

## Friends of International Students (FIS) Host Program Spring 2024 Newsletter



### A Note from ISSS

Spring is in full swing and with it comes a flurry of activity. Students are busy completing exams and final projects as well as making plans for the upcoming summer. Soon family members from around the world will join us for Commencement to celebrate the Class of 2024. 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 hosting a student in the fall? If so, look out for our host recruiting emails where we will announce the dates of our upcoming host information meetings. You can also check the [ISSS website](#) for the latest FIS news.



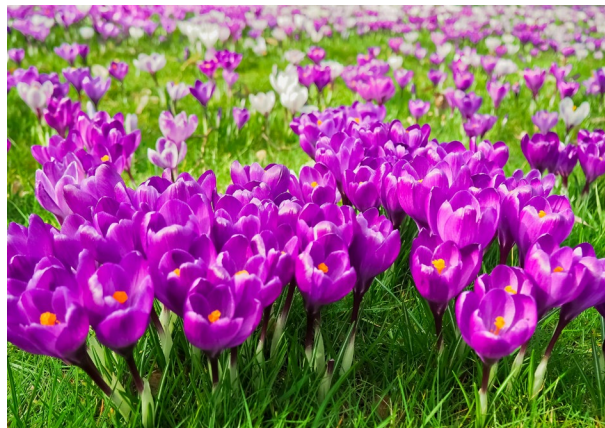
## Important Dates

### Exam Period

The spring exam period begins on Thursday, May 16, and ends on Tuesday, May 21. 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 for students begins on Wednesday, May 22 with residence halls closing for the general student body at noon. 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 and "Tips & Tricks" can be found on the [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. Please visit the website links for event details.

### Music Department Student Showcase

Thursday, May 9, 6:30-9:30 PM

Mahaney Arts Center Upper Lobby

<https://www.middlebury.edu/events/event/music-department-student-showcase>

### **Studio Art Thesis Exhibition Reception**

**Friday, May 10, 5-7 PM**

**Johnson Memorial Building-Central Atrium and Johnson Exhibition Gallery**

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

### **Commencement Choir Performance**

**Friday, May 24, 7:30-9 PM**

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

The Middlebury College Choir performs favorite choral selections picked by the graduating seniors.

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

### **Commencement**

**Sunday, May 26, 10:00 AM**

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

<https://www.middlebury.edu/college/commencement-2024>

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/2023-2024-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. Tell us about your spring and summer adventures via email at [iss@middlebury.edu](mailto:iss@middlebury.edu)!



Barry Yang enjoying a sunny day with his host Emily Sunderman, her family, and friends.



Host Amy Holbrook celebrating her birthday with Warrd Nour and Warrd's mom.



Hosts Zephyr and Eric Haugan hiking a local trail with Hannah Jin.



Host Elliot Holbrook and Esdras Ntuyenabo picking apples last fall at a local orchard.



ISSS staff and some of this year's Exchange students enjoying a farewell celebration at American Flatbread. Left to right: Maelys, Daisy, Kas Singh (Assistant Director), Janet Hulnick (Immigration Specialist), Emily, Merle, and Charlotte.

**Enjoy the sunny days ahead & thank you for being a friend to a Middlebury international student!**

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

