

April 2014



America's History Comes to Life at the Henry Ford



SangGi Jung in the museum lobby

The ISO and group of international students recently enjoyed a sunny Spring day at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves and some students were shocked at the collection the museum houses.



Other exhibits included: American-made innovations in agriculture and power (such as steam engines and water pumps), locomotives and airplanes, household amenities throughout different decades (such as radios, TV sets, kitchen appliances and phones), American-made furniture dating from 1670 to the present, social justice exhibits (civil war, Jim Crow, women's suffrage, etc.) that include the actual bus on which Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat and the chair in which Abraham Lincoln was shot, and, of course, the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

for hours. Although the adjoining historical village, Greenfield Village, was not open at the time, the ISO hopes to make a trip back to the village when the weather warms up. If it's been a while since you've visited the Henry Ford, or if you've never been there, I highly recommend checking it out!



Jingjing He poses in front of a biplane.

When people think "Henry Ford", usually the first thing to come to mind is automobiles. And, of course, there is quite a display of automobiles (including former presidential limousines), but there is also much more beyond that!

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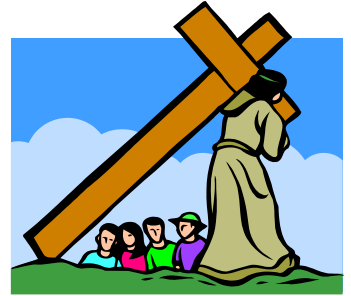
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The museum spans 9 acres and is sure to keep your attention



ISO advisor Amy Dickerson wishes she were an Oscar Mayer Wiener... then becomes one!

EASTER IS COMING UP THIS SUNDAY!



Easter is the most important holiday in the Christian religion. The holiday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead three days after His crucifixion. We began the Easter Season in February with Ash Wednesday, which occurs 40 days (not including Sundays) prior to Easter. This 40 days is known as “Lent” and is a time of fasting, repentance, and preparation for Easter (which in contrast is a very joyous celebration and feast). The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday, which celebrates Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem. Easter weekend begins with Holy Thursday—which commemorates the Last Supper, then Good Friday—which commemorates the passion and crucifixion of Jesus, Holy Saturday—the day that Jesus’s body lay in the tomb, and then Easter Sunday—the day that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. (Many Christian communities also celebrate Easter Monday as a holy day.)

Easter Traditions

While attending a church service is very commonplace for Christians on Easter Sunday, due to the heavy Christian influence in the U.S., many non-Christians also celebrate Easter, but in a secular fashion; as a time to get together with family and enjoy the coming Spring season.



Photo courtesy of whitehouse.gov

In the U.S., as well as many other countries, it is customary to dye hard-boiled eggs for Easter. Easter egg hunts are also very popular, in which children search for plastic eggs filled with candy, money or small toys. Parents usually assemble a basket (called an “Easter Basket”) full of small gifts, candy and a chocolate Easter bunny and hide them so children must search for them on Easter morning. On Easter Monday the White House hosts an annual egg-rolling contest for children on the White House south lawn. This year will mark the 136th year of this Easter tradition!

Last year Olga Martinez taught a group of international students the **Hispanic** tradition of making cascarones, which are hollowed egg shells that are painted and then filled with confetti, before being smashed over each other’s heads!



Here are a few more interesting Easter traditions:

Haux, France celebrates Easter by making a giant omelette with over 4,500 eggs. The omelette, which can feed over 1,000 people, is served in the town square.

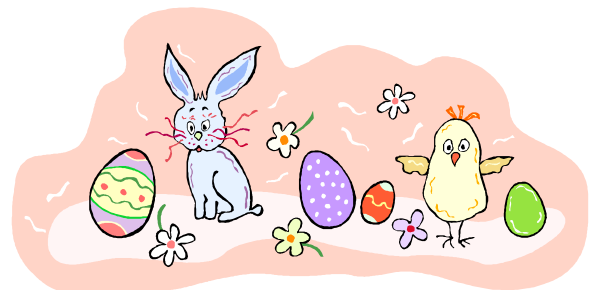
Slovakian and Czech women have to watch their backs on Easter, due to the tradition of hitting women with a small whip of willow rods with bright ribbons on the end. Of course it is not painful! The tradition has links to wishes of health, beauty and fertility for the women.

In **Bulgaria**, painted eggs are displayed for Easter, then used for “egg tapping”—a game in which two people tap the end of their eggs together and the one whose egg does not break is the winner. The last person with an unbroken egg is the winner and will have better health until next Easter. Egg tapping is a tradition in many places, with the winning prize being health and luck; but in **Croatia** you can actually win money!

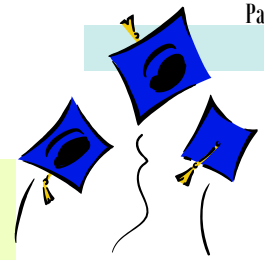
On Good Friday in **Rome, Italy** the Pope commemorates the *Via Crucis* (Way of the Cross) at the Colosseum. A giant cross is illuminated with torches as the 14 Stations of the Cross are read in various languages. People then wait in St. Peter’s Square for the Pope’s Easter blessing from the balcony.

In **Poland** Easter Monday is celebrated by boys attempting to drench girls with buckets of water and squirt guns! Tradition says that a girl who gets drenched will marry within the next year.

HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!



Congratulations Graduates!



Congratulations to all of our international students who are graduating this year! We are very proud of your hard work and we wish you the best of luck for the future!



Shi Bo—BS Environmental Science
Jae-Won Chang—BSN Nursing
Fang Fang—BS Marketing
Xinting Guo—MBA Business Administration
Yiping Guo—MBA Business Administration
Tarek Kadouh—BS Nutrition and Food Science
Hai Lu—MBA Business Administration
Xin Ma—BS Environmental Science
Minkalben Patel—MBA Business Administration
Sr. Van Huynh—MS Educational Science
Sungbum Hwang—MBA Business Administration

Marta Kotlinska—MBA Business Administration

Thin Nguyen—MSBA Leadership Studies

Joseph Carver—BS Sport Management

Shyuan-uang Huang—BS Criminal Justice

Hyun Jin Ryu—BS Biology

Tyler Schofield—BS Business Administration and Accounting

Xiao Qing Shi—BS Business Administration

Junga Kim—BS Psychology

We know you will make Madonna proud!!!

Earth Day 2014



On Tuesday, April 22 we will celebrate Earth Day! Earth Day has been celebrated since 1970 and is celebrated in 192 countries. On this day events world-wide events are held to demonstrate the importance of and a commitment to Environmental protection.

What can you do?

On Tuesday, April 22nd TOMS @ MU club will be hosting Be One With The Earth Day. Activities will start with a "shoeless walk" across campus from 12-1pm that represents "One Day Without Shoes," which raises awareness of children's health and education. The walk will begin at the Residence Hall

and walking without shoes is optional!

After the walk activities will continue in the Franciscan Center until 4 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join!

For more information on "One Day Without Shoes" nationwide campaign, please visit the website:

www.onedaywithoutshoes.com/

"As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives."

—Henry David Thoreau



Are you ready for the end of the semester?

So you've been diligently studying and preparing for your exams for weeks now. All that's left is to take your finals and you're home free, right? Think again! The end of the semester means more than just finishing classes. Here are a few things to keep in mind:



International Students Office

Do you have all your paperwork in order? Depending on whether or not you are coming back next semester, you might have some paperwork to complete. Transferring? Leaving? Extending your Stay? Make sure you've filled out the proper forms (all located on the wall next to room 1209) and have submitted them! Going home for the summer? Or maybe going on a fantastic vacation? If you are leaving the country, you need to get your I-20 signed by either Grace Philson or Amy Dickerson *before you leave*. **If you leaving and returning, you must be registered full-time for next semester before your I-20 can be signed.**



Health Insurance

If you are returning in the Fall and plan on providing your own health insurance, please remember that it **MUST** be submitted to the Student Accounts Office no later than **Thursday, September 11.**

Please keep in mind that outside insurance must comply with the regulations set by Student Accounts. Any student who does not submit health insurance by the deadline, or submits health insurance that does not comply with regulations will **automatically be charged for the Madonna-provided health insurance. This is non-refundable.** For questions regarding health insurance coverage, please contact the Student Accounts Office.

Residence Hall

If you are staying in the residence hall, you must follow the residence hall check-out procedures before leaving.

Residents must move out by 1:00pm on Saturday, April 26th. If you need to extend your stay, please contact Ms. Tanisha McIntosh

If you have any questions on moving out please contact your RA, RC or Ms. Tanisha McIntosh ASAP.

Here for the summer? So are we!

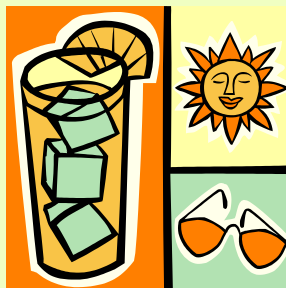
The dining hall will be closed throughout the summer but the Take 5 Lounge will be open until late June
The ISO will be offering weekly shopping trips on Fridays throughout the summer. Please stop by room 1209 the week of the trip to sign up!

In order to move out you must make an appointment with your RA or RC to complete your room inventory check. There is a sign-up sheet by the RA's door—make sure you sign up at least 24 hours in advance. Upon moving out room and mail keys must be returned to your RA. There is a fee if you do not complete this check out procedure.

Please remember quiet hours will be in effect 24 hours a day during finals week (4/20—4/26). Please be respectful of your neighbors. The dining hall will serve lunch on 4/26 from 12:00—1:00pm before closing for the summer.

Donation bins are located around campus if you have clothes or other items (that are in decent condition) you would like to donate.

Residence Hall move-in for the Fall semester will begin Sunday, August 31.



Thanks for a great year!