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Friends of International Students (FIS)

Host Program Newsletter

Summer 2009- A Note from ISSS; Important Dates; Upcoming Events; FIS Story Corner

A Note from ISSS

Over 60 international seniors graduated on May 24, 2009; completing a long and fruitful journey at Middlebury College. In the past month, the students have spread their wings across the United States and around the world to land amazing opportunities, such as the those listed here: an analyst at the Jordanian Embassy in D.C., an educator in the Dominican Republic, a researcher at Stanford University, a war research analyst in D.C., a digital storyteller in India, a dolphin trainer in Hawaii, and many will go onto graduate school at Columbia, Michigan, Stanford, UCLA, and Yale. Despite these impressive outcomes, some students are still seeking to find employment. The current economic situation makes it very difficult for international prospects to find opportunities. If your student has graduated and is still looking for employment, offer advice as you can and please encourage him/her to contact our office and/or the Career Services Office (CSO) for support.

Important Dates

FIS Host Program information meetings: **Wednesdays, July 8 and July 22 at 12:15 p.m. in McCullough Social Space.** To register, please e-mail our office at iss@middlebury.edu We're 'recruiting' new FIS Hosts to match with new international and exchange students this fall. Current families play a vital role in helping us to identify new hosts. Please spread the word to family and friends who you think may be interested in welcoming one of the new international and exchange students to Middlebury this fall. As you know, many families/students find true and lasting friendships through our program, while some relationships are less interactive, but are still helpful when a students 'real' family lives far away. See our Web site for more details: <http://www.middlebury.edu/campuslife/diversity/iss/friends/>

Upcoming Events

The College is buzzing with excitement...in 10 different languages as the Summer Language Schools are officially in session! Many of the activities are open to the public. Please see the Language School Web site for a complete listing of events, including multilingual soccer games and an international film festival: <http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/resources/film/>
<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/resources/calendar/>

FIS Story Corner

The FIS Story Corner is a chance to share pictures and stories within the FIS Community. If you have pictures or a story you would like to share, please send us an e-mail. We always enjoy hearing 'match' stories and feel the rest of our community would as well.

Host Family- Misse, Larry, and Emma
Student- Ria Shroff '09

A few words from Ria...



"Having my parents and my brother stay with my host family (Misse, Larry, Emma and their dog Django!) over graduation week was a dream come true for me. It was a wonderful feeling to celebrate this occasion with both my 'families' who have been by my side throughout my four years at Middlebury. We stayed at their house in Cornwall for a few days after graduation to relax and spend some time away from the hustle and bustle of graduation. During that time, they opened up their house and hearts to us and, most importantly, gave me a place to recuperate after the emotional rollercoaster of senior week and graduation. I cannot thank them enough for always being there to share my joys and sorrows and for having accepted me as part of the family. I know that it especially meant a lot to my parents, who have always been a little anxious about my well being, to see how much my host family cared about me and how they stepped in as my new family. My Middlebury experience would have been incomplete without their support."

Ria's experience with her FIS Hosts was one of many. In the last month, we have received numerous phone calls and e-mails from hosts sharing stories of opening their homes to their student's family over Commencement weekend. We want to take this moment to say THANK YOU to all who celebrated the momentous occasion with their student(s) and supported them along the way. We hope you have heard from your student with a 'Life after Middlebury' update.

Ria and some international seniors hosted a dinner for their families and FIS Hosts during Commencement weekend on May 24, 2009.



As always, thank you for being a part of this valuable program!

Thank you
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