

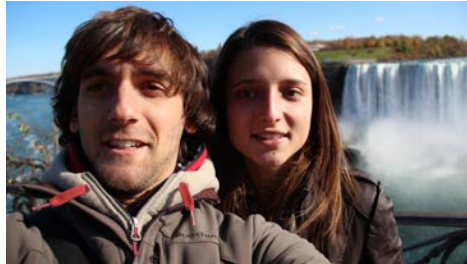
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International Students of the Month



Madonna University would like to welcome two international students from Spain: Juan Ucedo and Raquel Alonso (featured above). They will be here on campus for one semester.

Juan's current major is Broadcast and Cinema Arts. He hopes to move to Hollywood to be a famous movie director. In Spain, he worked as a teacher and was a summer camp counselor. Juan likes to work with children and teens. He has been to Peru and many countries in Europe. Juan likes his classes at Madonna because he can borrow the school's video equipment. He likes eating American food items such as hamburgers and pizza. In his free time he enjoys journal writing and taking photos. He thinks "everyone at Madonna is very nice and very friendly".

Raquel is majoring in interpretation and translation. She hopes to become an ESL and Spanish language teacher in the future. Raquel has been all over Europe and lived in New York City as a child. She likes the classes at Madonna, but misses being able to use public transportation. Raquel says she likes American food because "... it can also be found in Spain due to globalization". In her free time, Raquel enjoys reading and watching soccer. She does not like American football because she feels the game moves very slowly.

Coming up On-Campus:

- > November 23: ISO Grocery Shopping
- > November 30: Zumba in UCI
- > November 30: Movie Night: Higher Learning in S100
- > December 1: Coffee Time in West Colonnade Lounge
- > December 7: Movie Night: We Are Marshall
- > December 15: ISO Grocery Shopping

For more information about these events please contact International Students Office: 734-432-5791



How does Detroit Celebrate Christmas?

Detroit celebrates Christmas much like the rest of America. We kick it off with America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit. Then we go "Black Friday Shopping" which is the day following Thanksgiving Day in the United States, traditionally the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. On this day, many retailers open very early. Often at 4 a.m., or earlier, and offer promotional sales to kick off the shopping season, similar to Boxing Day sales in many Commonwealth countries. However, if you're anything like me, you will be avoiding all major stores that day. After this we have many Christmas activities in the area (see page 2). Also, we decorate our houses, make Christmas cookies, and send Christmas cards. On Christmas, if you were good that year, you will wake up to lots of presents under your Christmas tree from Santa Claus. Then you will generally spend the day eating lots of food and watching Christmas movies. Happy Holidays!

5 THINGS TO DO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IN METRO DETROIT:

- Visit the Festival of Lights in Hines Park in Westland. They have a spectacular showing of Christmas lights to brighten up your holiday season.
- Festival of Trees in Dearborn. Come see the individually designed 7', 4', 3' trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses, Christmas stockings, a festive gift shop, and more.
- Greenfield Village Holiday Nights: In addition to food, shopping and live performances, there are carriage and Model-T rides, roving costumed characters, sing alongs, bonfires, an ice rink and Santa.
- Ice Skating at Campus Martius near the 60 foot tall Christmas tree is guaranteed to get you in the spirit of the season.
- Attend America's Thanksgiving Parade on Thanksgiving Day! It takes place on Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

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Wesołych Świąt

圣诞快乐

Feliz Navidad

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Christmas in Poland: Wesołych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia

The Christmas season in Poland starts on December 6th. Star carriers, or Gwiazdory walk through villages singing songs and doing puppet shows about the birth of Jesus.

On Christmas Eve, people do not eat any food until they see the first star, called the Gwiazdka ("little star"). Then they eat a big dinner called Wigilia. There is special food for this dinner: fish, pierogi (pasta filled with cheese, potato, and cabbage), uszka (mushroom ravioli), and barszcz (beet soup). Some hay is put under the tablecloth in memory of Jesus in the manger. An empty chair is set at the table for an unexpected guest who may arrive. Before the meal, family and friends share an oplatek, or large wafer, with a picture of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Each person takes a piece and then wishes others good health and happiness in the coming year. After dinner, there is a midnight mass (Pasterka), and people sing Christmas carols called koledy. Wesołych Swiat, Bozego Narodzenia I Szczesliwego Nowego Roku!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DISCOVER DETROIT



On October 28th many International students and I headed out for our trip downtown Detroit. Growing up in the suburbs of Detroit I thought I knew the city well and had a good grasp on the history of the city. Wow! Was I wrong. We were split up into groups for a scavenger hunt, told to find the answers to the clues by walking around, exploring the city, and learning about the history. Of course I was concerned about finding the answers but I was also fascinated by all the historical facts I was learning and the wonderful sites I was seeing. The trip was a blast and so educational! I couldn't have asked for a better time! I now have a better understanding and appreciation of the city of Detroit.
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