Meet Our New ESL Coordinator

We are happy to introduce Madonna University's new ESL coordinator Hadeel Betti. She earned a B.A. from the University of Baghdad and M.A. from Madonna University. Among her many duties, one is to teach the American Culture class at Madonna. She says that she enjoys teaching the class because it gives her a chance to get to know and interact with the students she advises. Ms. Betti has many years of experience teaching writing, speaking, listening, grammar and reading to students of all levels. Her favorite subjects to teach are grammar, speaking and listening. She has also coordinated the English Conversation Club, a service learning project done in collaboration with Ladywood High School students. She hopes to commence this club at Madonna again in the near future.

Ms. Betti likes to travel. She has been to many countries including: Jordan, Canada, Mexico, Aruba and Italy. This summer she would like to visit Turkey and Greece. In the future, she would like to visit Korea, China, and Japan. Her interaction with students from these countries has motivated her to learn about their cultures and gain first-hand experience. Ms. Betti likes to watch foreign movies, eat different ethnic foods, and read books by international authors because she thinks these are good ways to learn about other cultures.

Ms. Betti is excited to be the ESL coordinator and looks forward to working with the international students on campus. She wants to help them do well in their classes, learn more about American culture, and enjoy their time here at Madonna University.

Written by Dorothea McCurdy (MTESOL)

Coffee Time

On Thursday, February 10, 2011 over 40 international friends gathered together for an uplifting Coffee Time. The friends met to get to kick-off the International Friends Program and to get to know their international partner. The event began with the partners getting to know each other and sharing their hobbies, course of studies and family life. The partners even introduced the other to the group so all could know their new friend too! The goal of the International Friends Program is to match a new international student with an American student for friendship, support and assistance. At the April Coffee Time, the partners will share a journal and give a presentation about their experiences. During the event, Campus Connect filmed a TV segment to air on Madonna's TV station: the attendees also sang songs, watched YouTube videos of international artists, ate delicious snacks and, of course, drank coffee! The new friends had a wonderful time. If you want to see pictures, please visit ISO Facebook (Mu Iso).

Written by Sally Freels (MTESOL)

ISO Events

- March 24 (Thursday): H1-B VISA Workshop
- April 7 (Thursday): Interview Skill Workshop
- April 14 (Thursday): Coffee Time (Presentation: Sharing Experiences)
- April 21 (Thursday): Grocery Shopping for Easter & Spring Break

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