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## **Friends of International Students (FIS) Host Program Newsletter, Spring 2022**

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#### **A Note from ISSS**

Spring is here and there is a flurry of activity on campus. Students are making the most of the beautiful weather, completing final projects and making plans for the upcoming summer. Soon family members from around the world will join us for Commencement celebrations for the classes of 2020, 2020.5 and 2022! Our sincerest congratulations to each of our international graduates. You can find [Commencement details](#) on the Middlebury website.

We are excited to announce that we are planning to resume the FIS Host Program this fall and match students with host families for the first time since February 2020! We are having student information sessions this spring so they can learn more about the program and apply if interested. We will hold host information meetings throughout the summer, dates to be announced. Please check the [ISSS website](#) for updates in the coming weeks.

For the latest Middlebury College COVID-19 updates, the Summer Campus Guide and Campus Status please visit the [COVID-19 Announcements](#) website.

## **Important Dates**

### **Exam Period**

The spring exam period begins on Thursday, May 19 and ends on Tuesday, May 24. 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 on the TAM or a coffee/lunch break in the park with your student? Use your imagination and we're sure you'll find a fun way to connect and unwind together!

### **Summer Break**

Summer for students begins on Wednesday, May 25 with residence halls closing at noon. Summer housing is offered to students completing in-person summer research, an approved internship, or those employed by the College through the Student Employment Office. The deadline to apply for summer housing is Sunday, May 8 at 11:59 pm. If possible, check-in with your student before the break begins. You may find out he/she is staying in Vermont over the break, giving you more time to plan summer outings. If your student is leaving for the summer, remember that hosts are not expected to provide lodging, transportation to the airport or storage during the break. Helpful year-end advice, including information about storage can be found on the College's [Residential Life website](#). You can also remind your student that there are many [transportation options](#) in town.

### **Upcoming Local Events**

Here are some spring events you may enjoy that are free and open to the public. Full vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) as well as masks (for many events) are required. Please visit the website links for event details.

#### **Senior Thesis Presentations**

##### **May 5-16, McCardell Bicentennial Hall**

Please see the link below for information on times, room numbers and which thesis presentations are open to the public.

<https://www.middlebury.edu/events/?start-date=2022-05-05>

#### **Senior Studio Art Thesis Exhibition**

##### **May 12 (opening 7-9 pm) through May 26, Johnson Memorial Building**

This exhibit showcases the independent studio art of advanced students.

<https://www.middlebury.edu/events/event/studio-art-thesis-exhibit>

#### **Senior Week Choral Concert**

##### **May 27, 7:30 pm, Mahaney Arts Center, Olin C. Robison Concert Hall**

A concert to celebrate graduating students in the College Choir.

<https://www.middlebury.edu/events/?start-date=2022-05-27>



### **United for Ukraine event**

This special event (which occurred on April 23) includes music, spoken word, and dance, and features Middlebury College students, alumni, the Middlebury College Choir (under the direction of Jeffrey Buettner), and more.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZpy\\_NFfa1I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZpy_NFfa1I)

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: <http://museum.middlebury.edu/>
- Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs: <https://www.middlebury.edu/office/rohatyn/events-calendar>
- Addison County Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.addisoncounty.com/>
- Burlington happenings: <https://www.sevendaysvt.com/>

### **FIS Story Corner**

We always welcome new pictures and stories from hosts. We look forward to hearing about your spring and summer adventures at: [iss@middlebury.edu](mailto:iss@middlebury.edu) .



**Enjoy the sunny days ahead with your students and thank you for being a part of this special program.**

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