“PAWS has been a Baylor tradition now for more than 25 years. The immersive experience of an international student meeting a Baylor student and spending time with a Welcome Family completes the circle of their transition to Baylor University life. PAWS fosters connection on campus and cross-cultural education that enhances both the international student’s life and academic career and broadens the worldview of every student and family involved. I want to leave a legacy to Baylor students and Baylor international students: To see the world and its people!”

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BAYLOR’S PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD SHARING (PAWS) program connects international students with U.S. students and families, providing the supportive learning environment needed to explore and navigate American culture. Through a variety of programs designed to meet international students’ and U.S. students’ needs and time constraints, PAWS makes the transition to university life in the United States smooth and rewarding while establishing relationships that last a lifetime.

OTHER PROGRAM BENEFITS INCLUDE

• Group excursions to interesting sights such as NASA, the Bush Library, San Antonio, etc.
• Annual Thanksgiving celebration and Christmas reception
• Annual Texas ranch party
• Forever-friends and memories

“Joining the PAWS program has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me at Baylor. I met one of my closest friends, Hanna, a Korean exchange student from Japan. We do so much together—Thanksgiving with my family, lunch every Friday in her dorm, girls trip to New Orleans over Spring Break, and next semester I plan on visiting her in Japan and meeting her family!”

WELCOME FAMILY PROGRAM
The Welcome Family Program offers friendship and a “home-away-from-home” to international students who are oceans away from their own familiar culture.

Our Welcome Families

• Live throughout greater Waco
• Provide connection and mentorship to an international student
• Invite their student over for dinner several times each semester
• Join their student on two off-campus experiences

Both our Welcome Families and international students enjoy rich, cross-cultural learning experiences. The Welcome Family Program accepts new participants year-round.

“Joining the PAWS program has allowed us get to know our international student and his culture on a personal level. My 14-year-old son has especially enjoyed their talks. We loved having him over to watch the Super Bowl and sharing our home. The PAWS program has given us the opportunity to support a Baylor student and be another home for him when he is so far from China. It has been a true gift.”

KUANHAN HENRY SHI
SHENYANG, LIAONING, CHINA
SENIOR, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING/MATHEMATICS

“‘It is really hard to avoid feeling alone or being homesick. But my PAWS Welcome Family provided me with lots of help, treated me as their son and invite me to celebrate Easter Day and Thanksgiving Day every year, which really touched my heart.’

ESTHER NIADO
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“WELCOMING OUR WORLD (WOW) VOLUNTEERS
Our WOW volunteers help smooth what might otherwise be a turbulent entry into student life and American culture.

WOW VOLUNTEERS

• Greet international students when they arrive
• Help them move into residence halls and get settled during early move-in week
• Accompany international students on Wal-Mart shopping trips
• Help them settle into their lives at Baylor

‘To me, it’s like I have found a family. I can rely on and be myself around. I know that I am not alone.’

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