



## **“International Friends”**

Center for Global Engagement

### **Description**

“International Friends” are administered through the Center for Global Engagement. New international students may request to be partnered with volunteer domestic/international students who have been at CSU for at least one full semester.

Each “International Friend” will be responsible for pairing with an international student to help them transition into American university life, providing guidance and joining them in social activities.

### **Expectations**

Volunteers are expected to maintain contact with their “International Friend” throughout the semester, making themselves available to provide help and guidance, as well as friendship.

Student volunteers will:

- Initiate some kind of contact with your “International Friend” at least once per week, whether via telephone or face-to-face meeting.
- Actively schedule at least one face-to-face meeting per month with your “International Friend.”
- Initiate a trip to go shopping, out to eat, or to a movie when possible.
- Make an effort to be available if your “International Friend” needs help negotiating some new aspect of the university or just needs to talk about homesickness.
- Set appropriate boundaries with your “International Friend” (i.e. All participants, including volunteers, should expect to pay for their own portion of any scheduled activities. Volunteers will not expect gifts or acts of service in kind for their participation in this program).

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## Acceptance of Contract Terms

*I accept the conditions of the "International Friends" Student Volunteer Contract and agree to all responsibilities, duties and conditions stated in the contract.*

I understand that the time commitment is likely to be at least 4-5 hours per month, but could be as many as 10-15, depending upon the needs of my "International Friend," and the level of our friendship.

I commit to maintaining an accurate and truthful log of my service.

I will actively participate in International events on the CSU campus, particularly when it may be helpful to my "International Friend."

I commit to familiarizing myself with International events and offerings at CSU.

I will represent the Center for Global Engagement and Columbus State University courteously, professionally and enthusiastically through my actions and interactions with CSU students, faculty and staff.

I understand that the Center for Global Engagement may terminate my contract if my service and participation are deemed unsatisfactory.

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Print Name

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CSU ID

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Signature

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Date

**“International Friends” Interest Questionnaire**      **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions to help us in pairing you with an “international friend.” We will do the best we can to pair you with someone who matches your preferences, when possible.

1. Would you like your “international friend” to be male or female? Circle one:    Male    Female
  
2. Please write your major area of study here: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Please list your hobbies or favorite things to do in your free time here (example: bicycling, reading, watching movies, yoga, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Are there specific clubs or organizations at CSU that you are involved with? Please list them here:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Do you have transportation? Circle one: Yes    No
  
6. Are there specific countries/cultures that you are interested in? If so what?  
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7. Do you speak any language besides English? If so what? \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. Which semester would you like to begin your friendship? \_\_\_\_\_