



CCIS NOTES

July/August 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"

Jeff Greenwald - President of CCIS

It's that time of year

It is back to school time, and nearly 18,000 students will be coming back to campus..... some with their families, some to reconnect and build community with their class schoolmates, with their Scholars, with their employers on campus, and with their Research. Stanford in the Fall is a special time, and CCIS and Bechtel help build community.

That's what CCIS has done for over 70 years, since 1953. And "community" is the important thing that International Students tell us they miss, while they are here at Stanford.

How does CCIS do this? We host free coffees on Wednesdays at Bechtel, we teach English classes and we teach cooking classes. (one Friday a month) We assist with Spouses to get grants to attend educational programs (both on and off campus). We connect spouses with mentors (our English in Action program) and we provide temporary housing interim to Stanford housing. We provide free apartment and dorm items for students' kitchens and bedrooms, via our Loan Closet in the Abrams Court building located in Escondido Village.

Our programs are almost entirely free and we serve one single purpose: to build a local community for Students and their families while they are here from their international country. And that community often continues way past the student's stay at Stanford.

The fall welcome schedule is packed with activities- International dinners on Sept 11, 12 & 13, a s'mores party September 17 and welcome reception on September 18. Visit the Bechtel building to learn about the programs that CCIS offers, and pick up a ticket for one of the above dates. Additionally, on September 25 at 10:30 am-12 noon, have your spouse

come by our free coffee at the Bechtel Center, and meet people that can form a community for you and your family while you are here at Stanford.

.....And if you live locally, and would like to volunteer at one of the many programs that we offer, jump in and participate. You can become one of those important members who form community pillars that supports some of the 1300 families that CCIS engages with. We would love to have you as a member, as a Volunteer or a mentor to our of our student's spouses or families. Meet a friend, be a friend, come and learn with the rest of us.

Finally, don't be a stranger. The programs we offer are open to you, no matter what nationality, what language you speak, what walk of life you lead, your presence is needed and welcomed.

Thank you for jumping in with the CCIS family.

Jeff Greenwald, President

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

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Volunteer opportunities in September

to volunteer contact- Bob Spears bob@cultureconnection.net

Social Events

Wednesday, Sept. 11 Dinner

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Menu: Indian food

Needed: 4-8 CCIS volunteers to assist with food serving

Thursday, Sept. 12 dinner

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Menu: Chinese food

Needed: 4-8 CCIS volunteers to assist with food serving

Friday, Sept. 13 dinner

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Menu: Italian food

Needed: 4-8 CCIS volunteers to assist with food serving

BUS TRIP: Henry Cowell Redwoods

Sunday, Sept. 15

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Needed: 2-3 CCIS members to chaperone

Sunday, Sept. 22

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Needed: 2-3 CCIS members to chaperone

S'mores party

Tues, Sept. 17

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Needed: 2-3 CCIS volunteers to assist with directing and supervising students

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, Sept. 18

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Needed: All Hands on Deck to welcome students

Community Advising

volunteers needed to answer student questions about Stanford, Palo Alto & local businesses, transportation, things to do, etc

Volunteer training

Tuesday, September 3, 11 am - 1 pm

Wednesday, September 4, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024

MLS session: 2:30-3:30 (student session)

Community advising: 3:30-4:30

Friday, Sept. 6, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)

Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Friday, Sept. 6, 2024

MLS: 2:30 pm-3:30 pm (student session)

Community advising: 3:30-4:30

Monday, Sept. 9, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)

Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Monday, Sept. 9, 2024

MLS: 1:00 pm-2:00 pm (student session)

Community advising: 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)

Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024

MLS: 1:00 pm-2:00 pm (student session)

Community advising: 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)

Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024

MLS: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm (student session)

Community advising: 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)

Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Friday, Sept. 13, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)

Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Friday Sept. 13, 2024

MLS: 2:30 pm-3:30 pm (student session)
Community advising: 3:30-4:30

Monday, Sept. 16, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)
Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Monday, Sept. 16, 2024

MLS: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm (student session)
Community advising: 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept 17, 2024

MLS: 4:00 pm-5:00 pm (student session)
Community Advising: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024

MLS: 9:30 am-10:30 am (student session)
Community advising: 10:30-11:30

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024

MLS: 2:30 pm-3:30 pm (student session)
Community advising: 3:30-4:30

to volunteer contact- **Bob Spears** bob@cultureconnection.net

International Spouse Coffee September 25 kick-off

**10:30-12:00
Bechtel Center**

Please join us for this special welcoming event



Stanford | Bechtel International Center

PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL SPOUSES,
PARTNERS, AND FAMILIES

INTERNATIONAL SPOUSE COFFEE



WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 TO NOON



BECHTEL INTERNATIONAL CENTER
584 CAPISTRANO WAY



[BECHTELSPOUSES.STANFORD.EDU](https://bechtelspouses.stanford.edu)



Programs needing volunteer participants

English in Action

English in Action (EIA) is a unique program that pairs international graduate students, scholars, post-doctoral researchers and their spouses with community volunteers for weekly meetings to engage in English conversation and learn about American culture.

Weekly meetings averaging one hour or more can be in person or using video chat like Facetime, Zoom, etc. Scheduling is flexible as long as the meetings average one hour each week.

Partners sharing similar interests, occupations, educations, and gender are matched. EIA partners often become lifelong friends. EIA is actively recruiting

volunteers. Please consider this exciting opportunity to broaden your perspective and to make new friends.

For more information see: <https://ccisstanfordu.org/english/englaction.html>

Homestay

Looking to connect with an incoming international graduate student? Homestay is a great way to open your home (and heart) to aid an incoming student. By hosting a student in your home for 3-5 days you can ease their adjustment to a new place, far from home. If you are interested, please complete the 2024-2025 CCIS Homestay Host Application. <https://ccisstanfordu.org/membership/membership.html>

There are three graduate students arriving this week that need hosts immediately: one student from China arriving on August 30th and two students from Ghana arriving on Sept 2nd. If you are interested in hosting one of these students, please send an email directly to Laura Forbes Somers at lfsumers@stanford.edu.

Other student applicants may be available in September. Contact Laura to learn more.

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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