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A strong finish for the GC-LLC

New faculty director highlights many events from fall semester

By: Rosalie Barrera

It is with great excitement and a bit of fatigue that I declare, "Fall 2010 for the Global Community-Living Learning Center is over!" What a semester it has been!

The GC-LLC welcomed me, Rosalie Barrera, as its new faculty director and Ah Ra Cho as its new program director.

past two years.

The GC-LLC also welcomed 33 new members this semester. Welcome Week was a huge success thanks to our student leaders.

Reyna Anderson, Rafael Deliz Aguirre and Kim Gibson helped arrange a great week of community building activities including speed-dating, dinner at Jakarta Mud Hut with guest speaker Dr. Carol

After this success, our community participated in the Mosaic Mixer, the World Cinema Series, several multi-cultural festivals, Delta Epsilon Psi's basketball tournament, Steppin' Out and Christmas on 5th Street.

GC-LLC students played an important role in the Global Village event on Sep. 28. Some of our students prepared international food whereas others helped staff our table on Southeast Asia. One of our students, Victoria Nelson, did both.

We also handed out book-marks with prayers and students' names spelled out in Chinese by GC-LLC member Evan Choi and in Burmese by member Nu Sung.

Not only did the GC-LLC participate in globally focused events, we hosted a few of our

own!

In October, Ah Ra and I set up the Global Community's first annual Homecoming Breakfast. We had food and breakfast information from various parts of the world. There was also a breakfast raffle in which member Sarah Roberts took first prize! We are hopeful that this event will be a long-standing tradition of the GC-LLC.

After homecoming, we be-

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Photo Courtesy of Rosalie Barrera
Austin Kulman, Gaby Sierra and Jay Olivares learned origins of games at a GC-LLC event.



Photo Courtesy of Rosalie Barrera
GC-LLC members bond over the first community dinner of the fall.

We had big shoes to fill replacing Janet Norden and Emily Rodgers respectively. We did our best, but we could not have done any of it without the strong foundation Janet and Emily created over the

Hardin, International Ice-Cream Sundae Social, tours of the department of modern foreign languages, a viewing of the movie *Outsourced* and a globally themed scavenger hunt.

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Defining community

Two members explain shared values acquired from Global Community

By: Molly Dunn

As a freshman and junior, two students in the Global Community- Living Learning Center (GC-LLC), from separate backgrounds, find similarities in their reasons for joining. Morgan Locke, freshman, studied and lived in Chile before coming to Baylor. Kim Gibson, junior, lived in Thailand and is a third-year returning student to GC-LLC.

Her first year at Baylor, Locke decided to join and live with the GC-LLC and has loved every moment. "I joined Global Community because I felt it was the best way for me to get plugged in at school due to my background," Locke said.

Locke lived and studied in Chile and Russia before arriving at Baylor. Locke believes that having a diverse background of lifestyles connects her to many students in the GC-LLC.

Similarly, Gibson explains how her



Photo courtesy of Kim Gibson

Kim Gibson played Thai Christian songs for women in the Lampang prison in Thailand.

past experiences abroad have taught her how to engage in this type of community. "Living in Thailand has taught me how to find common ground with just about anyone," Gibson said.

"When you live in a country where you are the stranger or outsider, you have to learn to join with others and put yourself out there," Gibson said. "That experience has helped me to make friends at

Baylor, and it's helped me to empathize with foreigners living in the states."

In the GC-LLC, its members do not take the meaning of community lightly. Every activity or event centers on bringing the diversity of students together, which is important to both Gibson and Locke. In December, the GC-LLC will have a Russian Christmas celebration during global dinners. "It will be a good time to just be with others in GC-LLC and spend more time getting to know them, which can be hard during the semester," Locke said.

Participating in the global dinners is another activity Gibson holds close to her heart. "Everyone loves to eat, so it's just a great way to bring everyone together as a community," Gibson said.

Each activity the GC-LLC puts on brings its members closer together and allows them to create deep and lasting friendships.

"I really like my roommate, Helen. She is really sweet and we get along well. Last summer, she went to Argentina so we had a lot to talk about because of our experiences in South America," Locke said.

"Just because we are foreigners, we still find things in common."



Photo courtesy of Morgan Locke

Morgan Locke explored Chile with Tio Roberto, Jana Olave, Sole Villar and Maria Ignacia.

Look who came to Baylor!

International students describe experiences at Baylor and in their new home community

Alina Raji



Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Biology, music minor

Q: How did you find out about Baylor?

A: It will probably be a surprise for most people, but Baylor is recognized worldwide. I wish to pursue a career in the medical field; hence I was recommended to come to Baylor by doctors who have studied in America.

Q: What is the largest difference between your home and Baylor?

A: Dubai is completely different from Baylor. Dubai is famous for its shopping malls, clubs, hotels, restaurants and frenzied nightlife. Nevertheless, I've never considered staying at Baylor a difficulty, as my friends became my family and created an environment I could easily adapt myself into.

Q: What is your favorite part about the GC-LLC?

A: GC-LLC has enabled me to meet other international students and learn more about their culture and society. This program brings interest to those students who love traveling and learning about life outside of America and also



brings international awareness.

Q: What is something fun and interesting about yourself?

A: Is there anything more interesting than the fact that I have a birthmark in my eye?

Evan Choi



Hong Kong, China
Psychology

Q: How did you find out about Baylor?

A: An alum of my high school went to Baylor about 50 years ago and several years ago he decided to set up a scholarship for graduates of my school to go to Baylor. I always wanted to study abroad and I thought this would be a good opportunity to do that. I applied for the

scholarship and was chosen to be the first recipient. Baylor is the only school that I applied to.

Q: What is the largest difference between your home and Baylor?

A: I guess one of the largest differences is the space; the large areas of Baylor and Texas compared to the smaller spaces in Hong Kong. I also think that it is easier to talk and to meet new people here than in Hong Kong.

Q: What is your favorite part about the GC-LLC?

A: My favorite part would be the opportunities to talk and mingle with people from different places and different backgrounds. You can always get a lot out of it.

Q: What is something fun and interesting about yourself?

A: I really like talking with people. I am appreciating the possibilities of people more and more and becoming more amazed by the beauty within humanity. Other than that, I like teenage Japanese subculture a lot, with all the anime, mega and video games, though I haven't really done any of those for quite a long time.

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gan to prepare for the Día de los Muertos extravaganza on Nov. 1.

During the artistic part of the event, students decorated candy skulls, painted masks, and made tissue paper marigolds.

There was also an educational aspect to the event as the students listened to information about the holiday for the duration of the event.

No GC-LLC event would be complete without food! For this reason, we served pan de muertos, a bread traditionally eaten on Día de los Muertos.

As part of International Education Week, we hosted International Interactive Board

Game Night in the Brooks Flats lobby.

Our GC-LLC students learned about the origins of the games while they played, making this a night of learning and not just fun and games.

Last but not least, one Sunday of each month, the Cuisine Team, led by Kim Gibson, has arranged a yummy community dinner.

In September we had Mexican food and a pre-dinner game of soccer. The second dinner was a feast of Thai food and presentations from Soo-Han Yeoh, Joshua Tan, and Nu Sung.

For our November dinner, we had crepes and a French cheese tasting. Our special



Photo Courtesy of Rosalie Barrera
Soo-Han Yeoh and Nu Sung saw many cultures at Global Village.

guest, Cecile Rey, taught us how to play petanque.

With our guest of honor, Dr. Adrienne Harris, Russian food and holiday traditions were the focus of our December dinner. Also, Morgan

Locke taught the group how to make Polish star ornaments for a festive decoration.

That night, while the students of the GC-LLC dreamt about their future intercontinental adventures, they were visited by the Global Santa who is known the world over by many names: Christkindle, Père Noël, Papá Noel, Sinterklaas, Julemanden, Joulupukki, and Mikulás.

No matter what his name, he represents a persona that many of us in the GC-LLC wish to mimic. He is good and generous. He is jolly and merry. He is loving and caring. But most of all, he is a fearless and inexhaustible world traveler!

Global community welcomes new staff into its family

Ah Ra Cho comes on board to assist in directing the GC-LLC

This year a new face, Ah Ra Cho, joined the GC-LLC as program director with high hopes of making it the best it's ever been.

How did you end up at Baylor?

Ah Ra Cho: I graduated from Texas A&M in 2006 and after a career change I decided that I wanted to pursue higher education administration and focus on students. Baylor had a higher education and student affairs masters program and I saw that this was going to be a great program where I could learn a lot in a Christian environment. I wanted to stay in a program in Texas, so here I am!

What is your favorite part about campus?

AC: The smaller student body – I went to a school with over 45,000 students – and the various interesting traditions of Baylor that I'm learning about. Also, I like that I see many of my students elsewhere on campus.

What led you to the GC-LLC?

AC: I need to have a graduate apprenticeship at position in Student Life for my masters program. I interviewed for GC-LLC and here I am! I have some global experience from going on medical mis-

sion trips. I am also fluent in Korean and like learning about different languages.

What is the most interesting thing you have learned in this community?

AC: That many students have had different experiences abroad. It's wonderful that students are really interested in cultures and people who are different from them. I love the concept of a global community and hope that students are learning a lot from their suitemates and the rest of the Global Community!

What are you most excited for this year?

AC: Our various events and activities that we are doing for GC-LLC this year. We already expanded our events and activities and can't wait to do more!



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What's for dinner?

By: Lacey Murphy

One of my Chinese friends told me once that if you learn the culture of eating in China, you have learned 90 percent of the culture.

As I got to eat with him and his family this proved to be true. I discovered that there is a certain order that you sit at the table to show respect to guests and elders, a certain number of dishes to bring luck, a certain way to serve each other food and so much more.

Eating with people from other countries can tell you a lot about a culture. This is why the GC-LLC has international community dinners monthly.

We want to expose ourselves to different cultures. What better way to do that than by eating international food and learning about the

culture that goes behind it? That is the big idea behind these community dinners.

Every month, we choose

come cook and have dinner with us.

Last year some of our menus included: Nigerian, Thai and Mexican food. This year we have had Mexican, Thai and French food. We are planning to have Russian food for December.

These dinners are a better learning experience than going to a restaurant that serves a certain cuisine.

When you go to a restaurant, especially in Waco, you do not necessarily learn about the culture, you just order food that, many times, has been altered to suit American customers.

Community dinners give us the opportunity to cook and taste something completely different from anything we have tasted before and to appreciate the culture behind the food.



Photo Courtesy Rachana Chhin
Jermey Hyter fills up his plate at a global dinner.

to cook food from a different country. We try to get the most authentic ingredients and cook the food ourselves. We also try to include people from the chosen country to

Pad Thai Recipe

Courtesy Kim Gibson

- 1 package thin, flat rice noodles
- ¾ cup pad thai sauce
- 2 chicken breasts or tofu
- 2 eggs
- 1 grouping spring onions
- 1 grouping cilantro
- ¾ cup peanuts
- 2 limes
- 1 package bean sprouts
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1. Soak the rice noodles in warm water for about 10 minutes or until soft. Drain the warm water, rinse with cold water, and put them to one side.
2. Cut the chicken breasts or tofu into bite-sized chunks.
3. Fry or scramble the eggs.
4. Cut the spring onions in 1-inch segments.
5. Crush some peanuts with a spoon or a chopper.
6. In a wok or large frying pan cook the chicken with the vegetable oil on high heat.
7. When chicken is cooked, add the eggs.
8. Add the pad thai sauce and turn down the heat.

9. Add the noodles and stir until everything is equally coated with the sauce.
10. Squeeze in one lime and add the onions.
11. Add fish sauce, sugar, and ¼ cup of the crushed peanuts.
12. Add some bean sprouts.
13. Serve with cilantro on top.



Join the community!

You're never bored. There is always something to do. It is so cool knowing that the person in the apartment next to you probably speaks a completely different language. And on the weekends the whole hall smells good because people are cooking foods that we can't even pronounce.
- Victoria Nelson

Nowhere else do you get the opportunity to interact with so many globally minded people with a dizzying array of life experiences. In Global Community, I've increasingly come to realize that everyone has a unique story and sometimes all I have to do is listen.
- Rachana Chhin

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