Message From the FIN Staff

Welcome to Foster International!

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a new Q-100 class project this year, based on the 2010 common reading, *The Teen Guide to Global Action* by Barbara A. Lewis. Each student will be writing their own personal statement about an experience they have had with international interactions or social change. These stories will then be collected into Foster International’s new book, which will be published and read by next year’s residents as their common reading!

The FIN Director, Dr. Galuska, looks forward to meeting all of the new residents and learning about their interests and backgrounds. In addition to the FIN book project and community events, Dr. Galuska encourages students to participate in the Themester Fall 2010, “Sustainability: Thriving on a Small Planet,” events on campus, [www. themester.indiana.edu](http://www.themester.indiana.edu). Feel free to stop by Dr. Galuska’s office to introduce yourself and to share any ideas you have for FIN activities or sustainability initiatives in FIN or on campus.

Welcome Week Events at Foster International!

- **August 25th-26th**  Welcome Table in the Ground Floor Lounge
  Stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to meet the Foster International Director, Office Assistant, RAs, Community Mentors, and other returning FIN residents! We will be selling FIN merchandise at discounted prices - all proceeds will go to fund scholarships for FIN residents participating in FIN activities this year!

- **August 26th**  Walk to Culture Fest with your new FIN friends!
  Have you heard about Culture Fest? This FREE event at the IU Auditorium celebrates the amazing cultural diversity represented here on campus. Meet us in the Ground Floor Lounge at 4 p.m. so we can walk together to this great event, and enjoy live music, great food, salsa lessons, henna tattoos, and more!

- **August 28th**  FIN Cookout at Lake Monroe
  The first bus leaves at noon! Grab your friends and come on out! We’ll have a cookout, play some fun outdoor games, and you’ll have a great chance to get to know your new friends at Foster International!

- **August 29th**  Sunday Brunch with Foster International
  Come enjoy a pancake breakfast at 10 a.m. in the second floor kitchen / lounge. Relax with some tasty breakfast foods and a movie as you prepare for your very first day of classes at IU!

- **Coming Soon**  E-Board Elections (September 4th!), Lotus Festival, and more!
  Many great events are already in the works for the fall semester, so be sure to check your IU email and the Foster International Blog, FINGoneNative.blogspot.com! Also, did you know you can plan your own event to share with your friends at FIN? **Check the back page for more information about how to get involved!**
Don’t Forget Your Passport!

Your passport is an important part of life at Foster International! Be sure to bring it with you when you attend events and activities sponsored by Foster International. You will receive stamps to keep track of what you have participated in each semester.

Students who participate in at least 5 events will be rewarded at the end of each semester! If you have stamps from at least 5 events, you will be invited to attend a special event, and your name will be placed in a drawing for great prizes! More information will be available as the year progresses.

Exciting Events at FIN!

The 2009-2010 school year featured many exciting activities. We hope you will help us make 2010-11 even more exciting! See any familiar faces? Many students returned to FIN again this year, and might even be your next-door neighbor or Q-100 instructor! Returning students are great resources if you have questions about life at FIN - ask them about the best ways to get involved!

Introducing our 2010-11 Community Mentors!

Every year, the FIN Community Mentors work with the E-Board and residents to plan events and activities. Each Community Mentor is also responsible for teaching one section of the Q-100 class, and helps residents learn about FIN and each other!

This year, our two CMs are Ying Chen and Esme Pierzchala. They are both sophomores, and this will be their second year living in Foster International. You will be seeing them around the building and at many events this year - please make sure to introduce yourself! Esme and Ying are both great resources to learn about the FIN community, and we are excited to work with them this year!

Ying Chen
Major: Finance (Kelley Business School)
Minor: Psychology
Hobbies: jogging, swimming, yoga, watching movies, scrapbooking, reading, playing the piano and shopping

Esme Pierzchala
Majors: International Studies and History
Minors: Western European Studies and French
Hobbies: “I’ve been dancing since elementary school, I love traveling, and I hope to study abroad my junior year”

Get involved with FOFIN - Friends of Foster International!

The mission of Friends of Foster International (FOFIN) is to support the cultural, social, and educational needs of IUB’s growing international student population.

As part of our mission we: serve as a liaison between Foster International Living-Learning Center and international student groups on campus; co-sponsor events, projects, and initiatives that have a strong international component; and collaborate with faculty, staff, and students to better understand and cultural, social, and educational, needs of IU’s growing international student population.

Our membership is open to any interested IUB student. Come talk to Dr. Galuska if you’d like to be a part of the first exciting year of FOFIN! To learn more, visit myinvolvement.indiana.edu and search for Friends of Foster International!

Foster International Committees

The FIN Committees, along with the E-Board, serve an important role in planning events for FIN Residents! Interested? Check out the bulletin board outside the Foster International offices for more information and to sign up!

- Educational and Cultural Events Committee
- Outdoor and Recreational Activities Committee
- Marketing and Publications Committee

We will also be asking for volunteers for the Orientation Committee later in the year!
**Community Announcements**

**Sign Up for the Q-100 Class**
All new Foster International LLC residents MUST register for our community development course, FLLC Q-100. This 1-credit class will help you meet other students and get adjusted to life at IU and Foster International. It is a 1 credit hour, 8 week course taught during the fall semester. If you have not added this class to your schedule, please do so immediately! To see the class times that are available and to sign up for a section that fits your schedule, please visit [www.fin.indiana.edu](http://www.fin.indiana.edu).

**Plan Your Own FIN Event!**
Did you know that you can plan your own event for yourself and other FIN residents? Financial support is available from the E-board, if you event is approved! You can even invite your favorite artist or scholar to come and stay in our guest suite! Planning worksheets are available on the ground floor bulletin board or from the FIN staff. If you have a great idea for a FIN event, please fill out the brief form and bring it to the FIN office!

**Executive Board Elections**
The FIN Executive Board (E-Board) will be holding its annual elections on September 4th, 2010. The available positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief of Staff, and Educational Trustee. These positions are open to ANY student who is interested in planning FIN events and making Foster International a fantastic community this year! Contact the FIN staff to complete a self-nomination form and to get information about campaigning opportunities.

**Foster International T-Shirt**
In years past, FIN has designed a t-shirt for all residents. We would love to continue this tradition in 2010-2011! A blog post featuring some of the previous t-shirt designs is available on the blog! Have an idea? Please submit your image via email to fin@indiana.edu.

**FIN Website and Blog**
Did you know Foster International has it’s own website and blog? Keep up to date on FIN events at [www.fin.indiana.edu](http://www.fin.indiana.edu) and [FINGoneNative.blogspot.com](http://FINGoneNative.blogspot.com).

**Marketing and Publications Committee**
Do you love to write? Why not share your thoughts on life at FIN via the FIN blog? If you are an avid blogger or writer, photographer, videographer, or if you just want a great way to get involved, please consider joining the Marketing and Publications Committee! We need students to advertise & photograph events, write about life at FIN, and much more! Please consider signing up on the bulletin board outside the FIN office, and contributing to future newsletters, blog posts, the yearbook, or other exciting projects!

---

**For more information about the stories in this newsletter, please call (812) 855-0284 or email FIN@indiana.edu.**