



CCIS NOTES

March/April 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

Beyond Volunteering: Celebrating the Heart of CCIS

April is designated as National Volunteer Month. My heart overflows with immense gratitude for the incredible contributions of our dedicated volunteers at the Community Committee for International Students at Stanford (CCIS).

As many of you know, CCIS holds a special place in my own story. Having served on the board for many years, I witnessed firsthand the transformative power of this community. The opportunities and support I received shaped my life in countless ways, and I am forever grateful.

The true magic of CCIS lies in the dedication and compassion of our volunteers. As an international myself, I can confirm the profound impact your kindness and passion have on our community. Your contributions go far beyond the traditional definition of "volunteering."

From sharing your experiences and patiently helping others to improve English skills to coming together to celebrate holidays as one big family, you have played an essential role in helping us adjust to American life and embrace its culture. Your willingness to open your doors and hearts, share a cup of coffee, and engage in heartfelt conversations has fostered a sense of belonging that is invaluable to us all.

Furthermore, your efforts in sharing cultural traditions through food and cooking together have enriched our lives in countless ways. Additionally, your generosity in sharing household items and providing support during both joyous and challenging times has made our community stronger and more resilient.

Your financial contributions have made a significant impact, allowing spouses to receive grants for their continuous education, and your career advice has helped many find better job opportunities.

Your empathetic listening, sympathetic understanding, encouraging words, and unwavering belief in us have truly made all the difference.

CCIS is more than just an organization—it's a community that you want to belong to and stay a part of for a very long time. Your dedication and commitment to our mission are what make CCIS such a remarkable place, and I cannot thank you enough for all that you do.

with heartfelt thanks-
Kate Khatseyeva,
President of CCIS at Stanford

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

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

This is fast approaching! 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.

Enjoy a selection of homemade treats and a variety of sparkling apple ciders.

Please let Liz know if you are able to attend.

Contact Liz Ambuhl at
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International Spouse Coffee Celebration



Bechtel International Center
International Spouse Coffee | March 06, 2024
celebrating International Women's Day

Celebrating International Woman's Day

A fun morning was held on March 6. Participants celebrated the **International Women's Day**. According the United Nations website International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

The Coffee was a huge success with great food and conversations. It was informative, inspiring, creative, festive, tasty, and a fun event!

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

(The photo panel was made by Ragna Kaehler).

Save the date! Monday May 13

Annual general meeting

**The Annual meeting will be held on May 13th
4:15 pm -- 6:15 pm.
Bechtel Center-
Assembly Room**

As in the past, speakers will provide updates on various programs. Learn more about the programs and how participating has had an impact.

4:15 - 4:30 pm --	Socialize
4:30 pm --	CCIS Election of Officers
4:45 pm --	Program Begins

Kate Khatseyeva -	Welcoming remarks
Shalini Dev Bhutani	Bechtel Updates
Elsa Gontrum	Bechtel Updates
Vivian Euzent	English in Action

Speakers:

Fatmanur Caygin Aydin	(SEF awardee)
Jihye Lee	(English In Action)
Bidemi Muknudeen	(Hospitality)
Matias Bugnar	(English classes)
Apoorva Singh	(International Spouse Coffee)

After the speeches, there will be a brief Q&A session.

5:30 -- 6:15 pm	Socialize & Refreshments
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We hope that you will attend!

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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