

International Conversation Hour Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to the first International Conversation Hour Newsletter! ICHNL is written by members of the International Conversation Hour and written for international BSU students, but we are certain that **everyone** can benefit from reading ICHNL. Specifically for U.S. students, we hope that you can learn from the experiences of your international classmates.

International Conversation Hour :

Every Tuesday
Student Center
Pineshelf Room
Time: 6:00-7:30

Each month, our writers will cover different topics related to adjusting to the United States and Ball State. We may cover topics such as:

- Ways to Have Fun
- Educational Differences
- Travel
- Friendships
- Food
- Meeting New People

International Women's Conversation Hour:

Every Wednesday
Student Center
Room 305
Time: 5:00-6:00

In this volume, however, we just wanted to introduce the purpose of the newsletter and the members of our writing team so that you will know what to expect. We hope you enjoy reading!

Everyone is welcome!



We want your opinion! Is there a certain topic that you want us to write about? Do you want to become involved with ICHNL? Let us know! Please e-mail and tell us your ideas at ejhurley@bsu.edu.

Meet Our Team!

My name is Erica Hurley and I am currently working on my PhD in Counseling Psychology. I have lived in a lot of different places in the U.S. and have traveled internationally (Europe, Southeast Asia, Central America). For the past two years, I have been the group leader of ICH at BSU. I am always interested in the way that U.S. and international

students can learn from one another's experiences, which is why I have chosen to be part of this team!



My name is Pei-Yi Lin. I am a psychologist at the Counseling Center. I came from Taiwan and pursued my Ph.d. degree at the University of Kentucky. It is my seventh year in the U.S. As a result of my background, I have been passionate about working with international students. My goals for this newsletter are to reach out to more international students through email and to provide a way for them to express their voices.



My name is Seong-Yun Kang. I am a sophomore majoring in marketing and I am from South Korea. I became a member of ICH in 2009. I really like ICH because I can talk about many things include my stories, opinions, and so on. I especially think this program is really good at helping people be less nervous. Every international student gets nervous when talking to other foreign students. That is one of the reasons that I joined in this program. I would like also like to meet more people and have good conversation.

My name is Samantha Berman, and I am a junior English Education major from Indianapolis, Indiana. As of now, I have traveled outside of the country to Japan, Hungary, Canada, and Bonaire.



I love other languages and cultures (and international students, of course), so I'm really excited to be working on this newsletter with everyone! I hope you all enjoy it!

My name is Habiba Alasady and I am from Saudi Arabia. Currently I am studying English language in IEI in level 7. My major is Special Education. I have visited a lot of different places in the U.S. such as Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, South Carolina, New York and Florida, and have traveled internationally (Malaysia, Countries in the Arabic gulf, Yemen and Lebanon). I am always interested in how Americans love to share and exchange experiences and cultures with international students, which is why I have chosen to be part of this team!

Read ICHNL again in April!