CCIS NOTES

September/October 2026

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

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We need volunteers!

Each year we reach out to our membership to ask that they get involved. Yes, please come to any of the 11 programs that we put on each week for the Stanford International Community (at Bechtel). But we also need VOLUNTEERS to help host and put on many of our programs. Right now....Fall Quarter 2026, we need volunteers for our:

* **Loan Closet:** WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to spend 1-3 hours during the week to give items to students for their apartments (we provide loaner items for their kitchen, bedroom and living room)

*** Global Chefs dinner:** WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help cook meals with Banani, (our Head Chef)...our next event is Friday November 6 from 2-7 pm at Bechtel. (theme: Italian)

*** International Spouse Coffee**- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help prepare coffee and snacks for our Wednesday coffee from 10:00 am-12 noon at Bechtel . Come join our team and become part of our weekly coffee community.

*** Stanford Donor:** WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to sponsor various events. Either you or your company can provide a sponsorship at a level from $150-$2500.

*To become a more active volunteer, please send an email with your contact details to- President@ccisstanfordu.org.

Thank you for being involved in our Stanford International Community.

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

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Save the dates

+ November 6- Global chefs- cooking and family dinner (2 pm-7 pm) :Italian
+ December 7- annual Holiday luncheon- Bechtel Center 11:45 am- 1:15 pm

INTERNATIONAL SPOUSE COFFEE

Wednesday Morning Fun

Korean Harvest Full Moon Festival

Often referred to as the "Korean Thanksgiving," the Full Moon Festival is one of the most cherished nationwide holidays in South Korea. Centered around the full harvest moon, Chuseok (as it is named in Korean) brings families together to give thanks for the autumn harvest, honor ancestors, and share rich traditional feasts. Special dishes are prepared- such as half-moon cakes, savory Korean pancakes and glass noodles with vegetables. The tradition dates back almost 2,000 years.

On October 4 Volunteer Insook Han (shown on the left) and her daughter (second from the right) shared the long history of this special holiday with those attending. They described the different styles of the hanbok, or the traditional national dress worn by women. Participants are shown wearing examples of the hanbok garments brought by Insook.



Meet the new team for the English in Action program

Two new board members will be responsible for the English in Action volunteer intake processing (explaining the program, answering questions and qualifying the volunteers). We appreciate their commitment to CCIS and look forward to the continued success of this popular program.





Kelly Sprinkle states "I've been involved with English In Action since 2017. I first joined because I enjoy meeting people. At first, it was a way to meet people from other countries and learn about their experiences living in a new place. As co-chair, I'm looking for other passionate volunteers who want to form connections and join a community."

Eric Kintzer has recently become involved with EIA, but has been a volunteer with CCIS. "My wife and I hosted several home stay students, which we enjoyed. My wife worked with three EIA partners over the last few years. Once I retired, I said I'd like to do that too. Now I have two partners- each from different parts of the world."



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.

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