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What is LI?

ISS & Lawrence International

More than 1500 students come from 45 states and around 50 countries to experience Lawrence University's unique blend of academic and extracurricular offerings.

About ten percent of Lawrence's student population is international. 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 the awareness, perspectives, and understanding of international cultures to cultivate informed global citizenship. ISS is directed by Tim Schmidt (picture), Director of International Student Services.

Lawrence International is one of the largest student organizations at Lawrence University and connects the international and American communities. It organizes campus-wide events including dance formals, ethnic dinners, picnics, and so much more. International students themselves describe LI as "a bond that ties people who have different stories and cultures together" (Ha Du, '13), "the comprehension and interaction of all the cultures around the world" (Vicky Jhong Chung, '14), and "a community where ideas are exchanged, cultures are shared and lasting friendships are made" (Regina Hammond, '13). Around 180 students from Lawrence identify themselves with the international community either through citizenship or personal background. Current Lawrence Students call the following countries home:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liberia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, Vietnam
Lawrence International was founded in 1977 by a number of international students under the leadership of Yannis Manoli from Cyprus. During the 60's and early 70's, 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 is now the LI general meeting, has 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 organizes events such as ethnic dinners and Cabaret to bring cultural diversity to the Lawrence campus and the Appleton community. They also arrange LI formals, field trips, movie nights, and pizza parties to enhance the connections between LI members.

**12-13 LI Board Members:**
**President:** Vicky Jhong Chung
**Vice President:** Diana Szteinberg
**General Board Members:** Chela Gans, Fei Gao, Daniel Martinez, Minh Nguyen, Luke Phillips, Jiyong “June” Shim, Kazuki Tsuchiya

**13-14 LI Board Members:**
**President:** Diana Szteinberg
**Vice President:** Anarkali Mahmood
**General Board Members:** Amal Abbas, Camila De Meo, Chela Gans, Amaan Khan, Shang Li, Xun Mendez, Samhita Nagaraj
Exchange Students

Natalia Balukova  
Russia

Jacques Anderson  
Bernier Haiti

Bozhidara Doncheva  
Bulgaria

Serina Fukushima  
Japan/US

Ayse Garibagaoglu  
Germany

Mai Ishii  
Japan

Keisuke Kawamoto  
Japan

Akari Kikuchi  
Japan

Yurino Kotani  
Japan

Yuya Kurata  
Japan

Ayaka Masuda  
Japan

Mamiko Matsubara  
Japan
Exchange Students

Yu Miyama
Japan

Arisa Nakajima
Japan

Junichi Nirasawa
Japan

Yota Numata
Japan

Leandro Santos
Brazil

Karin Sato
Japan

Kouhei Takada
Japan

Akimitsu Takasu
Japan

Yuya Takenaka
Japan

Naoko Tamura
Japan

Kazuki Tsuchiya
Japan
Class 2016: Freshman

Elizaveta Girsova
Russia
Karen Kerschke
Germany
Amaan Khan
Pakistan
“Kenni”Anne-Marie
La-Anyane
Ghana

Phong Le
Vietnam
Shang Li
China
Wanli Lu
China
Tahnee Marquardt
Germany

Vahaken Mouradian
Cyprus
Dan Nguyen
Vietnam
Huong Nguyen
Vietnam
Linh Nguyen
Vietnam
Class 2016: Freshman

Ting Hin “Timothy” Tse
Hong Kong

Kangkang Wang
China

Yuxin “Sophia” Wang
China

Xue Yan
China

Tianyi Zhang
China
Class 2015: Sophomore

Zain Ali
India/US

Yongwoo Choi
Republic of Korea

Sanfer D’Souza
India

Stephanie Fordwör
Ghana

Nicolas Glennon
Colombia

Aikaterini Kimoundri
Greece

Le Kong
China

Tianchu “Alex” Liang
China

Bo Gustav Lindgren
Sweden

Diana Loewen
Canada

Daniel Martinez Zambrano
Mexico

Samhita Nagaraj
India
Class 2015: Sophomore

Carl Anton Olsson Sweden
Luke Phillips Jamaica
Maria Gracia “Maggie” Rojas Infantas Peru/US
David Romero Siekman Mexico/US

Yame Senye Botswana
Cosonya Smith Jamaica
Diana Szteinberg Argentina/Bolivia
Hieu “Vincent” Tran Vietnam

Carl-Christian Valentin Sweden
Konstantinos Vlachos Greece
Shijia Wang China
Ruya Zhang China
Class 2014: Juniors

Amal Abbas
Iraq/US

Bile Ali
Somalia/US

Helina Asefa
Ethiopia/US

Thu Thu Aung
Myanmar

Deji Baizhen
US

Wintana “Winnie” Belai
Ethiopia

Alexander Causwell
Jamaica

Qianyu Chen
China

Biyue Dai
China

Camila De Meo
Brazil

Kabindra Dhakal
Nepal

Shallion Dixon
US
Class 2014: Juniors

Korapin Kuo
Hong Kong

Oluwadamilola Lasisi
Nigeria

Susan Lee
Korea/US

Feiyu “Edward” 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

Tuyet Pham
Vietnam

Xian Qu
China
Class 2014: Juniors

Maisha Rahman
Bangladesh

Yuto Sawaki
Japan

Jiyong “June” Shim
Republic of Korea

Michael Russell
UK

Cuixiang “Charlie” Tan
China

Adey Asfaw Tewolde
Ethiopia

Stephanie Thomas
UK/US

Carl William Thoren
Sweden

Kimberley Trought
Jamaica

Chiao-Yu Tuan
Taiwan

Nan Yang
China

Zhuyi Yao
China

Shichen Zhang
China
Class 2013: Seniors

Hashim Allah-Morad
Afghanistan/US

Maria Ayala Valencia
Ecuador

Christina Bettencourt
UK/US

Hai Ha Du
Vietnam

Yagmur Esemem
Cyprus

Kofi Fosu
Ghana/U.S.

Zhan Guo
China

Regina Hammond
Ghana

Yang Hua
China

Hyeonsu “David” Im
Republic of Korea

Yue “Joy” Jia
China

Aimen Khan
Pakistan
Class 2013: Seniors

Linghui Li  
China

Linlin Liang  
China

Minh Nguyen  
Vietnam

Nhi Nguyen  
Vietnam

Teresa Protasio  
Portugal

Wanjing Ren  
China

Kwaku Sarpong  
Ghana/US

Anam Shahid  
Pakistan

Vishvesh Subramanian  
US/India

Wenjun Wang  
China

He Zhang  
China

Yinong Zhao  
China

Yunhao Zhang  
China
The Friendship Family program is designed to supplement the students’ academic experience by getting them off campus and into the 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 2012 was a night of fun and culture. Our theme was named “A night in Venice”. More than 200 people came to the Formal which made it a total success.
Food Events

Food is another important theme of LI events. Ethnic dinner, Cabaret dinner and “Let the board cook for you” are great events where you can taste authentic food from all around the world.

Ethnic Dinner

LI invited a LU band playing Brazilian music throughout the event.

LI Ethnic Dinner is not only an event for international students. Its reputation of offering great food attracted domestic students, faculty and staff, and friendship families to join the event.
Let the Board Cook for You

The event was held at International House and the LI board 2012-2013 cooked empanadas fritas from Bolivia, suspiro a la limena from Peru, chicken fajitas, brigadeiros, gluten free mac and cheese from US, and dumplings from China.
Björklunden Weekends

Hanging out with friends and enjoying the beautiful scenes in Björklunden, the north campus in Door County, is one of the best ways to enjoy a weekend during the academic year.

LI Expo Weekend

In winter term, Lawrence International organized a weekend full of cultural awareness and diversity. Clothes, photographs, food and more from countries around the world were on display at the exhibition.

We had the art gallery on the third floor of the Warch Campus Center displaying international souvenirs, photographs, and other articles. There were Lawrentians, both domestic and international, who spoke about their study abroad experience.

LI Ice Skating Trip
This year, LI and ISS, collaborating with Asia-A, Chinese Student Association, Korean Cultural Club and OMA, presented a campus-wide celebration of Lunar New Year, which is the important festival in China, Korea and Vietnam.
For Spring Break trip 2013, Lawrence International went to Washington, DC. LUCC gave the opportunity to 33 students (domestic and international) to travel to DC at a very low cost. We stayed in the city for five days. We enjoyed the free museum, the good food, and the cultural diversity that DC has.
Cabaret 2013 was a great event held on April 20 and 21 in Stansbury Theater. We had a full house on Sunday and almost get to have a full house on Saturday. Both the show and the dinner were very successful. Our audience and our artists enjoyed celebrating the cultures of the world. This is an event that we will never forget.
Cabaret 2013: Uncover Secrets of the World

Opening: World Drumming Fusion

LI Board Members’ Intro
Yosakoi: Japanese Traditional Dance

Danza Mexica

A Tribute to the Red Plum Flower (Chinese Long Sleeve Dance)
Colors of Pakistan

Fashion Show I

Thailand

Sierra Leone

South Korea

Japan

Greece

India

Bulgaria
Los Citos Airways (Latin Dance)

Jathiswaram: Classical Indian Dance

Meister’s Mayhem (Israel)

Malaika, a Tanzanian Song

Brazilian Groove
SPRING FORMAL 2013: SPRING BLOSSOMS

The Spring Formal Theme is Spring Blossoms. This is the last chance to dance, mingle, and have lots of fun before the final. For seniors, the formal is a great way to finish off four exhilarating and exciting years at LU.
Good Bye, Seniors and Exchange Students!