

CCIS Member Newsletter

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New Year Reflections from CCIS Member Services

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It's 2018, and a month has already passed - all too quickly. In January, I said goodbye to my English in Action partner, Sign Huang, a researcher in the Radiology Department. We met weekly for six months to share ideas, cultures, laughter, and warm experiences. She and her son have returned to Chongqing, China. I will miss them, and my husband will miss playing catch with her son, Michael. They said they will miss learning English "because it has such a beautiful sound," California sunshine, and Philz Coffee.

Another farewell is to our 2011 Homestay couple from Santiago, Chile. Tania and Gonzalo both have Stanford PhDs now and will return to Santiago to exciting teaching careers. They have become part of our family. They will miss being physically active at Stanford, friendly customer services, and watching the Warriors! They will also miss thinking in English. It took two years for them to think in English, now it is difficult for them to think in Spanish.

We know all of you have had similar situations. While it's not easy to say farewell, there are new internationals with new styles, talents, and cultures to share.

This is a special year for reflection and memories for each of us, and the CCIS organization, in our 65th year at Stanford. Last year, there were more square feet of new construction at Stanford than existing square feet - and, four new roundabouts! The students have also changed. The number of students who have not been in this country before, which was a past requirement for the Homestay program, is dwindling each year. Potential volunteers are busy in this area with family and jobs, so they have less time to volunteer.

We will continue to focus our programs across different generations so that they support students needs as well as the flexibility our volunteer needs. (See the article below, *The Six Generations Living in America*).

What was it like at Stanford in 1953? The Medical School was in San Francisco (it was moved to campus in 1959). Stanford President, Wallace Sterling (1949-1968) had a plan to bring Stanford into financial strength, research leadership, and international presence by creating the Overseas Campus program, Stanford Research Park, and leasing the Stanford Shopping Center land. There were only 8,300 students and 322 faculty members.

Tresidder Student Center and the Stanford Museum (now the Cantor Museum) construction began. There was no on-campus Post Office, no Bookstore, no Stanford Mall, and no Faculty Club. The Bechtel Center was a fraternity house overlooking a huge, and little-used parking lot (Parking Lot P is now the most heavily used lot on campus.) The three buildings facing the Bechtel Center were relocated from what is now the Law School. The Stanford Indians were beginning to train hard after their crushing 40-7 Rosebowl defeat by Illinois in 1952.

In 2018, there are over 300 volunteers and donor CCIS members who welcome, support, unite and connect with international graduate students, postdocs, visiting scholars, spouses, and families at Stanford University. Our members are partners, families, and individuals; working people, empty-nesters, retired professionals, and many were once internationals new to the U.S. who were hosted by local volunteers. You live primarily in Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and Los Altos, but also in San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Half Moon Bay. Our volunteers participate in and manage all CCIS programs as well as volunteer activities for two joint programs with the Bechtel Center programs. We have a website, and it now includes a photo page of the members of the CCIS Board of Directors <https://ccisstanfordu.org/about/board.html>

The new year begins our outreach and recruiting period. We are now actively recruiting for the English in Action Program as well as Loan Closet volunteers and Loan Closet donations. All our programs require membership in CCIS. There are no membership fees, but volunteer donations are appreciated to keep us going.

English-in-Action. Carole Hessler is the Chair of this conversation-focused program where internationals are matched with local English-speaking volunteers for conversation and friendship through weekly one-on-one meetings. There are no student tests or lesson plans because everything is focused on the needs of the individual student and enjoyable conversation. Volunteers can identify match preferences but are encouraged to allow the Chair to select a great match. Your flexibility is the key to a good match. Volunteers asking for students to meet in their home must live within one mile of campus. EIA is the largest CCIS program. The primary countries of the students seeking EIA conversational help are China, South Korea, and Japan. Children do not attend EIA sessions, but volunteers may meet the family of the EIA student in time. New EIA volunteers are interviewed and trained before their first match. **New EIA Volunteers are needed now, and all year. Email EIA@CCISstanfordU.org.**

The Loan Closet is chaired by Bob Spears and is located on campus in the Abrams Highrise basement. It provides start-up essentials on a "for loan" basis, such as kitchenware and linens, to incoming international graduate students and visiting scholars. There is a fee of \$20 for single students and \$40 for couples. This one-time fee allows students to borrow items for as they are at Stanford.

The Loan Closet welcomes donations of new or gently-used items from the community and departing students. Donations and fees help replenish inventory. The Loan Closet serves arriving international graduate couples, and families during September Orientation and visiting scholars who arrive throughout the year - about 150 annually. Students with borrowed items are encouraged to return them to the Loan Closet when they leave Stanford.

Loan Closet volunteers are needed now to help restock and organize returned items. Please remember to call the Loan Closet at 650-888-0585 when you do your spring cleaning! To volunteer or donate, contact - LC@CCISstanfordU.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

2017 CCIS Program Highlights.

Please invite a friend to become a Volunteer Member

CCIS Members are Reading

Conflict-The Unexpected Gift: Making the most of disputes in life and work, Elisabeth Seaman. Please note that Elisabeth is a CCIS member and will discuss her book at Books, Inc. Mountain View on Tuesday, January 23 at 7 PM.

Perception and Deception, Joe Lurie. This book is recommended reading for all Program volunteers.

The Origins of Creativity, Edward O. Wilson

Never Caught -The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge, Erica Armstrong Dunbar

The Sleepwalker, Chris Bohjalian

The Mysterious Murder of Jane Lathrop Stanford, SF Gate <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/the-mysterious-murder-of-jane-stanford-university-12482745.php>

All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr

A Column of Fire, Ken Follett (and other Follett titles)

The Power, Naomi Alderman

One Half from The East, Naida Hashimi (and other Hashimi titles)

Killers of the Flower Moon, The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, David Grann

Shanghai Redemption, Qui Xiaolong (and other Xiaolong titles)

The Leavers, Lisa Ko

Upcoming Events

February 16 CCIS Friday Morning Coffee - *Lunar New Year/Spring Festival theme*

February 19 Bechtel Center closed for President's Day

March 9 CCIS Friday Morning Coffee - *Int'l Women's Day*

March 16 CCIS Friday Morning Coffee - *St. Patrick's Day theme*

March 19-23 Stanford exams week

March 26 - April 4 Spring Break

May 14 CCIS Annual Meeting. Bechtel Center, 4 PM - 6 PM

May 28 Memorial Day Holiday

June 8 - 13 Finals Week

June 16 Commencement: Law School, GSB, Medical School.

June 17 Main Undergraduate and Graduate School Commencement

...and, more!

The Six Generations Living in America <http://www.marketingteacher.com/the-six-living-generations-in-america/>

Redwood City Campus Update <https://news.stanford.edu/2017/12/12/redwood-city-campus-moves-ahead/>

Events at Stanford <http://events.stanford.edu/>

Stanford Live



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