Happy Holidays From the FIN Staff

The fall foliage has come and gone, and now finals are fast approaching! This can be a stressful time of year, but it is also a time of celebration. We hope you will all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break, and wish you all the best of luck with your studies! Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any end-of-the-semester questions or concerns.

Thank you to everyone who has made this such an exciting and successful fall semester! We are looking forward to spending the spring semester with all of you.

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Community Announcements and Upcoming Events

November 20  Foster International and Global Village Dinner
Get to know our neighbors at the Global Village, in Foster-Martin! Join us in the Harper Formal Lounge for a casual evening with a variety of International Food, a raffle for Starbucks gift cards, games, and music!

Nov. 25-29th  Thanksgiving Break - Residence Halls Closed
What are your Thanksgiving plans? Don’t forget, Foster International will be closed, so if you aren’t going home but need a place to stay, you need to make plans soon!

Beginning December 2nd  Online Renewal for Housing 2010-2011
Be sure to check the RPS website, www.rps.iu.edu, for information on housing for next year! You must sign up soon if you want to stay in the residence halls next year. We hope to see you back at FIN during the 2010-2011 school year!

December 4th  FIN Formal Holiday Dinner
Plans are in the works for a formal dinner on Friday, December 4th! Check the blog for more information and to RSVP!

Dec. 19th - Jan. 6th  Winter Break - Residence Halls Closed
The end of the semester is coming up soon! If you have any questions about the closing of the residence halls during the break, please talk to someone on the FIN staff! You can also visit the RPS website, www.rps.iu.edu, for more information.

January  FIN Ski Trip!
The E-Board has already begun planning for a ski trip to Paoli Peaks in January! Do you want to go? Do you have suggestions for the trip? Contact an E-Board member and let them know! See page 2 for contact information.

Spring Semester  Explore Your World
If you’re looking for language study options or study abroad programs, these are the right events for you! Enjoy food and music from the featured cultures, and hear from students and professors who have been involved in these programs. Don’t miss these great events in Foster Harper in Spring 2009:

January 28th - Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Eurasia
February 25th - Asia: East and South
April 1st - The Middle East
April 8th - Western Europe
Fall 2009 Guest Suite Visitors

Every year, Foster International hosts a variety of visitors in the FIN Guest Suite. Each visitor joins a select group of FIN students for an informal luncheon or dinner. Every event is unique and offers students the opportunity to gain a new perspective on the world around us!

“Foster is such an awesome community! I have never thought of having such an interesting discussion with Ms. Kara Abramson, the Advocacy Director at the Congressional Executive Commission on China in Washington D.C., along with students from the US, China, India and Singapore. Foster is not only a place for living, but a place for growing and having fun!”

—Katherine Li
FIN resident

“The event was interesting for me, because I could hear the opinion and idea who lives in other countries which I have never been. It is difficult to go to all countries to ask their opinion and share the world problems, but I can see visitors from many countries here. That is really meaningful.”

—Haruna Kobayashi
FIN resident

Great FIN Events During Fall 2009!

During the Fall 2009 semester, the FIN staff and E-Board planned a great selection of events for residents! Stay tuned next semester for even more fun and exciting community events!

“I really liked the Lotus festival! I went to several events including Classical Persian, a psychedelic S. African rock group called BLKJCKS, an agit-pop group called Rupa and the April Fishes, Indian fusion, Acapella, gypsy music, and my favorite, Bajofondo, an electroctango group. Walking around with friends experiencing all this great music was a wonderful experience. I hope to be able to do it again.”

—Terra Mauer
FIN resident

Have you talked to the E-Board?

The E-Board is an important part of the events and activities that happen here in FIN! Have you been attending events? Do you have ideas for events you would enjoy? Don’t forget to talk to the E-Board if you have ideas for the community! Also, DON’T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT when you attend FIN activities and events! There are end-of-the-semester rewards for our most active members of the community!

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Q-100 Scavenger Hunt!

One of the first assignments in Q-100 was a campus-wide photo scavenger hunt to help our new students find their way around the many resources IU has to offer. Check out these highlights from their adventures!

Creative Opportunities

Newsletter and Blog Contributions!
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, this is a great opportunity for you to build your portfolio and make weekly or monthly contributions to the FIN blog. Every year we seek out photos from residents’ home towns and home countries to feature on the blog and also in the newsletter. We are also interested in featuring short stories about students’ experiences, interests, and activities. If you’ve had an interesting experience here at FIN, please share!

If you are interested in being a FIN writer, photographer, or videographer on any of these projects, please contact Meredith McGriff-Miller in the FIN office!

Yearbook Committee
We are actively seeking residents to participate in the development of our 2009-2010 digital yearbook! This is a great opportunity for you to display your artistic ability by photographing events, conducting video interviews, and writing narratives of life at FIN.

For more information about the stories in this newsletter, please email mcgriffm@indiana.edu or call 812.855.0284.

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