bangladesh

Ornella Hills
Jamaica

Tamanna Hossain
Bangladesh

Class of 2012—Sophomores

Gis'elle Jones
Jamaica

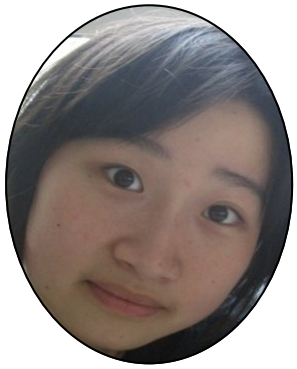
Nidal Kram
Sudan/U.S.

Annie Larsson
Sweden

Yong Su Lee
Republic of Korea

Luyuan Li
China

Xiang "Michelle" Li
China



Ya "Sarah" Liu
China

Kevin Lokko
Canada/Ghana

Archibald Masawi
Zimbabwe

Miryana Moteva
Bulgaria

Quan Phan
Vietnam

Class of 2012—Sophomores

Kyu-Po Pyun
Republic of Korea

Fangzhou "Fred" Qju
China

Ranga Wimalasuriya
Sri Lanka

Mya Win
Myanmar

Jinglei Xiao
China

Chongyue "Anmy" Xu
China

Zhe Zhang
China

Lin Zhao
China

Class of 2011—Juniors

Syed Abbas

Pakistan

Zenabu Abubakari

Ghana

Meareg Amare

Ethiopia

Fanny Briceno

Honduras/U.S.

Salem Barahmeh

Germany/Palestine

Rebecca Cavalcanti de Carvalho

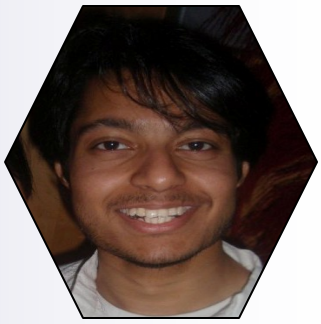
Brazil

Jian Liang "Alex" Chee

Malaysia

Faraz Choudhury

Bangladesh



Siddhant Dayal

India

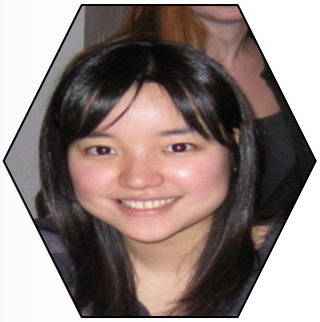
David Frempong

Ghana

Class of 2011—Juniors

Dominique Goldson
U.K./Jamaica

Mei Gong
China / U.S.



Sae Goto
Japan

Naveed Islam
Bangladesh

Heung Jo "Ernie" Ji
Republic of Korea / Peru

Mulu Kebede
Ethiopia

Driftnery Martinez
Dominican Republic/U.S.

Aamir Mir
Pakistan

Tashfique Mirza
Bangladesh

Maki Miura
Japan

Class of 2011—Juniors

Slavena Molle

Bulgaria

Tu Nghiem

Vietnam

Cuong Cao Nguyen

Vietnam

Cuong Duy Nguyen

Vietnam

Sadé Parsons

Jamaica

Krittach "Byte" Phichaphop

Thailand

Tasmia Rahman

Bangladesh

Jismy Raju

India / U.S.

Francesca Romero Siekman

Mexico/U.S.

Class of 2011—Juniors

Kwest-Ann Samuels

Jamaica

Xinmeng "Simone" Shi

China

Jihyun Shin

Republic of Korea

Shin Wei "Angela" Ting

Malaysia

Mari Tsugawa

Japan

Raymond Verceles

Philippines / U.S.

Ye "Dan Dan" Wang

Hong Kong/U.S.

Jieling Xu

China

Lu "Lucy" Yu

China

Hui Zhao

China

Songxun Zou

China

Class of 2011—Fifth Year

Wilmer Chan

China

Keun Hee Cho

Republic of Korea

Sunghun Cho

Republic of Korea

Chris Corsbie

Jamaica/ U.S.

Hazim Suhadi

Indonesia

Class of 2010—Seniors

Fariha Ali
Bangladesh

Murtaza Amiryar
Afghanistan

Matthew Anderson
Jamaica

Mauricio Bolanos Vilchez
Costa Rica

Tatiana Briceno
Honduras / U. S.

Sarah Chung
Republic of Korea/ U.S.

Tam Dao
Vietnam

Katrina DeVore
Switzerland / U.S.

Class of 2010—Seniors

Tanuja Devaraj

India

Belaynesh Dejene Feleke

Ethiopia

Adam Ferguson

Canada

Gustavo Guimaraes

Brazil

Renske Hoedemaker

The Netherlands

Yang Hu

China

Andre Juan

Philippines

Yexue "Shirley" Li

China

Class of 2010—Seniors

Brune Macary

France

Sarist Macksasitorn

Thailand

Tove Nordstroem

Sweden

Georgi Petrov

Bulgaria

Tamiko Terada

Japan/U.S.

Zichen "Laura" Qiu

China

Jin Qu

China

Class of 2010—Seniors

Kaleesha Rajamantri
Sri Lanka

Raj Shakya
Nepal

Yannan Sun
China

Hidemasa Takahashi
Japan

Xiao Tan
China

Deepak Thapa
Nepal

Lan Tran
Vietnam

Yui Ueno
Japan

Special Senior Notes

What was your favorite event at Lawrence?

Cabaret was certainly my favorite LI event in my four years at Lawrence University. The energy, vibrancy, and enthusiasm that it brings to the Lawrence community is contagious. Every year, I would always look forward to this event. -Gustavo

LI Formal! -Brune

Cabaret, backstage!!! -Murtaza

I would not say this is the most fun but certainly the most memorable: The very first time Tim picked me up from the Appleton Airport my freshman year. -Sarist

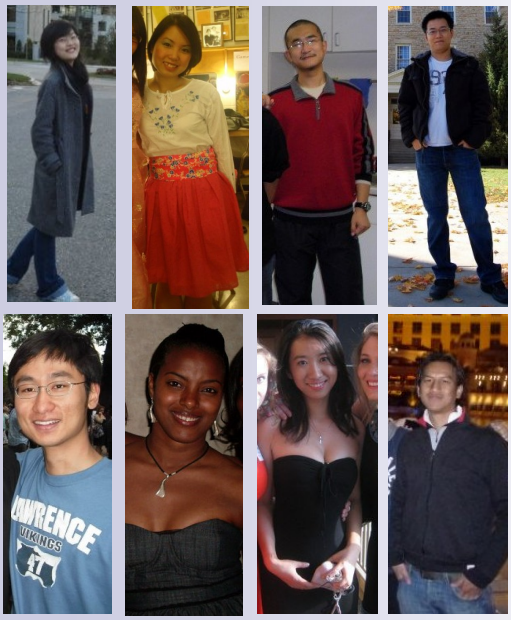
What do you think you will miss the most when you leave Lawrence?

Living less than five minutes away from all my best friends, being part of a supportive and creative community, and napping in public places without feeling weird about it. I will also miss the outstanding dance parties, Main Hall, SLUG, free music and movies, spring break, and long and hilarious Downer meals. -Tove

Friends, Yoga and Pilates classes, LU campus, and Cabaret –Jin

I will miss all the incredible people that played a role in making this education an unforgettable and rewarding one. My professors, my friends, my advisors and Tim, a mentor and friend to all international students! -Tanuja

Special Senior Notes



How did Lawrence change you?

Lawrence turned me into a confident and thoughtful person that I'd never hoped to be. –Sarist

It was fun to know people from all over the world. It gave me the opportunity to take trips to Bulgaria, and soon to Sweden! -Brune

LI gave me the opportunity to get to know people from such different backgrounds and taught me to look at life through many different perspectives. LI and LU have definitely made me a more open-minded and insightful person. –Tanuja

Sharing common experiences, thoughts and frustrations with other people from distant places that you have not even dreamt of is irreplaceable! -Georgi

Friendship Family

The Friendship Family program is designed to supplement the students' academic experience by getting them off campus and into our community. Students meet with families once in a while to experience real that is, non academic American culture. ISS typically holds two or three casual events a year for the whole group, like picnics or potlucks. Outside of these events, students connect with families for things like meals, shopping, family gatherings, day trips, or whatever students and families are comfortable sharing.

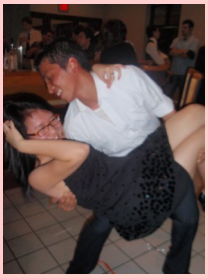
Fall Formal

October 30, 2010

LI Dance Formal—A classic LI event organized twice a year. It offers students a dynamic, energetic, themed party. The fall formal hit off with a theme just right for Halloween time, "Masquerade"!

I absolutely loved LI formals, it was the most fun time of my freshman year. It was so much fun with amazing music!

- Kaleesha



Ethnic Dinners

With multiple ethnic dinners organized every year for students, friendship families, faculty and staff, LI creates a unique opportunity to taste delicious food from around the world.

Fall Term Ethnic Dinner: "The Silk Road"

The Fall Ethnic Dinner not only brought foods from regions along the famous trade route, "The Silk Road", including China, India, Middle East, and Italy but also showcased two dances; the Israeli Debka Kafrit and Hora Khedera. Thank you Bon Appétit Catering for preparing the food!

Winter Term Ethnic Dinner: "Home-cooked by LI"

This Ethnic Dinner was 'home-cooked' by our very own international students. LI members enjoyed Vietnamese egg soup, Malaysian Curry, Ethiopian Beef Stew and much more in the comfortable and cozy International House.

My favorite part of the evening was when I looked at the table right before we started eating. The entire table was just covered in foods from all over the world.
–Renske

Spring Term Ethnic Dinner: Cabaret Dinner

In Spring Term, we had a wonderful ethnic dinner after Cabaret, celebrating our performance. It tasted so much better because of our hard work at Cabaret. We had Ethiopian chicken, Jamaican pork, Indian sweet potato, Korean cabbage, and Greek dessert.

Bowling Trip

February 27, 2010

On a Saturday night Winter Term we left campus to go bowling at Tenth Frame, a bowling alley about 10 minutes from Lawrence. It was especially fun watching everyone play – both the beginners and the experts!

LI Bowling Trip was a great experience, I got to meet new people and I had a great time bowling with everyone. It was loads of fun!!!!!!!!!!!

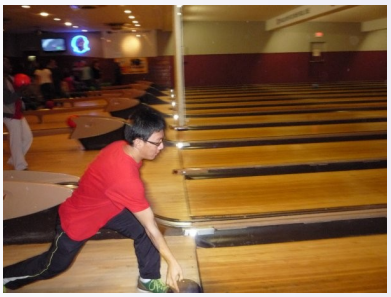
- Chris Bettencourt

Everyone knew where his or her ball was, but no one knew what the score was!

- Naoki

My favorite memory from the bowling trip was actually the day after when I ran into George in the International House... He was smiling like the sun! The LI bowling trip was his first time bowling and the way he talked about it made my day.

–Tove



It was definitely worthwhile.
I would love to do this again. –Zena

I was terribly bad, but super excited !!
-Keisuke

Chicago Trip!

Quality time with international friends outside of Appleton - what a great way to spend a spring break!
-Angela

The Windy City blew my mind :) I loved it!
-Nhi

FOODS were awesome.
-Keisuke

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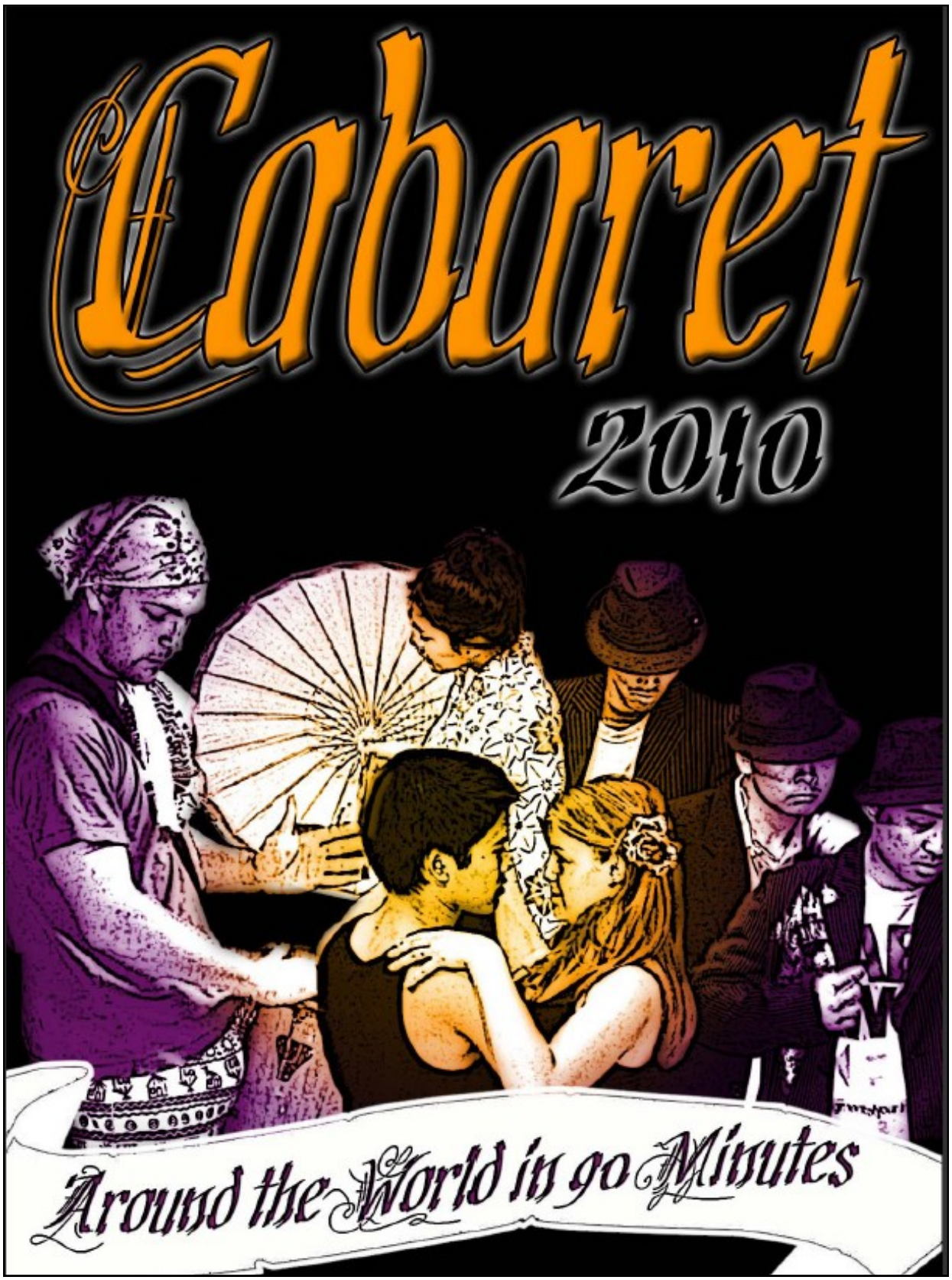

Cabaret
2010
Around the World in 90 Minutes

Cabaret 2010:

"Around the World in 90 Minutes"

LI Board Members' Intro!
Let's get started!

Sambistas
—Brazilian Percussion

Many Rivers to Cross

Kiss Kiss Solo Belly Dance

Lawrence Street Dance Club

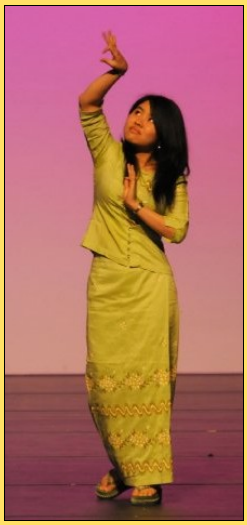
H'mong Dance -Vietnam

Joyful Encounter -Brazil

Fashion Show I : Asia

Indonesia & Malaysia

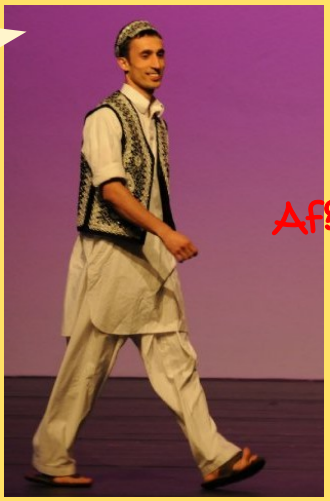
Vietnam



Myanmar

Sri Lanka

Pakistan and India



Afghanistan

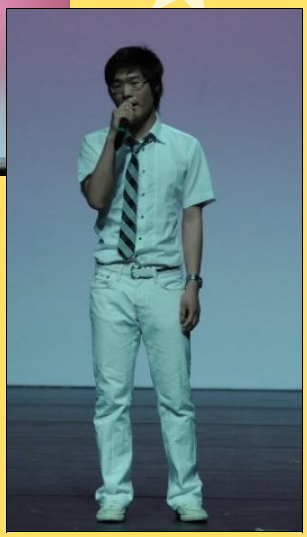
Korea

China

Japan

Beautiful Jalisco

-Mexico



Breeze of Korea

Bhangra Bash
—Subcontinent

Gamelan Cahaya Asri
–Indonesia

Latin Fusion
- Latin America

Tian Lu
-China

Fashion Show 2 :

Latin America/Caribbean, Africa and Europe

Ghana

Senegal

Ethiopia

Mexico

Chile

Austria

Bulgaria & Russia

Raga-ridu: A cultural collaboration between Didjeridu and Tabla —Australia and India

Dominican Bachata —Dominican Republic

African Caribbean Fusion

Getappu
—Japan

MCs— Sarist and Suzy

Finale

Off-stage shots!

I loved dancing and being able to learn dances from different cultures. Performing during Cabaret was one of my favorite experiences! I felt like this was my chance to step away from being a biochemist and become a 'dancer!' –Tanuja

Cabaret this year was probably the most fun I have had in the past 4 years! -Georgi

Cabaret was my favorite event at LU. I learned, taught, and performed dances—nothing is comparable! - Tam

Spring Term Reading Period
High Cliff Trip!

May 6th, 2010

Spring

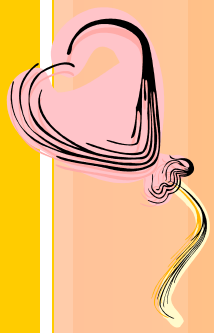
Starting a fire without lighter fluid! It made me look and smell like charcoal but it was all worth it - the BBQ was great! :) -Sae

It was a lot of fun ... even though we were accosted by bugs when we tried to go hiking :) - Slavena

Spring Formal

The Spring Formal theme was *Arabian Nights*.
As usual we danced, mingled, and took a lot of pictures!

May 28, 2010



This formal was awesome. There were so many people and everyone looked beautiful!
-Emma

My most memorable formal!
- Belaynesh

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- Alvina for staying up with me to help me with completing “Class Pictures” section.
- Sanae for helping me with typing students’ names.
- Seniors who spent time on completing surveys in spite of their busy schedules—Tam, Gustavo, Tanuja, Georgi, Murtaza, Sarist, Jin, Brune, and Kaleesha.
- Paul Wilke, one of our friendship families, for taking great pictures at Cabaret.

I’d like to thank everyone who supported and helped me so that I kept going without giving up. Wish I had more time to make it better. I will start so much earlier next year. :)

Thank you.

- Jihyun Shin