



CCIS NOTES

January/February 2024

CCIS volunteers continue to serve international graduate students, visiting scholars and their families at Stanford University. Read about some of our programs and events!



"Notes at the Top"

Kate Khatseyeva - President of CCIS

Embracing Leadership: Joining the CCIS Board of Directors

Hello CCIS Community,
I hope this message finds you all well and ready for some exciting news! As my time as President of the Board comes to a close, I can't help but feel grateful for the amazing journey we've shared together. It's been an honor and privilege to serve in this role for the past two years, but now it's time for me to pass the torch to a new leader who will continue to inspire and uplift our community.

My journey with CCIS began as a community volunteer, helping to brew coffee at our Friday Morning coffee program. It was there that I first experienced the warmth and support of our community. From there, I was honored to join the Board as Vice President, and eventually, I had the incredible opportunity to serve as President. Along the way, I've had the pleasure of meeting so many incredible and talented individuals who have enriched my life and expanded my horizons.

Now, as I prepare to step down from my role, I am excited to see who will join the Board next. I truly believe that serving on the Board of CCIS is a transformative experience. It's a chance to make a real difference in the lives of others while growing as a leader yourself.

If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, please feel free to contact me directly. Simply send an email to president@ccisstanfordu.org, and I'll be happy to provide you with more details about the open positions and how you can get involved. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. I am so grateful to have been a part of this journey with you, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for CCIS under new leadership.

With warmest regards,
Kate Khatseyeva,
President of CCIS at Stanford

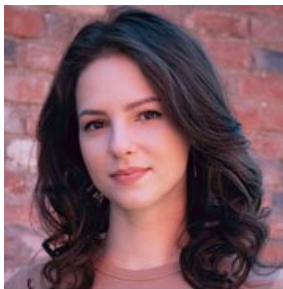
Thanks for being a part of CCIS and supporting our International Community at Stanford.



**New Board members
are excited to join us!**

**Meet a new board
contributor**

**Seda Kahn-
Publicity
Chair**



Seda Kahn
Publicity Chair
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Driven by her passion for volunteering and her deep admiration for the Stanford community, Seda joined CCIS last year as the Publicity Chair. This appointment provides her with a chance to connect with other international immigrants and positively impact their lives, especially during challenging times.

A product designer by training, a continuous learner at heart — Seda is on a mission to make the world's products & services more honest, purposeful, and magical. Though educated in Oxford and Dubai, she has since immigrated to San Francisco, where she's exploring how "service productization" can be applied to wicked problems like education, immigration, and self-development.

Previously, she has served as a lecture translator & conference organizer in areas like AI and EdTech. And later founded a language-learning product, Matrëshka, to help Russian-speaking children access the English-speaking world.

**English in Action Spring Fling-
Bunnies & Blossoms
April 26 5:30-7:30 pm**

The event is for EIA volunteers and their spouses and their international partner and their family.

Family friendly snacks and activities are included. It will be held at the Bechtel International Center Courtyard.

The organizers are looking for a volunteer to do face painting. Contact Liz Ambuhl at EIAvolunteerRecruitment@CCISStanfordU.org if you know someone who might be interested.



A fun Lunar New Year celebration!

Lunar New Year celebration at Bechtel 02/07/2024



Thank you so much, volunteers!

A rich and varied program was organized for the International Spouse Coffee on February 7. The celebration drew the largest crowd in memory- over 100 people attended. The participants were delighted to learn about how this important holiday is celebrated according to both Chinese and Korean traditions.

From the presentations of customs and tai chi and music and bowing to the delicious buffet of tasty Chinese dumplings, Korean New Year's soup and other treats, everyone

enjoyed the chance to gain insight into this festive tradition. The hands-on projects were popular and gave people a chance to try their hand at writing, paper-cutting, coloring dragons and more. The grand finale of the modeling of the beautiful Korean hanbok was an impressive surprise!

Congratulations to the volunteers who organized the details of a great event.

(The photo panel was made by Ragna Kaehler).

Volunteer! Engage! Connect! Impact!



In the next fiscal year starting this summer (2024), there will be four open CCIS Board positions.

These roles allow you to impact our Graduate International Student Community at Stanford, and help us make an impact. Contribute to the Stanford community, while making friends and connecting with families from all around the world. We are 250 people strong, all volunteers, who care about Stanford, and want to improve our international community, one relationship at a time. We have been at Stanford since 1953, celebrating 70 years of volunteerism, and you can be a part of our team. We are housed in the Bechtel center, behind the Tressider Center on campus, and we would love to have you join us.

The 4 roles open for the upcoming fiscal year 2024-2025 are:

BOARD PRESIDENT- lead the 20+ person Board, set priorities, communicate our mission, and assist the team in delivering on our programs.

BOARD SECRETARY- document our progress, and our meeting milestones, as we get together 8-10 times per year.

GLOBAL CHEF Co-Chair: work with the Lead Co-Chair on making friends as you make great international meals

LOAN CLOSET: This position is focused on delivering CCIS household items for loan.

The program is most active in the FALL of the school year, when international students return to campus and need a variety of household items for their dorm, apartment and homes.

If you want to be considered, please send an email of introduction to- Jeff Greenwald, CCIS Board VP, at vp@ccisstanfordu.org. Or call me at 650-888-9162

We need you!



Save the date!
Monday May 13

Annual general meeting

Details to follow

A word from the editor

As the newsletter editor, I hope you will enjoy learning more about what's happening at CCIS. Your feedback is welcome--send an email to notes@ccisstanfordu.org.

Pamela Baird

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