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LCI Newsletter

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LCI's Vision: To lead our students to achieve measurable progress in communicative competence, LCI will provide an interactive and stimulating learning environment based on the use of theoretically sound methodologies, creative instructional practices, technology-related resources, and goals aligned with students' linguistic, cultural and academic growth.



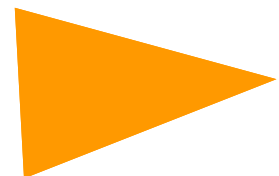
Student Interviews

Recently, in one of our Writing classes, students interviewed each other and learned many interesting facts about each other. For example, here's what Hea Yong Park learned by interviewing Zorana Joksimovic from Serbia.

H: When are your country's special traditional holidays?
Z: Easter and Christmas. Our major religious groups are Orthodox and Catholic. They use different calendars. The Orthodox use the lunar calendar and the Catholics use the solar calendar. So the holidays like Easter or Christmas are sometimes on different days. Usually they have a one or two week gap. Sometimes they are on the same day. For example, the Orthodox have Easter two weeks after the Catholics.

H: Do you have special cultural events on those traditional holidays?
Z: On Easter day, we boil different color eggs in a big bowl. We share the eggs and eat together. Rabbits are the symbol of Easter. We think rabbits bring presents like Santa Clause does on Christmas. Parents put gifts beside their children while they are sleeping. They say to their children that a rabbit gave them those gifts. On Christmas, we pick some branches from big trees and make Christmas trees with those branches. We usually go to church and celebrate New Year's also.
H: Now, let's talk about women's life in your country. Would you tell me about women's life in your country? Do they usually stay at home after marriage?
Z: No, women usually work like they do in

America. The government supports working women. When women give birth, they usually get a 1 year vacation with salary. After that, they seek a babysitter or their parents take care of their grandchildren.
H: Is there still discrimination against women?
Z: Traditionally, some discrimination existed, but it has changed. Old generation people preferred sons, but nowadays, daughters are more preferred. I think both men and women are treated equal in Serbia.
H: Thank you for the interview.



Student Interviews Continued...

Here's what Mihyun Kim learned while interviewing Yasmine Joachim from Haiti.

M: Can you tell me about how the people in Haiti live? Is it similar to American people?

Y: Haiti is a small country. Wealthy people live similarly to American people.

Less fortunate people go out to sell merchandise. There are big families in my country. We share food with our neighbors. We're not similar with American people. We're kind of poor to take care of our households.

People are happy even though they're not rich. Also, as a

small country, too many buildings are there. And it's very close between buildings. Only the city center has a library, nice buildings and hotels.

Technology is slow, so now the government is trying to develop this.

M: Why did you decide to come to the U.S.?

Y: First, I wanted to see what the U.S. is like and see what should be done in Haiti. I was a teacher in Haiti. So I have to go back to Haiti. But My university is ruined because of the earthquake. So I wanted to study in the

U.S. I wanted to study nursing. So I came to the U.S. to study nursing and get a degree. After studying, I want to go back to my country and help people.

M: Thanks for the interview!



Yasmine

Good-bye, Sung-Ai!

Recently, Sung Ai Jeon, a student at LCI, decided to go back to her country, South Korea. But, before she left, we had a brief conversation about her experience at LCI.

E:How long have you been at LCI?

S:For about 2 years.

E:What was your first impression of LCI?

S:The teachers were very friendly. I felt comfortable.

E:What is your favorite memory of LCI?

S:I really enjoyed learning about the American culture and experiencing life in the US.

E:What is the most important thing you learned at LCI?

S:My conversation skills in English weren't very good, but I think I feel more comfortable now. I'm not perfect, but I feel better about my skills now.

E:What are your future plans?

S:I originally wanted to learn English so that I could go to Africa and help the children there. So that's what I want to do in the future: go to Africa and help the children.

E:Really? What kinds of things do you want to do there to help?

S:Just anything I can possibly do for them.

E:What country would you like to go to?

S:Hmm... Maybe Kenya?

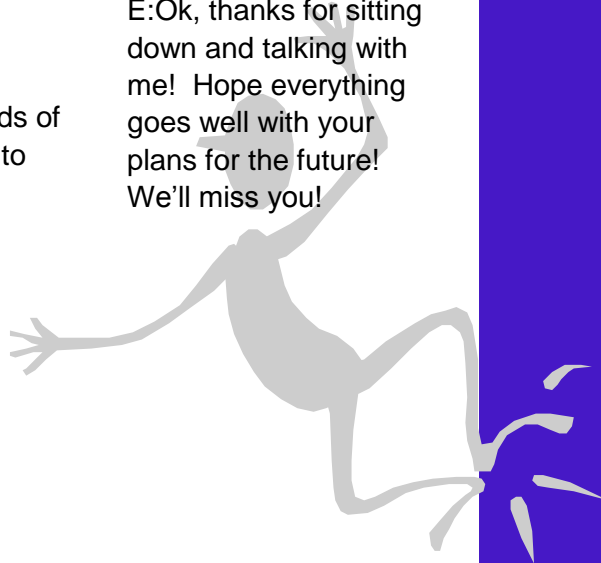
E:Wow, sounds good. Last question: what advice would you give to future LCI students?

S:When you're in class, don't sit next to people who are from your own country. You'll lose a lot of opportunities to speak English. That's what happened to me!

E:Ok, thanks for sitting down and talking with me! Hope everything goes well with your plans for the future! We'll miss you!



Sung-Ai



Unscramble the Words!

Unscramble the letters to find the **Fall** words

Puzzle contributed
by
Michelle Vargo

1. ekih
2. caorn
3. ippmkun
4. hya
5. rkea
6. wsearte
7. udgro

8. stfor
9. borecto
10. rwoc
11. afle
12. noqxuie
13. spealp
14. tmtuna

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14. _____

Answers:
hike frost
acorn October
pumpkin crow
hay leaf
rake equinox
sweater apples
gourd autumn





Academic Achievement

HONOR ROLL

(3.0-3.49 GPA)

Ali AlNemer	Ahmad Badjie	Amila Gluhic
Ga Yeon Hwang	Zorana Joksimovic	ByeongJu Kang
Hae Joung Lee	Ovsanna Nazaryan	Kenis Perez-Marable
Sahar Sonbol		

DIRECTOR'S LIST

(3.5-3.99 GPA)

Charity Abera	Nedal Ajeb	Aseel Al Ani
Sung Ai Jeon	Harinath Konakalla	Robert Moe
Sampat Mulpuri	Ceres Padilla	Jung In Park
Marina Soboleva	AnaCristina Souza	

SUPERSTARS!

(4.0 GPA)

Fahad AlSafar	Ghader Bo Moza	Christina Huebner
MiHyun Kim	Hea Yong Park	Felipe Pereira
Gaudencio Pereira	YuJin Son	Elektra Tsakou

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Perfect Attendance for June-July 2011

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Congratulations to Everyone!!