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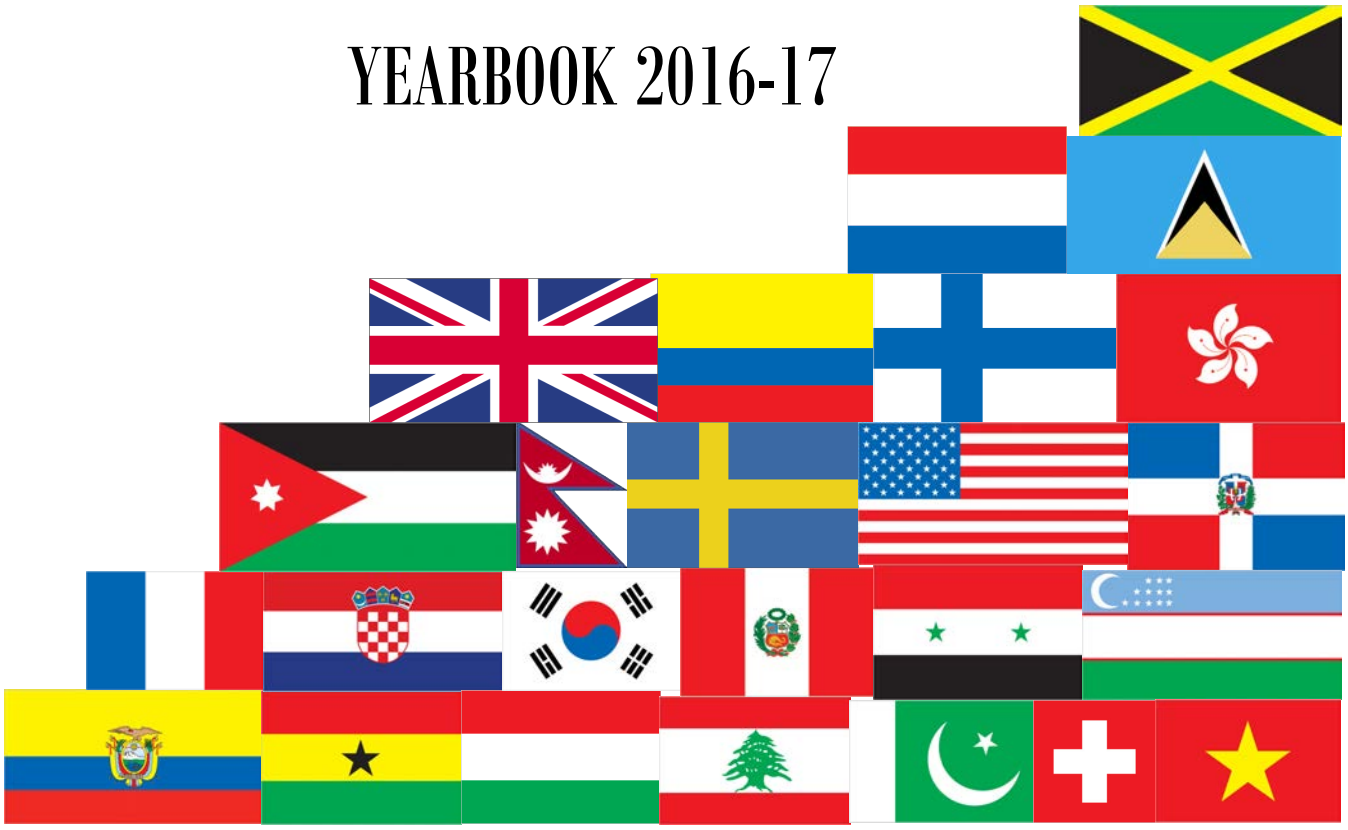

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Lawrence International (LI) and ISS

More than 1,500 students come from nearly 50 states and over 50 countries to experience Lawrence University's unique blend of academic and extracurricular offerings. About 15 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 "an organization that strives to make a home for international students and domestic students alike, is a grounds for cultural integration, and a safe space for all" (Kazuma Noguchi '19) that includes "friends, family, fun, and luckily sometimes even food! " (Daniel Vaca '19). Tamanna Akram '18 confirms, "LI has been my support system from day one. It is where global-minded people come together and create a diverse community at Lawrence. The platform that LI provides is unique and it gives an extraordinary chance to its members to represent their cultures and learn about different ones around them."

International House: Home of LI and ISS as well as the Off-Campus Programs office, and the Waseda CS-L Program.

Over 230 Lawrence students (out of 1,500) identify themselves with the international community, either through citizenship or personal background. Current Lawrence students call the following countries home:

Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and more!

A History of Lawrence International 1977-2017

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!

LI BOARD

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 formals, field trips, movie nights, important dialogues and discussions to enhance the connections between its members.

16-17 LI Board Members

President:
Tamanna Akram
Vice President:
Kazuma Noguchi
General Board Members:
Veronica Bella
Yuriko Hirose
Mingyan Lu
Nikki Payne
Binita Rajbhandari
Daniel Vaca
Shu Yamamoto

17-18 LI Board Members

President:
Binita Rajbhandari
Vice President:
Abbosali Abbosov
General Board Members:
Billy Liu
Vy Ngo
Adrian Odamtten
Biju Rajbhandari
Bere Martinez Wolberg
Yidi Zhang

Class of 2020

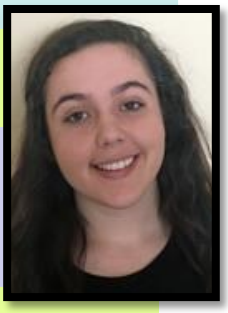
Abbosali Abbosov
US/Uzbekistan

Promise Addy
US/Liberia

Aysegul Yildiz Altin
Turkey

Andrea Arivella
Italy

Emily Louise Beale
UK



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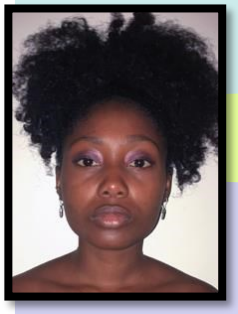

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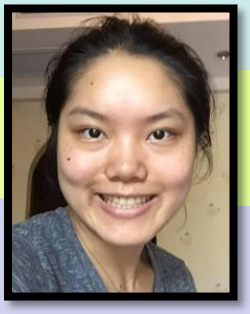

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China

Jung Hoon Choi
South Korea

Safiya Clarke
Saint Lucia

Aidan Paul Delgado
US/Spain

Matthew Mohan Demers
US/Canada

Benjamin James Drummond
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Barbara Isabel Espinosa Barrera
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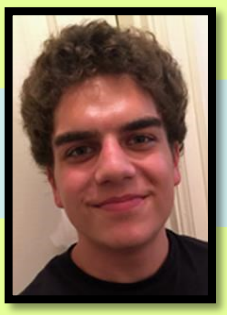
Daniel Ura Gysi
Switzerland



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US/Germany

Keyla V. Higa
US/Indonesia

Ben M. Hollenstein
US/Switzerland

Wenjia Hu
China

Xinfang Hu
China

Class of 2020

Jorgan Michael Jammal
US/Lebanon

Dabeen Jeong
South Korea

Ha Minh Le Vu
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China

Cynfor Chenghui Lu
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Qinlan Lyu
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Colombia

Leopold Eric Mayer
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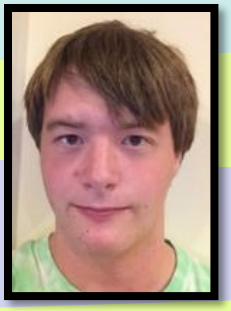

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Isabella Lucia Melendez
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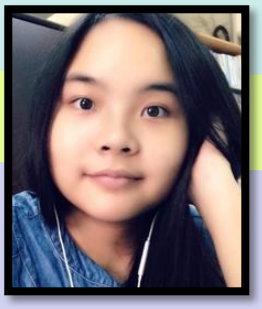
Hoang Viet Nguyen
Vietnam

Kiet Anh Nguyen
Vietnam

Linh Khanh Nguyen
Vietnam



Ngan Phuong Dieu Nguyen
Vietnam

Jenna Marie O'Rourke
US/Ireland

Benjamin Paul Osborn
US/Peru

Xiang Peng
China

Galini Poimenidou
Greece

Maria Poimenidou
Greece

Ann Pyram
US/Haiti

Biju Rajbhandari
Nepal

Cristina Sada Segovia
Mexico

Jou Brent Sato
US/Japan

Ji Shi
China

Class of 2020

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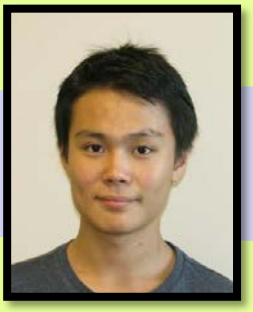
Elias Jonathan Stauch
Germany

Kexin Sun
China

Xiangyue Sun
China



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Japan

Tenzing Syelneon
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US/Germany

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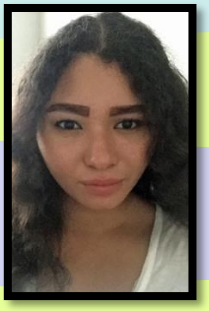
US/Hungary



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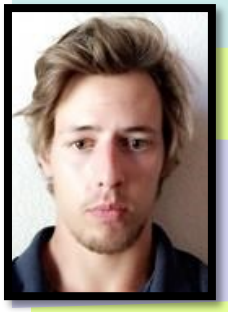
Linh Thanh Tran
Vietnam

Tien Thuy Tran
Vietnam



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Phuong Anh Vu
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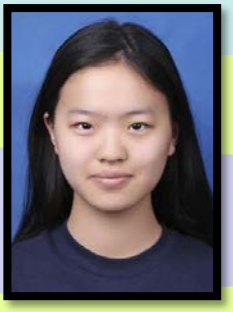

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Yuechen Wang
China

Yuhan Wang
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Zhiru Wang
China

Shiyi Xia
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Jialun Yang
China

Xinrui Yang
China

Reno Sho Zemrak
US/Japan

Yidi Zhang
China

Yang Zhao
China

Class of 2019

Ayomide Motunrayo Akinyosoye
Nigeria

Alejandra Alarcon Borja
Ecuador

Jawad Alweleidat
Jordan

Umer Amer
Pakistan

Rebecca Emily Bernheimer
US/Germany

Elisa Carloni
France

Celia Rose Chambers
US/UK

Saahil Krishan Cuccria
India

Duc Xuan Minh Dang
Vietnam

Josephine De Chabot De Tramecourt
US/France

Trang Khue Anh Doan
Vietnam

Emma Louise Fletcher
US/UK

Elizabeth Anne Garcia Creighton
US/Spain

Julian Garrido Tomasini
Mexico

San Gil
South Korea

Catherine Grace Gitkin
US/El Salvador

Yuta Hayashi
Japan

Sophia Kimberly Healey
US/Romania

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Vietnam

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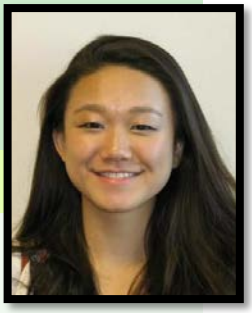

Anna Kim
US/South Korea

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Kunho Kim
South Korea

Ching Yee Rosanne Lam
Hong Kong

Linh Ngoc Le
Vitenam

Sang Duc Le
Vietnam

Ryan Matthew Jon Leonard
US/UK

Jerry Yuan Liang
Canada

Vicky Weiqi Liang
US/China

Qiushan Liu
China

Shuxian Liu
China

Sibyl Siyu Liu
China

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Taiwan

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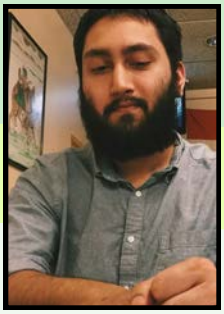

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Vy Vo Hoang Ngo
Vietnam

Linh Thuy Nguyen
Vietnam

Minh The Nhat Nguyen
Vietnam

Nguyen Thao Nguyen
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Ripudaman Singh Nirwan
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Adrian Nii Koney Odamtten
Ghana

Class of 2019

Wonwoo Oh
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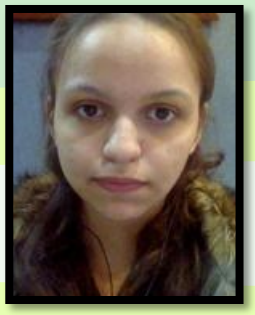

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US/ Dominican Republic

Nikki Nuttanicha Suriyanont Payne
US/ Thailand

Vicky Chenyi Qi
China

Binita Rajbhandari
Nepal

Claudia Melissa Rohr
US/Chile

Mina Seo
South Korea

Savvas Sfairopoulos
Greece

Sarah Jean Shoaf
US/Canada

Pankhuri Singh
India

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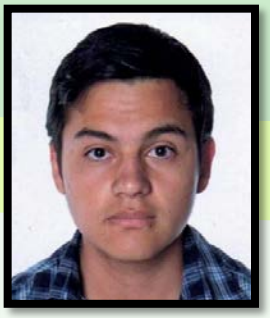
Russia



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Ecuador

Ines Valencia-Graul
US/Spain

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China

Junlin Xie
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Shuwei Zhang
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Yifan Zhang
China

Kimme Ziyu Zheng
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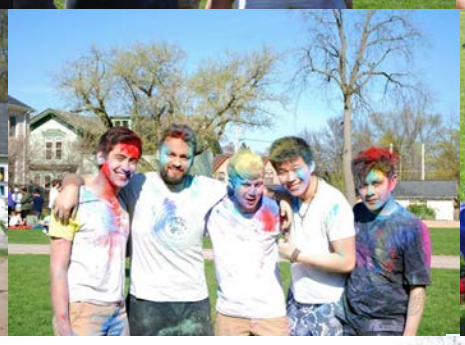
Memories

Cabaret Photos in Warch Gallery

Wall painting for Cabaret

LI Board Cooks For You

Volunteering with LU Food Recovery Network



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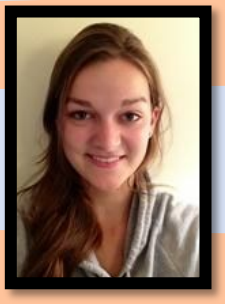

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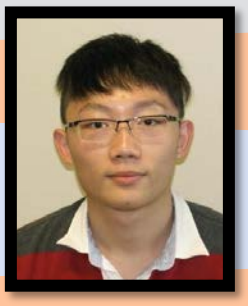

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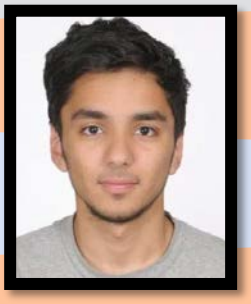

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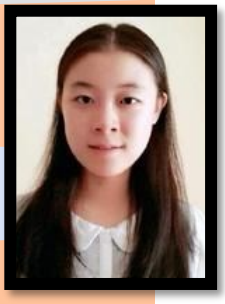

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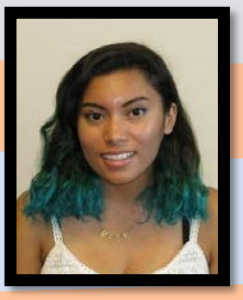

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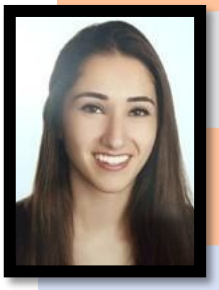

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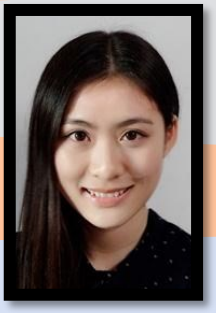

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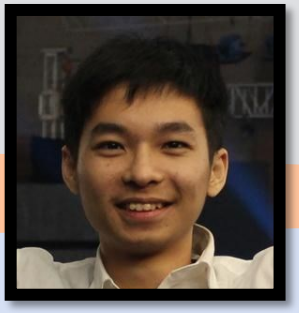

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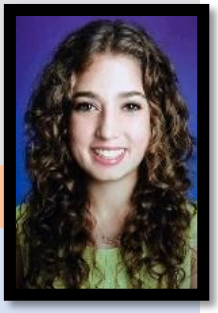

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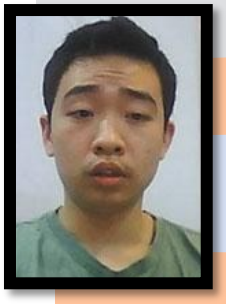
Class of 2018



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South Korea

Yeseul Park
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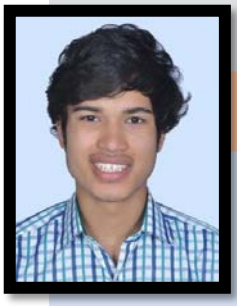
Ashley Mary-Ann Phillips
Jamaica



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Hyung-Ju Suh
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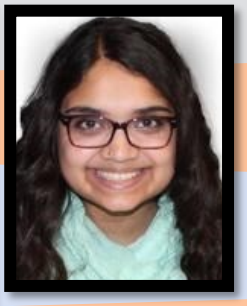

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Nijesh Upreti
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Rico Mingrui Wu
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Zishen Ye
China

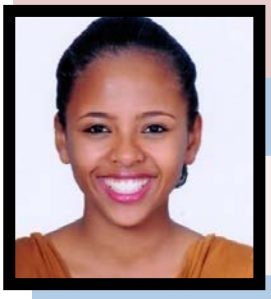
Jolin Muzi Zhou
China

Recipient of The Lawrence International Grant 2017: Anh Hoang Nam (Vietnam)

This was the first year that The Lawrence International Grant came to fruition. After a committee of faculty, staff and LI Board members reviewed applications, Anh was awarded financial assistance in the amount of $630 to support his expenses during his research experience at The University of Chicago. We are very excited! Best of luck, Anh!

All student donations from Cabaret 2017 ticket sales went towards funding this grant, so we thank all of you for your support in making this possible!

Class of 2017



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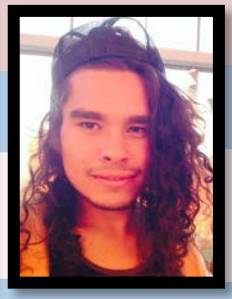

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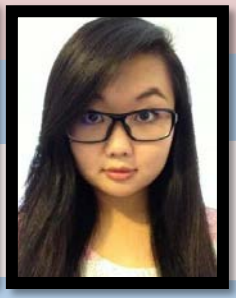

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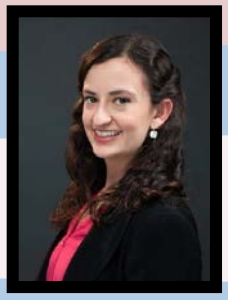

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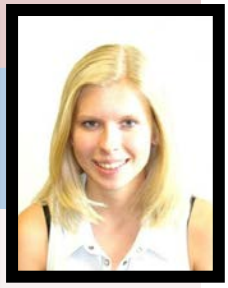

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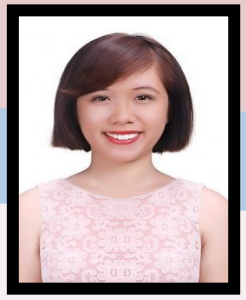

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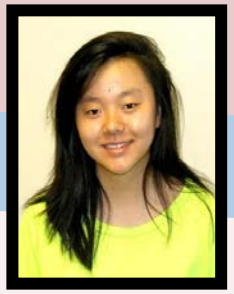

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Class of 2017

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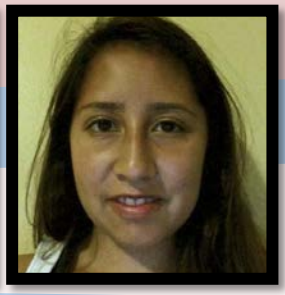

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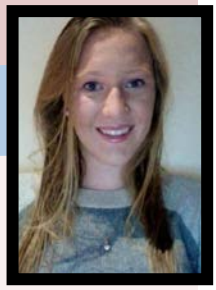

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Kj Severin
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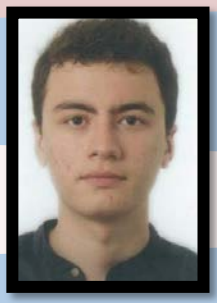

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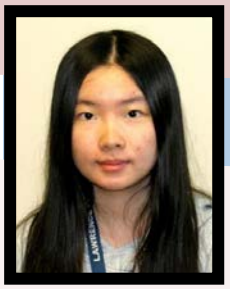

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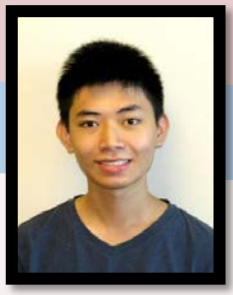

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Deepankar Venkatsai Tripurana
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Krizhalyn Zarate Velasquez
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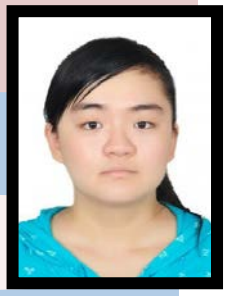

Luqiong Wang
China

Tingting Wang
China

Dian Zhu
China

LI volunteers with CFC to bake for the emergency shelter in Appleton

Exchange Students

Jo Aratani
Japan

Niesje De Lange
Netherlands

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Asuka Miyoshi
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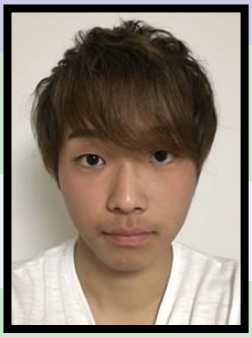


Tatsuya Yarita
Japan

LI EVENTS

Workshop on identity with LUCC and CODA

International Alumni Networking Event after Cabaret

Discussion with members of the Board of Trustees

General Meeting with Professor Vetinde

Orientation

LI BBQ

Welcome Week

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

AKOMA ♡

The Heart of West Africa

This year's theme for Ethnic Dinner is Akoma, which means "heart" in Twi and symbolizes patience and tolerance. As such, Akoma teaches us to become tolderant with one another and learn from each other. At the event, people enjoyed food from various West African countries including Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone. Students that are familiar with West African cultures also delivered wonderful performances and presentations about their understanding of the cultures to the audience.

The 2016 Fall Formal was a night of great company and good fun. The theme for this year was "The Venetian," which is a Casino in Macau. It was an amazing night as the theme suggests. The event had a great turn-out and the photo booth was well-received.

The Venetian --Casino in Macau

Date: Friday, Sept.30th

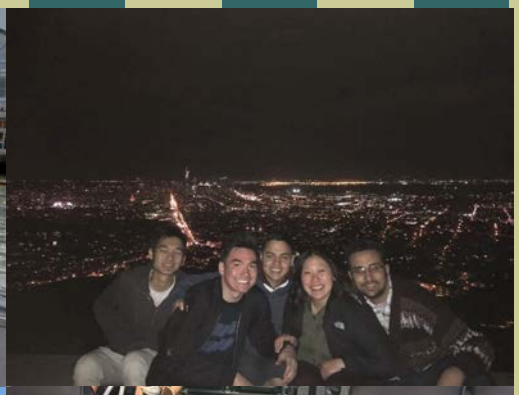
Lunar New Year Celebration

This year ISS, collaborating with Pan Asian Organization, Chinese Student Association, Korean Cultural Club, Vietnamese student group, the Waseda CS-L program and Diversity Center, as well as other student organizations, presented a campus-wise celebration of Lunar New Year, which is an important festival in China, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and some other East Asian counties. More than 300 people, both Lawrentians and Appleton community members, attended the celebration on January 28, 2017.

Fall Björklunden Trip

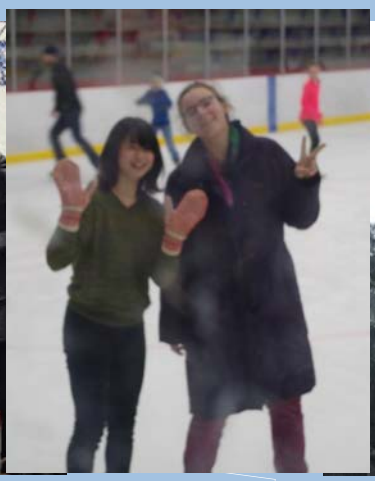
Spring Björklunden Trip

LI San Francisco Trip



This past Spring Break, LI sponsored students to visit San Francisco for five days. The attendees were able to explore one of the biggest cities in the U.S. and make good use of their days off. It was a great opportunity to relax, discover, and bond with their friends.

LI Ice Skating Trip



Funset Boulevard

CABARET
2017

The Garden Of Humanity

Experience performances from around the world at Lawrence International's flagship event.

Saturday, April 8th, 6:30pm

Sunday, April 9th, 3:00pm

Stansbury Theatre

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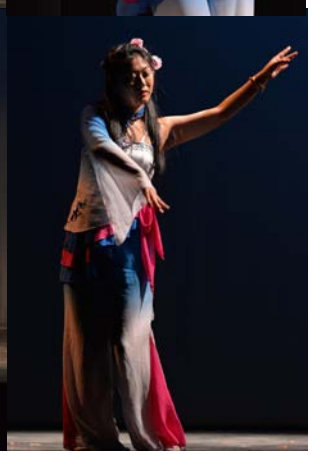
LI Board Members' Introduction

Opening: Sambistas

Ode of Beauty (China)



Mexican Ballads (Mexico)

Nepali Dance (Nepal)

German Duo (Germany)

Fashion Show 1

Jordan

China

Germany

Costa Rica

Uzbekistan

Rwanda

Philippines

Mexico

Ghana

Jordanian Dabkeh (Jordan)

A Little Happiness (Cantonese, Chinese, Japanese and Korean)

Ju Hua Tai Chrysanthemum Terrace (Taiwan)

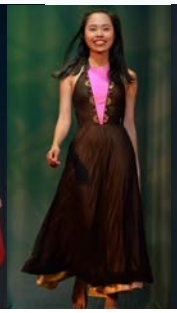
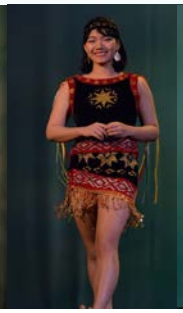
Japanese Dance (Japan)

Joyful Choir (United States of America)

Totem Birds Dance (Vietnam)

Jiya Lage Na (India)

Fashion Show 2



Vietnam

Taiwan

Nigeria

Nepal

Ecuador

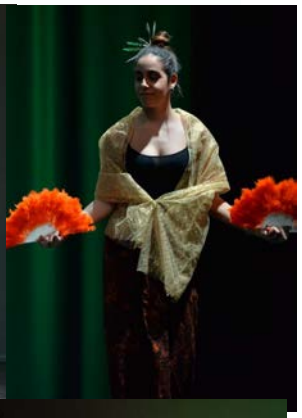
Korea

Ethiopia

New Zealand

Bangladesh

Tarikipas (Thailand)



Balada Latina (Costa Rica)

Asaar (Nepal)

Kpop Dance (Korea)

Finale

Emcees

ISS Advisor and student workers & reception

LI Spring Formal 2017

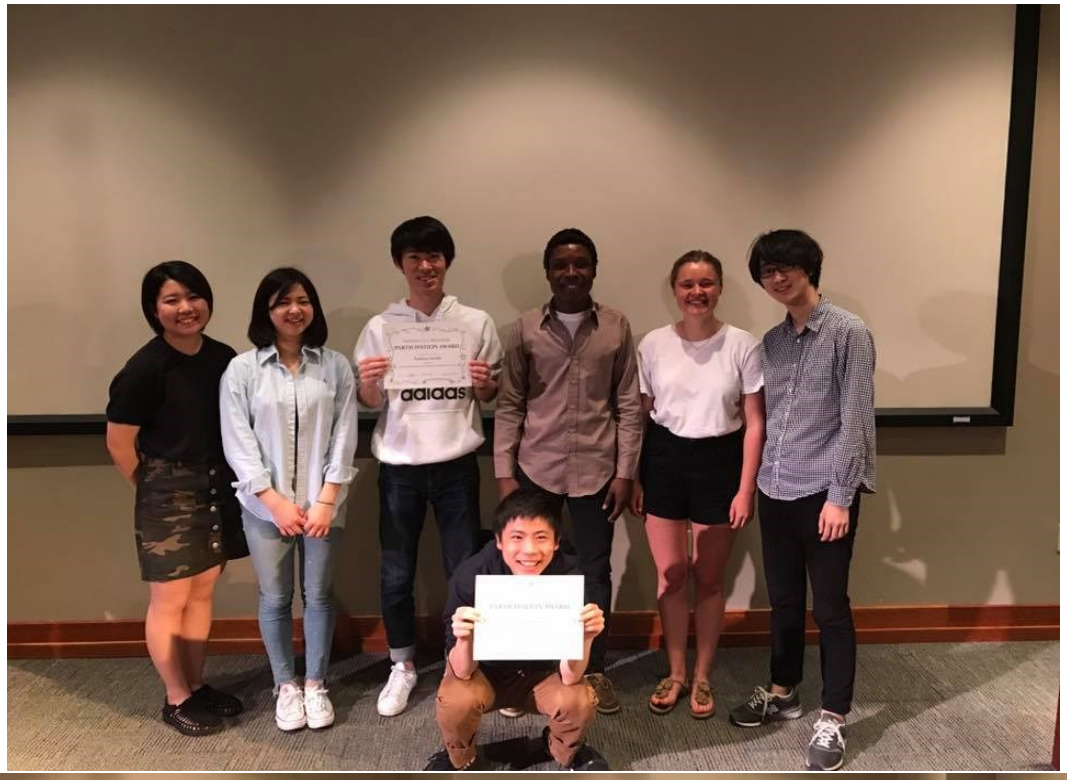
On Friday, May 12th, Lawrence International hosted the annual Spring Formal. This year's new venue, Long Cheng Marketplace, is an International market. The theme was The Masquerade. Photo booth and free food at the venue was very popular, and all the good memories are captured by cute pictures. Fun was 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 celebrating holidays and attending Ethnic Dinner, Cabaret and the Friendship Family Potluck.

Farewell Exchange Students!



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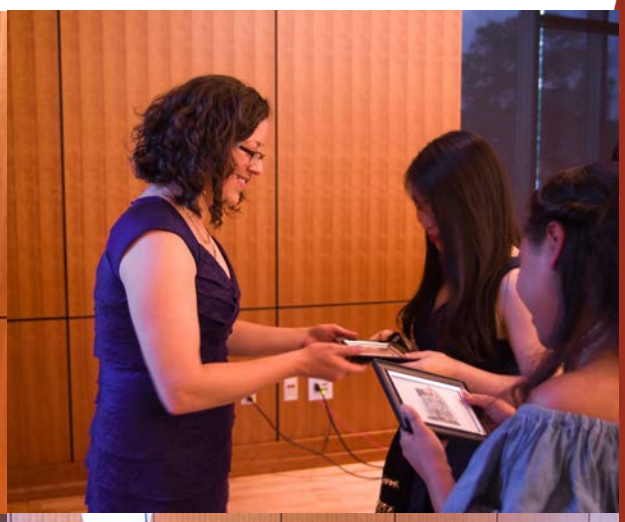

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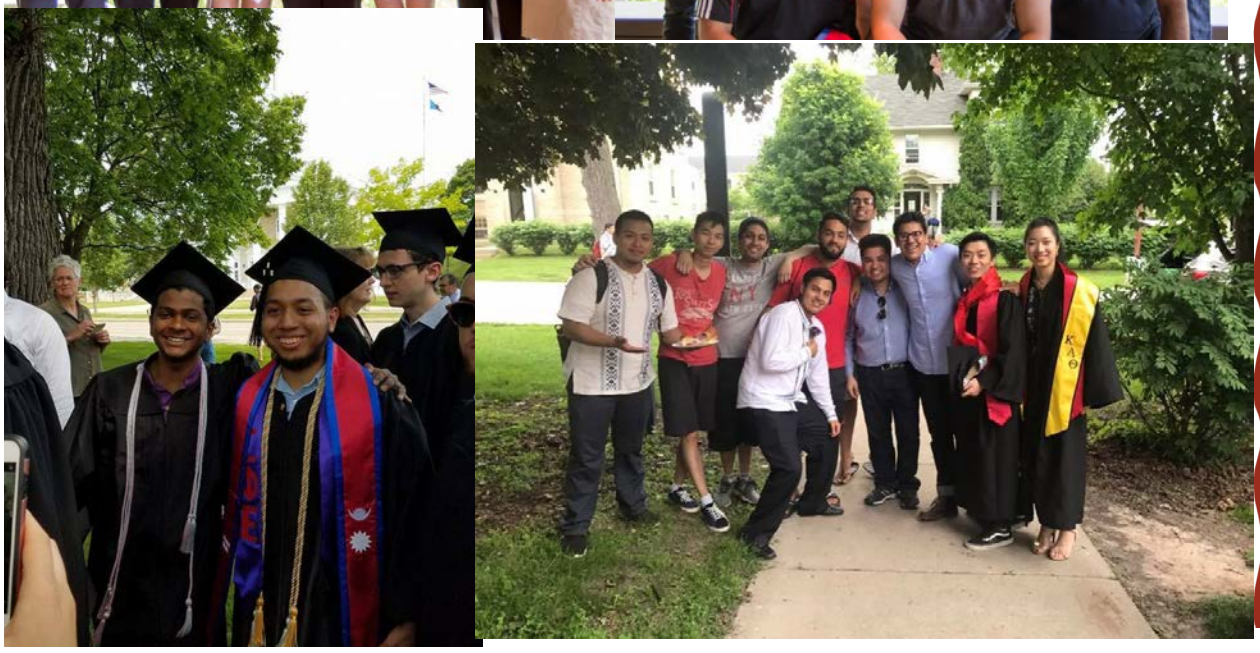

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