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More than 1,500 students come from 44 states and about 50 countries to experience Lawrence University's unique blend of academic and extracurricular offerings. About 13 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 1,500) identify themselves with the international community, either through citizenship or personal background. Current Lawrence students call the following countries home:

Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Liberia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam, and more!
A History of Lawrence International
1977-2015

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 arrange LI formals, field trips, movie nights, and pizza parties to enhance the connections between LI members.

**14-15 LI Board Members**

**President:**
Amaan Khan

**Vice President:**
Samhita Nagaraj

**General Board Members:**
Bimalsen Rajbhandari
Huong “Hailie” Nguyen
Linh Nguyen
Nutt Punnanitinont
Takaaki Miyashita
Vijayashree Krishnan
Yiming “Cassandra” Li

**15-16 LI Board Members**

**President:**
Bimalsen Rajbhandari

**Vice President:**
Tahnee Marquardt

**General Board Members:**
Deepta Jyoti
Hikari Tanaka
Juliana Olsen-Valdez
Minh Ta
Peter Joonsoo Kim
Tamanna Akram
Class of 2018

Golam Wadud Ahad
Bangladesh

Tamanna Akram
Bangladesh

Muhammad Tabarique Anwar
Pakistan

Maamie Oye Appiah
Ghana

Odessa Ceh
US/Croatia

Hitkarsh Chanana
India

Dean Yi-Tse Cai
Taiwan

Apollinariya Chikunova
Russia

Sreyendra Purush Dhakal
Nepal

Sean Shuangmu Feng
China

Sisi Xiaoya Gao
China
Class of 2018

Susana Elizabeth Hendrix
US/Guatemala

Anh Hoang Trong Nam
Vietnam

Tahsin Imtiazul Huq
Bangladesh

Nauman Naseer Khan
Pakistan

Dalia Rateb Khattab
Jordan

Cloud Cheonoo Koo
South Korea

Trang Uyen Le
Vietnam

KB Kangbok Lee
South Korea

Sienna Sihyeong Lim
South Korea

Olivia Xinyi Lin
China

Billy Hanwenheng Liu
China
Class of 2017

Felix Henriksson
Finland

Yuriko Hirose
Japan

Deepta Jyoti
Bangladesh

Elin Karlsson
Sweden

Peter Joonsoo Kim
US/South Korea

Vijayashree Krishnan
India

Mesphina Kudowar
Ghana

Kin Thuy Le
Vietnam

Xiaoyang Lei
China

Tammy Mingfei Li
China

Kathy Yan Li
China

Cassandra Yiming Li
China
Class of 2017

Krizhalyn Zarate Velasquez
US

Luqiong Wang
China

Tingting Wang
China

Yuchen Wang
China

Peiying Yu
China

Dian Zhu
China

LI sponsored Hindustani Concert
Class of 2016

Razan Anabtawi
Palestine

Finn Bjornerud
US/UK

Michael Brissett
US/Jamaica

Angela Butler
Canada

Cansu Cabucak
Turkey

He Chang
China

Liqi Chen
China

Qiongyu Chen
China

Brian Peter
Decorte
US/Belgium

Laura Elizabeth
Deneckere
US/Belgium

Eduardo Elizondo
Rueda
Mexico

Renato Engler
Switzerland
Class of 2016

- Liza Girsova, Russia
- Karen Kerschke, Germany
- Amaan Khan, Pakistan
- Gintu Aleyamma Kottarathil, US/India
- Young Hun Kwon, South Korea
- Kenni La-Anyane, Ghana
- Bernice Odarkor Lamptey, US/Ghana
- Alexander Louis Lanouette, US/Canada
- Phong Le, Vietnam
- Shang Li, China
- Wanli Lu, China
- Tahnee Marquardt, Germany
Class of 2016

Vahaken Mouradian
Cyprus

Dan Nguyen
Vietnam

Hailie Huong Nguyen
Vietnam

Linh Nguyen
Vietnam

Jason Jisu Park
Korea

Nutt Achamaporn Punnanitinton
Thailand

Ryan Rumble
Canada

Fabian Sivnert
Sweden

Rachel Marie Spielvogel V
US/Bolivia

Chloe Stella
US/Italy

Loraina Alicia Stinson
US/Peru

Mitrianna Sinlawan Streckfuss
US/Thailand
Class of 2016

Hikari Tanaka
Japan/Ghana

Mariangthi Tangili
Greece

Mikhail Trought
Jamaica

Annabelle Tsai
US

Jeffrey Man Hin Tse
Hong Kong

Timothy Ting Hin Tse
Hong Kong

Sophia Yuxin Wang
China

Xue Yan
China

Juliana A. Zabala
US/Colombia

Tianyi Zhang
China

LI Welcome Week Activities 2014
Gustav Lindgren
Sweden

Xiaoting Liu
China

Diana Loewen
Canada

Daniel Martinez Zambrano
Mexico

Htee Tawper Moo
US/Thailand

Samhita Nagaraj
India

Carl Anton Olsson
Sweden

Luke Phillips
Jamaica

Liana Rebecca Raberg
US/Sweden

Maria Gracia Rojas Infantas
US/Peru

David Romero Siekman
US/Mexico

Yame Senye
Botswana
Cosonya Smith  
Jamaica

Diana Szteinberg  
Argentina/Bolivia

Vincent Hieu Tran  
Vietnam

Carl-Christian Valentin  
Sweden

Konstantinos Vlachos  
Greece

Kelsey Chih Ning Wang  
US/Taiwan

Class of 2015
Exchange Students

- Shusaku Asai
  Japan

- Aafko Boonstra
  Netherlands

- Daniel Charles
  Haiti

- Shunya Hirata
  Japan

- Kengo Iijima
  Japan

- Sodai Ishii
  Japan

- Yuki Kinjo
  Japan

- Kurumi Kobayashi
  Japan

- Yumiko Koyabu
  Japan

- Sotaro Kurahashi
  Japan

- Takaaki Miyashita
  Japan

- Takuto Nakagawa
  Japan
Exchange Students

Yusuke Nakamoto
Japan

Maho Nishimura
Japan

Ami Okazawa
Japan

Yulia Pak
Russia

Mina Shimizu
Japan

Wakana Yagi
Japan

Dai Yamabe
Japan
LI Pumpkin Patch Trip and Pumpkin Carving
This Year, LI partnered with VIVA for the Ethnic Dinner. The theme was “Day of the Dead,” which is an event commemorated across the world (particularly in Mexico) focusing on praying for and remembering families and friends who have died. The performance was by the Afro-Cuban percussion ensemble, Tambo Toké.
The 2014 Fall Formal was a night of great company and good fun. The theme for this year was “Eid with the Mughals” and it was incorporated the illustrious history of the Mughal empire of India, and the celebratory nature of the Muslim festival, which happened to fall on the same weekend.
This year, LI and ISS, collaborating with Asia-A, Chinese Student Association, Korean Cultural Club, Vietnamese student group, the TSA Waseda program 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 21, 2015.
This past Spring Break, LI sponsored students to visit Boston for five days. The attendees were able to explore one of the oldest city 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.
Laser Tag and Ice Skating
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.
LI Board Members’ Introduction
Opening: The Gift of Rain (Vietnam)

Love Across Distances (India)
Vietnam

Punjabi Culture

Lei Ho’oheno (Hawaii)

Bangladesh

Denkyem (Ghana)
Bengali Appreciation (Bangladesh)

Viva Santa Cruz (Bolivia)
Snowstorm again (Russia)

Fashion Show 2

China

Japan

Mexico

Thailand

Jamaica
Duo Acro Balance (International Circus)

Harmony (China)
Finale
Emcees

Behind the scene: Creative Directors
LI Spring Formal: Umoja—Swahili Word for Unity

On Friday, May 22nd, Lawrence International hosted the annual Spring Formal. This year’s theme was umoja, which is the Swahili word for unity. A fitting theme for the close-knit LI community, which was put to the test when an unprecedented black out occurred. The formal was delayed by an hour but it was not enough to spoil the party as liberty hall was immediately filled after the delay, the rest is history.
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!

[Image of cake saying "Congratulations Class of 2015!"]

[Images of graduates, a group photo, a building, and two people standing outdoors]
Lawrence International Students
2014-15