

# M International Students Office

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### Goodbye Joy!

Many people attended a party on February 29<sup>th</sup> for Joy Cho, who left Madonna University to work in Korea. Students, faculty, and staff were able to share how Joy had been such a wonderful and hard-working member of the International Student Office team.

I met Joy in September 2010, when I started the MATESOL program at Madonna University. She told me she was a Social Work student, but I did not know she has been a member of the Madonna University community since September 2000. She always was very busy working on projects, but really enjoyed her job. Joy would find time to talk to students in her office when they needed someone to listen to them. Joy made sure the International Student Newsletter was available on time. She also organized new international student orientations and other events. Joy made sure all the international students were able to go shopping at Wal-Mart, Meijer's, and the Twelve Oaks Mall if they wanted to.

I am thankful that Joy gave me the opportunity to work with international students during orientations and other events on campus. I was able to learn about other cultures, and am now able to speak some Korean and Chinese words.

Everyone who knows Joy or has worked with her will miss her. We wish her good luck in her new job in Korea, and hope she will keep in contact with us. **By: Dorothea McCurdy**

Coming up  
On-Campus:

- > 3/23: Shopping at 12 Oaks
- > 3/26: Nursing Program Information
- > 4/4: Grocery Shopping at Meijer
- > 4/9: Nursing Program Information
- > 4/12 Coffee Time
- > 4/27: Shopping at Meijer

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

We Will  
Miss You





Xinting Guo



Can Yang

**International Students of the Month**  
**By: Dorothea McCurdy**

Madonna University would like to welcome two international students: Sunny (Can) Yang and Sunny (Xinting) Guo. Both of these students are from China.

Can Yang is from the Jiangsu Province and her major is Broadcast and Cinema Arts. She likes to play video games, listen to Michael Jackson's music, and watch operas. Can's favorite American foods are fried chicken and potato chips. She went to a Chinese university for 3 years before attending Madonna University. Can heard about Madonna from a friend of her father. She likes the small class size and discussions between the teacher and students in the classroom. In China, there are a lot of students in the class and there is no time for discussions between the teacher and students. The students copy notes the teacher writes on the board and no talking is allowed.

Xinting Guo is from Beijing and her major is MBA Cost Management. She likes watching English movies, swimming and reading novels. She also likes to watch "Friends", "Once Upon a Time" and "Kung Fu Panda". Xinting likes to eat all kinds of American food. She graduated from a Chinese university and earned a Bachelor's Degree. A friend of her father's told her about Madonna University. Xinting likes the small class size and class discussions. She enjoys the quiet environment and fresh air of Livonia. In Beijing, the streets are full of cars that beep their horns and make a lot of noise. Xinting says she likes to study at Madonna because "all of the people are friendly."

# Easter in America

Easter is an important holiday in America. This year it is celebrated on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The date of Easter is usually between March 22 and April 25.

In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days (not counting Sundays). The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition. According to the Canonical gospels, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. His resurrection is celebrated on Easter Sunday.

In America, customs that include the Easter Bunny are popular. Many Americans follow the tradition of coloring hard-boiled eggs and giving children baskets of candy that include chocolates, jelly beans, and Peeps. New York City holds an annual Easter parade on Easter Sunday. On the next day, Easter Monday, the President of the United States holds an annual Easter egg roll on the White House lawn for young children.

## End of the Semester Reminders!

- Residence Hall move out day is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- Residence Hall move-in day for Fall 2012 is Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am.
- Fall registration begins April 2, 2012
- Fall semester begins September 4, 2012
- ESL classes for the fall semester 2012 start on September 10, 2012
- Before traveling out the United States, international students in F-1 status MUST have your I-20 signed by Ms. Grace Philson at the International Students Office (Room 1207)
- Mrs. Philson can sign your I-20 only after you complete your registration for Fall 2012.
- If you need assistance in finding summer housing please contact International Students Office at 734-432-5791..