Happy New Year!

We at CLAISC hope that your 2019 is nothing short of wonderful. Before our organization commences the exciting activities and initiatives that we are undertaking this year, we would like to take a moment to reflect upon a few of CLAISC’s achievements during the last semester. The council is excited for the opportunities and events that this new year will bring as our members continue to work towards making the College of Liberal Arts a supportive, encouraging, and inclusive place for all its international students.
A Letter from the President

Dear Boilermakers,

Welcome, and welcome back, to Purdue! My name is Sapphire Lai, and I am the president of College of Liberal Arts International Student Council (CLAISC). I am deeply honored and incredibly excited to have the opportunity to serve this council as well as the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) community.

In the College of Liberal Arts, we learn to think critically, communicate effectively, and play leading roles. Through extracurricular activities offered in CLA, we can go above and beyond the learning acquired in traditional class setting. CLAISC is one of the most active organizations in CLA. Our goal is to further enhance the experience of the international students who are part of the CLA family. Through leadership development opportunities and variety of activities, we will help you achieve practical skill sets and train you to think differently, preparing you to be an active member of the community. Many fun and meaningful events are planned almost every week through the course of the next four months. These activities will allow you to network, expand your thinking to a higher horizon as well as allowing you to apply the skills you have obtained in the classroom to real world problems. Please check our BoilerLink page to know more about our future events.

This is going to be a fun and exciting semester. I hope to meet you all at our callout meeting and our events. On behalf of the CLAISC members, I look forward to having you with us. Good luck for the spring semester!

Warm Regards,
Sapphire Zhuoyao Lai
Treasure Hunt: MyPurdue and MyPurdue Plan Workshop

I am Rita from Taiwan. I am currently an undecided major here at the College of Liberal Arts. I attended the My Purdue and My Purdue Plan Workshop and the most interesting part of this workshop was that I was able to get a better understanding of how to use MyPurdue Plan. In the beginning of the year, I remember staring at all the different tabs and pages on this website with confusion because I simply had no clue where to start. However, now with the Treasure Hunt workshop, I now have a better grasp at how to efficiently use this tool in order to find information regarding my graduation requirements and all the possible courses that I have access to. Most of all, I learned that I could use the “What If” page to generate a possible career path. Being an undecided student, this is an incredible tool that can give me great understanding of what my future schedule would look like for different majors!
International and Domestic Student Pair-Up Celebration

I'm Liuyi Yang, my major is Communications and I'm from China. I really enjoyed hanging out with everyone at the event that night. When I first met MaKenna, the organiser of the event, she invited me to give the international and domestic student pair-up a try. By the time I reached out to her, it was so late that she herself had to be my partner which I really appreciated. I had a wonderful time at the celebration party. We all watched We Bare Bears together, one of my favourite series. We also enjoyed a meal together and had an overall great time. Laughter was exchanged in abundance. MaKenna worked really hard to make this event happen. She has helped us international students feel more at home here by organising events such as these. I also made new friends because of this event that I look forward to getting to know better.
My name is Micaela Bonifaz, I am majoring in Mass Communication and I am from Lima, Peru. The most helpful part of the event for me was the visual imagery Dr. Morgan used to explain to the international students each step of applying for a CPT or OPT. This included the timeline incorporated in one of the power point slides that defines the time frame in which we have to apply and clearly shows the set of deadlines we have to meet in order to successfully receive approval. Moreover, what I found most interesting was Dr. Morgan’s examples of students who did not follow those steps and therefore where not approved to receive a CPT. I also appreciated how the power point was able to clearly illustrate what a CPT document form that we have to submit would look like because it allows me to get familiar as well as comfortable with the application process.
CLA Cover Letter and Resume Workshop

My name is Yiqun Zhang and I come from China. I’m currently a sophomore majoring in Sociology at Purdue. I attended the CLA resume and cover letter workshop at the beginning of November. “Resume” is a word that my peers mention frequently, but for me, I had no idea about how to build my own before I attended this workshop. Because of this, in the past every time when I thought about the word resume, I felt anxious. Fortunately, I made a good decision about attending this workshop to gain further knowledge with regards to the subject and establish my confidence. During the workshop, Dr. Morgan and our guest speaker Mia Giron introduced general procedures for creating resumes to the audience by providing us with clear and detailed explanations. I could easily grasp all the main points as to develop my own resume step by step. Though time was limited, I still gained a lot. Surprisingly, in the end I left the classroom with my first simple resume, which made me so excited! I really appreciate all the help from Dr. Morgan and Mia Giron. They organised a fantastic workshop. This workshop broadened my horizons and erased my fear of creating a resume of my own. I hope to further participate in more sessions like this one in the future.
CLAISC Spring 2019 Events

- Call-Out Meeting
- Volunteering at Animal Shelter
- International Student and Domestic Student Pair-Up with AWC
- Vietnamese Food & Culture
- Food Demonstration
- Musical Performance
- Meditation & Yoga
- Internship Workshop