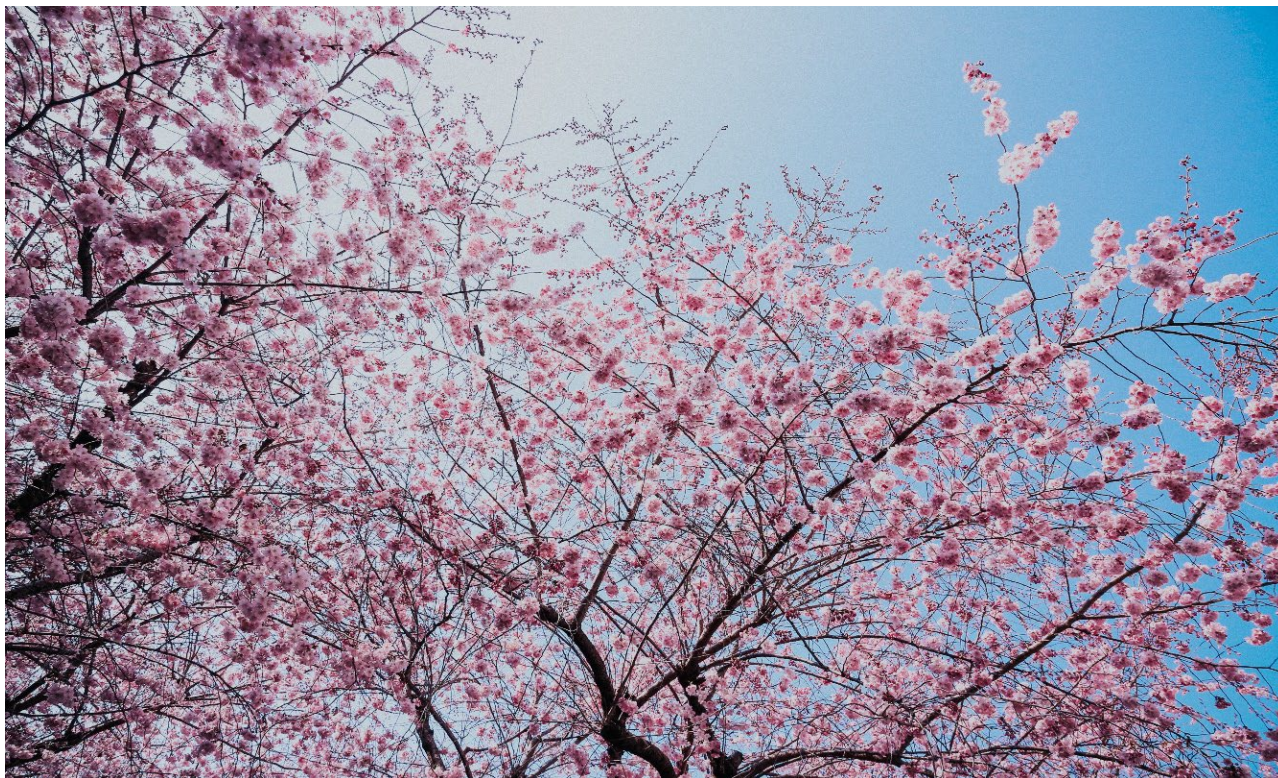


Friends of International Students (FIS) Host Program Spring 2025 Newsletter



A Note from ISSS

Middlebury students are as busy as spring bees these days now that final exams, papers, and projects are the focus. Students are also finalizing summer plans and preparing to return home, work on campus, attend a Middlebury Language School, or complete an internship in the U.S.

Family members from around the world will soon join us for Commencement to celebrate the Class of 2025. Congratulations to each of our international graduates! You can find [Commencement details](#) on the Middlebury website.

Are you or any of your friends or family members interested in being matched with a student in the fall? If so, look out for our host recruiting emails this summer where we will announce the dates of our upcoming information meetings. You can also check the [ISSS website](#) for the latest FIS news.

Given the current immigration climate in the United States, you may have questions and concerns regarding your international host student(s). As mentioned in our last email to all FIS hosts, you can find current travel, regulatory, and informational guidance on our [Timely Updates](#) website page.

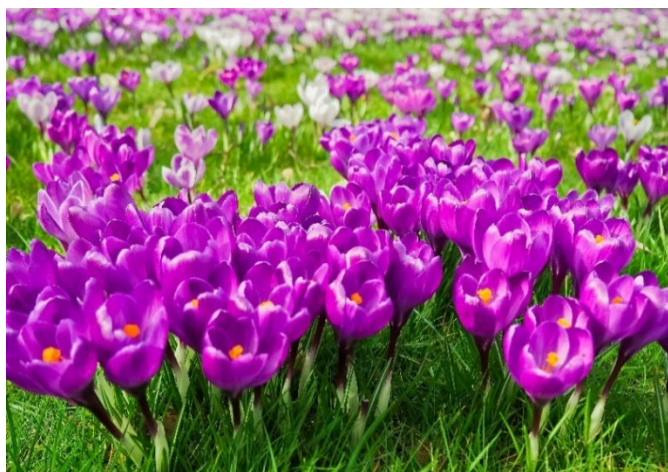
Important Dates

Exam Period

The spring exam period begins on Thursday, May 15, and ends on Tuesday, May 20. This is a great time to reach out and offer your student a chance to get away from their studies for a bit. Why not enjoy a walk around town or meet for coffee or tea at a local café? Maybe send a text or handwritten note of encouragement? Just knowing you're thinking about them can make all the difference!

Summer Break

Summer break for undergraduate students begins on Wednesday, May 21, with residence halls closing for the general student body at noon; for graduating seniors, the residence halls close at 11 pm on Sunday, May 25. If possible, check in with your student before the break. You may find out they're staying on campus over the summer, giving you more opportunities to get together. If your student is leaving for the summer, remember that hosts are not expected to provide lodging, storage, or transportation to the airport. Helpful year-end advice can be found in the "Tips & Tricks" section on the [Residential Life website](#). You can remind your student to check out the May departure schedule for [Student Government Association buses](#). Tickets can be purchased through the [Box Office](#). There are also other [transportation options](#) in town for end-of-year travel.



Upcoming Local Events

Here are some spring events you may enjoy that are free and open to the public. Please visit the website links for event details.

Blues Jam at the Ralph

Wednesday, May 21, 6 – 8 PM

Ralph Myhre Golf Course, Tavern on the Tee patio

Enjoy an evening “filled with soulful melodies and smooth riffs that will have your toes tapping.”

<https://www.middlebury.edu/events/event/blues-jam-ralph>



Commencement Choir Performance

Friday, May 23, 7:30 – 9 PM

Middlebury College, Mahaney Arts Center, Olin C. Robison Concert Hall

The Middlebury College Choir performs choral selections chosen by the graduating senior singers.

<https://www.middlebury.edu/events/event/commencement-choir-performance-0>

Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, May 25, 10:00 AM – 1 PM

Middlebury College, Central College Lawn (or via live stream – see the website below for details)

<https://www.middlebury.edu/college/commencement>

To find other exhibitions, performances, and events at the College and the local area, visit the following websites:

- The College Calendar: <http://www.middlebury.edu/events>
- Middlebury College Museum of Art: <https://www.middlebury.edu/museum/>
- Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs: <https://www.middlebury.edu/rohatyn/2024-2025-events-calendar>
- Addison County Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.addisoncounty.com/>
- Burlington happenings: <https://www.sevendaysvt.com/>

FIS Story Corner

We love hearing about your adventures. Submit your photos and stories [here](#) so we can share them in future newsletters.



Sofia Goerck de Carvalho Macedo enjoyed some Halloween fun at the home of her host, Sarah Kearns.



Cheryl Mitchell shared this lovely Thanksgiving photo of her family with host student, Doreen Ngemera, and Doreen's friends, Venus and Nelly.



Elin Melchoir and son Takumi visited Champlain Orchards last fall with host student, Shelly Zhou.



Joey & Marian DeAngelo enjoyed the outdoors this year
with host student, Anna Matsuzawa.



Munira and friend, Nawale, celebrated their March birthdays at Koto
restaurant in Burlington with Munira's host, Michelle Shambo.

Our spring matching event on March 1 was enjoyed by all...







...including our youngest hosts!

**Enjoy the days ahead & thank you for supporting Middlebury
international students.**

**With sincere appreciation,
[The ISSS Team](#)**

