



# International Students Newsletter

## International Student Center One Year Anniversary

Come Celebrate: October 17, 2–5 pm

One year ago Fullerton College made a commitment to International Students and their success, both academic and personal. Focusing on the needs specific to foreign students, the College hired its first full-time International Coordinator and established the International Student Center (ISC).

Tucked away in a corner of the 700 building, the ISC had humble beginnings of second-hand furniture and remnants of classrooms past. Within a few months, due to the generous donations of several FC departments, the center began to take shape. A waiting area—featuring the campus' most coveted reclining chair—now invites students to relax between classes and congregate over chilled sodas and fresh coffee.

New modular furniture transformed the ex-radio station into a working office with a reception area and private Coordinator and Counselor offices. The center now manages the triple task of admissions, immigration advising, and academic counseling comfortably.

The ISC's dedicated staff, comprised of Coordinator Jessie Blank, student employees, Oscar Del Rio and Yuki Fukuda, and part-time counselors Anh Do, Nahrin Hi-



*International students and friends take advantage of the ISC sponsored cultural excursion to historic Olvera Street, the first settlement in Los Angeles.*

naro, and Peter Fong, aim to provide the utmost in student service.

"It's so nice having the [International Student Center]. It's good to interact with people from other cultures—we kind of have our own society. The staff respects you here. They know what you've been through and understand where you are coming from," says second year student, Wakako

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## Introducing the International Counseling Team

Choices, choices, choices....

With the new International Counseling Team, students now have the opportunity to see three different counselors, at several times during the week.

Counselors Anh Do, Nahrin Hinaro, and Peter Fong—with their diverse personal and professional backgrounds—are well suited to serve the international population.

Determined to promote both academic and personal success, the counseling team plans to expand support services with increased interaction and programming. Future plans include academic workshops, transfer seminars, study groups, cultural and social

events, and a peer mentor program. With the outstanding 75:1 student to counselor ratio, counselors will dedicate more time to each student, making sure to follow up on student progress, satisfaction, and success.

### **ANNOUNCING... Counseling Hours**

**Tuesday 9am—4:30pm  
Wednesday 9am—5:30pm  
Thursday 9am—4:30pm**

**Walk-ins or Appointments available  
714-992-7580 [isc@fullcoll.edu](mailto:isc@fullcoll.edu)**

Schedule of Events

**Upcoming International Club Events:**

- Oct 2: Meeting, Faculty Lounge 5:00 pm
- Oct 17: ISC One Year Anniversary Celebration
- Oct 25: Cultural Dinner (Proposed)
- Oct 31: Halloween & Dia de Los Muertos event
- Nov 6: Native American Poetry Reading 7 pm.
- Nov 8: Getty Center Field Trip (Proposed)
- Nov 13: Homecoming
- Nov 14: Friends of the Library presents 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. 2-5 pm.
- Nov 18-22: International Education Week

**Take a look at SECOND SESSION...**

- Do you have less than 12 units for the Fall semester?
- Do you feel you might fail a class or that you may want to drop and add a new one?

**Then check out the second session courses.**  
See a counselor to find out which courses will meet your GE or major course requirements and satisfy the 12 unit minimum.

**Classes begin October 21**

# October 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Workforce Ctr Job Fair & Club Meeting	3 Central Cal Transfer Trip*	4 Central Cal Transfer Trip*	5
6	7	8	9 Transfer Basics Workshop*	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 ISC One Year Anniversary	18 UCSD & SDSU Trip*	19
20	21 Second Session Begins	22	23	24	25 Cultural Dinner (Proposed)	26
27	28	29	30	31 Dia de Los Muertos Event*		

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17	18 Native American Festival* 12-1 pm, Quad	19-21 <b>International Education Week</b>			22 Last Day to Drop Classes	23 "The Laramie Project" Panel Discussion
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday	29	30

Schedule of Events

**Oct 17: International Student Center One Year Anniversary Celebration**

Come celebrate one year of international student service with Fullerton College faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni.

Meet the new counselors and get to know the staff. Enjoy complimentary beverages, dessert, and live entertainment.

**Nov 14: Friends of the Library presents 1992 Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú Tum**

"Rigoberta Menchú has become widely known as a leading advocate of Indian rights and ethno-cultural reconciliation, not only in Guatemala but in the Western Hemisphere generally, and her work has earned her several international awards." (*Les Prix Nobel*, 1992)

At an event co-sponsored by the International Student Center and other campus and community groups, Rigoberta Menchú Tum will speak at the Wilshire Auditorium from 2-5 pm.

■ Indicates International Club event

\* Indicates Cadena/Transfer Center event. For information, call 992-7587 or stop by room 801

**Do you have a suggestion for the ISC or the International Club?**  
A study hour? A monthly community service event? A weekly Coffee Hour?

**CONTACT THE ISC WITH YOUR CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

# The New Face of International Orientation

On August 5, the International Student Center welcomed 66 new international students from 25 different countries to Fullerton College. In addition to the traditional one-day orientation program, the Fall 2002 Orientation included several Welcome Week events designed to help students get to know each other better and feel more enfranchised on campus.

Activities included an official welcome reception dinner at the Rockin' Taco restaurant in downtown Fullerton, a cultural excursion to downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, and historic Olvera Street, and an introduction to our great American pastime at an Anaheim Angel's baseball game.

Welcome Week events serve the dual purpose of introducing students to each other and to the practical side of living in the Fullerton area. For example, the LA excursion began at the Fullerton Transit Center where students hopped on an Amtrak before transferring at Union Station to the Metro Redline on their way to Hollywood.



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ISC Coordinator, Jessie Blank, intends for these events to "bolster student confidence both on and off campus and increase their mobility. By taking the

train, the metro, or the bus on our events, I hope students gain a bit of logistical knowledge and feel capable to venture out and see what Southern California has to offer. The ISC hopes to harness the enthusiasm of the orientation



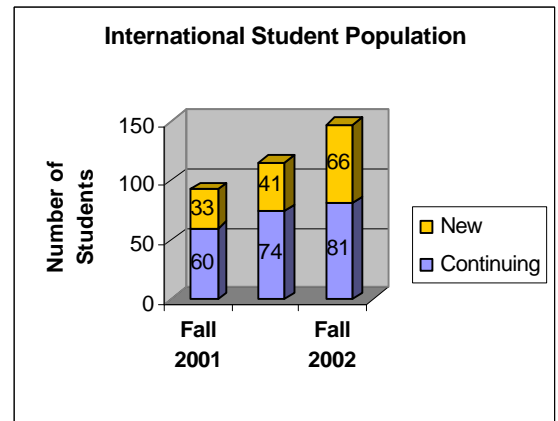
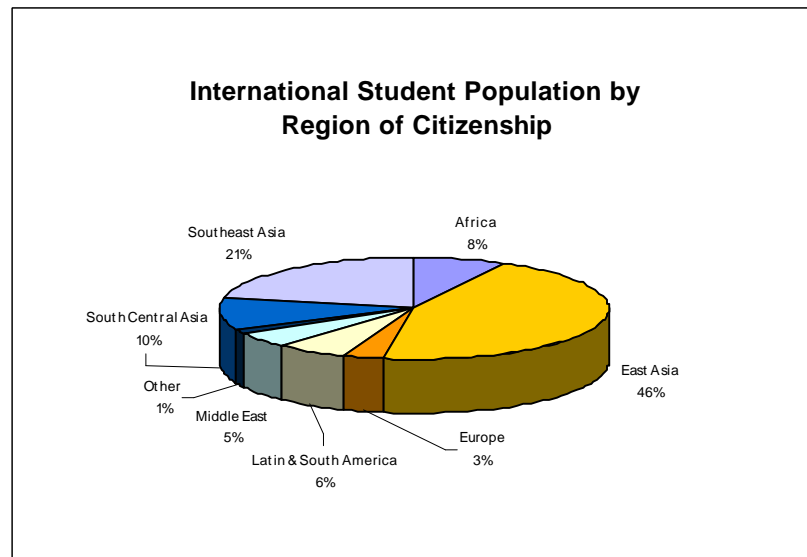
International students turned Angels baseball fans pause for a picture during the 11-inning game

activities and encourage greater student involvement in the semesters to come.

"Orientation was a much more interactive experience all around. There was a great energy between the students that was contagious. This is an exciting group of students and I look forward to seeing their impact on campus," says Dean of Admissions and Records, Peter Fong.

## Fall 2002 Snapshot: A Quick Look at the International Student Body

Over the past year, the population of full-time Fullerton College students on the F-1 visa has increased 52 percent to total 147 students. Here is a quick look at the International Student Body:



### Top 5 Majors of International Students:

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Liberal Studies              | 16% |
| 2. Computer Science             | 15% |
| 3. Business                     | 13% |
| 4. Computer Information Systems | 8%  |
| 5. Engineering                  | 5%  |

## On your Mark, Get Set... TRANSFER!

This fall the Cadena/Transfer has planned a jam-packed schedule of workshops and events to help you transfer to a four-year school. Whether it's a CSU, a UC, public or private institution, they've got you covered. Be sure to take advantage of these upcoming transfer events:

### CSU Application Workshops

October 14	1:30 — 12:30	Room 801
October 15	12:00 — 1:00	Room 616
October 24	6:00 — 7:00	Room 801
October 29	6:00 — 7:00	Room 801
November 12	12:00 — 1:00	Room 801
November 14	6:00 — 7:00	Room 801

### UC Application Workshops

November 4	12:00 — 1:00	Room 801
November 7	2:00 — 3:00	Room 801
November 12	12:00 — 1:00	Room 1013
November 25	12:30 — 1:30	Room 801

### UC & Private School Personal Statement Workshops

October 23	1:00 — 3:00	Room 311
November 14	9:00 — 11:00	Faculty Lounge

For more information, contact the Cadena/Transfer Center at: 714-992-7587 or stop by Room 801. <http://cadena.fullcoll.edu>

**It's never too early to start thinking about your transfer future!**

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From walk-in counseling appointments and emergency immigration advising to Health Center referrals and occasional proof reading, the ISC serves a variety of student needs.

Join us this October in celebrating one year of international student service at the International Student Center.



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*more details to come...*



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