AIS Fall 2017 Recap

Fall 2017 has been a busy semester for AIS. In the first week of classes, AIS teamed up with the Malaysian Student Association for a Welcome Back Picnic for all of the returning students (as well as new students!) to get them ready for the semester ahead. Close to 300 students came out to the New U for an evening of fun and food.

In 2016, AIS had introduced various departments, which have since undergone minor rearrangements, but the idea remains the same: recruit students at the beginning of the Fall semester in order to provide more leadership opportunities, both to international and domestic students. The events that followed the recruitment process in early September were the work of the entire team, which now comprises 32 officers.

In September, when news of a potential new travel ban broke, AIS held a mini-event in ACAC dubbed “Closed Borders/ Open Hearts”. We received dozens of messages of friendship and support from students of all kinds for the international students that have been and continue to be directly affected by the executive order. Additionally, our writers covered the story of a TU student who had been affected by the ban.

October saw AIS’s annual Soccer Tournament held with 8 teams participating in the competition. Together with the Indonesian Student Association, we raised $135 that was donated to help fund breast cancer awareness. At the end of the tournament, the Saudi Arabian team emerged victorious.

And finally in November, AIS’s most anticipated was held: The International Bazaar. As this is AIS’s biggest event of the year by far, extra help was brought in from SA’s International Student Relations Department, the Vietnamese Student Association, the Purple Ribbon Club, and the Multicultural-Resource Center. This year’s theme was Carnival Night, so each student organization constructed a booth and served foods that showed how a night out at a festival would look like back in their home countries. The event was a rousing success with over 400 people attending. Part and parcel with the Bazaar is the International Parade where the different student organizations walk around the venue, showing off their countries’ traditional attire and a small performance. The Chinese Student Association’s parade was particularly exhilarating, and the Saudi Arabian tent was immaculately decorated, giving them the Best Parade, and Best Booth awards, respectively.

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Fall 2017 International Carnival Night
ISS Videographers Produce International TU Stories

ISS student videographers Aiken Sujana and Luke Lau have spent Fall 2017 with some of our most interesting international students and alumni, all for the purpose of putting together a library of their stories. See the links below to watch these video stories and stay tuned for more coming in Spring 2018!

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