

# UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE DIVISION OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



October 2019 Newsletter



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We talk to doctoral student Liew Chen Go about her student experience and what she loves about UL Lafayette.

### SPRING 2020 ADVISING TIPS

It's that time of the year! Schedule a meeting with your advisor this month to register for Spring 2020 courses. Don't wait till the last minute!

### CAMPUS RESOURCES

We list the important dates you need to know for this semester and provide important resources you might need in the near future.



### OCTOBER INTERNATIONAL HOUR

The Division of Global Engagement will host the second International Hour of the semester on Friday, October 18th at 12 pm in the IEP Building. DGE staff will present a CPT Information Session upstairs where students will have the opportunity to learn more about the CPT work authorization process, application, and important deadlines. Bring your friends for a fun time, and a free meal at the IEP Building, 413 Brook Avenue!



### INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER

College life is difficult, especially if you're adapting to new surroundings. However, making the transition is doable, especially with a support group of students all sharing similar experiences. The UL Lafayette Counseling and Testing invites you to join International Circle, a group of international students who support one another through the difficult transition to college life. Often times, international students feel isolated as they begin to adapt to life in Lafayette and the University. International Circle's goal is to provide support for these students who are adapting to a new culture and country through meaningful discussion and activities. This support group meets on Tuesdays from 4pm-5pm in the Division of Global Engagement Office, Room 136, in the Student Union. If you're interested in joining International Circle, please sign up online at International Circle Registration. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Dr. Rose Honegger at roseh@louisiana.edu.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LIEW CHEN GO

Meet your classmates!



Liew Chen Go is a doctoral student from Malaysia pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering at UL Lafayette.

### Why did you choose to attend UL Lafayette?

I chose to attend UL because it is an affordable option with excellent faculty.

What is your favorite part of the program you're studying? I really appreciate how helpful everyone is for collaborating on each other's research projects.

### What has been your fondest memory so far of your time here at UL Lafayette?

My fondest memory was seeing the swamp for the first time in the middle of campus. It is very pretty.

### Why should other international students choose to attend UL Lafayette?

I think international students would enjoy the academic programs and the people here are friendly.



# REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY AT THE WORLD AT UL LAFAYETTE

The Division of Global Engagement invites you to represent your country at our celebration of diversity in November. The World at UL Lafayette, which is the kick-off event for 2019 International Education Week, will be hosted in the Student Union Ballroom on November 15th and will feature many different countries and cultures of the students at UL Lafayette. It will be an immersive experience dedicated to global education and the celebration of other cultures. If you're interested in participating or possibly creating a display for your country of origin please email globalengagement@louisiana.edu.

### **ADVISING STARTS THIS MONTH**

October 21st marks the beginning of academic advising for the Spring 2020 semester. Advising is a crucial component of keeping students on track to graduation. Advisors assist students in course selection each semester and help them navigate through their college years. Prior to registration, an advising hold is placed on student accounts. Advisors lift this hold after they have been advised. Once you've scheduled an appointment, go to your advisor meeting prepared and eager to ask questions about your academic plan.



# ISC SOCCER TOURNAMENT INVITES YOU TO PLAY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Register for the FeedOne WorldCup with your friends and support ending child hunger

The International Student Council is partnering up with Chi Alpha this month to host a WorldCup style soccer tournament, and you're invited! This event will be held Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th at the Chi Alpha soccer field behind the Taco Bell on Johnston street. There is a \$100 team sign up fee for UL students, and a \$150 team sign up fee for non-students. All proceeds from this event will be donated to FeedOne, an organization dedicated to fighting hunger and poverty with nutritious food and opportunities for children in need. This organization services children internationally as well, providing meals to more than 200,000 children in 14 different countries. The deadline to sign up for this event is Thursday, October 24th. You can register by calling (504) 610-0483. Bring your game face and get excited for a fun filled weekend that supports a great cause!



### STUDENT RESOURCES & IMPORTANT DATES

Take advantage of these resources our campus provides.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Fall Break - October 3rd & 4th

**International Hour Dates** 

October 18th - CPT Information Session at IEP

**November 15th** - The World at UL Lafayette (Student Union Ballroom)

November 27th - Thanksgiving Feast at IEP

OPT Application Deadline - February 18th 2020

### **IEP SESSION DEADLINES**

2019 -2020 Sessions	Deadline for Students outside the U.S.	<u>Deadline for Students</u> <u>inside the U.S.</u>
Fall II 2019 (October 10 - December 6)	September 6, 2019	October 1, 2019
Spring I 2020 (January 9 - March 13)	November 29, 2019	December 13, 2019
Spring II 2020 (March 19 - May 22)*	January 31, 2020	March 9, 2020
Summer 2020 (June 4 – July 31)*	April 30, 2020	May 25, 2020
Fall I 2020 (August 6 – October 2)*	July 6, 2020	July 31, 2020

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#### **EVENTS TO ATTEND**

International Circle
Tuesdays 4 PM - 5 PM
Student Union Room 136

ISC Soccer Tournament October 25th - 26th

Study Abroad Recruitment
Fairs: 8:45 AM - 12 PM
October 10th - Moody
October 17th - Dupré Library
October 21st - Griffin
October 31st - Fletcher

Study Abroad Panel
Discussion: 3:30 - 5:00 PM
October 8th, Moody Hall
Room 103

### RESOURCES

Career Closet - Located in Room 104 of Agnes Edwards Hall, the Career Closet provides students with free, gently used professional clothing items for interviews and career fairs. Current students can visit the Career Closet during business hours to shop for suits, ties, belts, shoes and other professional items.

The Writing Center- Located in Room 108 of Griffin Hall, the Writing Center helps students improve on their writing skills.

Learning Center- Located in Lee Hall on the 2nd floor, this center offers free individual or study group tutoring and many other services to help students succeed in their area of study.

Campus Cupboard- Hours are on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Students who visit the Campus Cupboard will be asked to present their University IDs.