



Guiding Principles for Volunteers of Community Committee of International Students

Increasing globalization, greater connectedness, and ease of movement mark our contemporary world. Knowledge and awareness of other peoples, countries, cultures and beliefs are of utmost importance.

We guide our decisions by the goals of supporting international students, post-docs, scholars and their families while they are at Stanford University and promoting interaction between the local community and the Stanford international population. We, CCIS member volunteers, declare our commitment to the following statement of guiding principles:

- Keep the welfare of Stanford international students, spouses and families foremost.
- Treat all individuals with a sense of dignity, respect, and worth. Make a personal commitment to be non-judgmental about cultural differences, beliefs or points of view.
- Be dependable, recognizing the commitment and responsibility to our volunteer assignments
- Be open to and supportive of Stanford internationals in our CCIS assignments and with Bechtel International Center staff.
- Not pressure anyone to accept our political, cultural, and/or religious beliefs.
- Respect all confidential information.
- Act in a manner that merits the trust and confidence placed in CCIS.
- Seek out appropriate guidance and advice when a situation is beyond our role or competency.
- Strive to provide high-quality service and programs through regularly reviewing and evaluating our work.
- Strive to ensure our programs reflect the diversity and goals of the Bechtel International Center.