



“International Friends”

Center for Global Engagement

Description

“International Friends” are administered through the Center for Global Engagement. New international students may agree 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 you at least once per week, whether via telephone, e-mail, or face-to-face meeting.
- Actively schedule at least one face-to-face meeting per month with you
- Initiate a trip to go shopping, out to eat, or to a movie when possible.
- Make an effort to be available if you need help negotiating some new aspect of the university or just need to talk
- Set appropriate boundaries with you (Student volunteers should not expect you to pay for their portion of any activities scheduled; likewise you should not expect them to pay for your portion of an activity)

International Student Questionnaire

“International Friends” Interest Questionnaire

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

1. Would you like your CSU “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 (example: bicycling, reading, watching movies, yoga, etc.): _____

4. Are there specific clubs or organizations at CSU that you hope to become involved with? Please list them here: _____

5. What is your primary language? _____

6. Do you speak conversational English? Yes No

7. Do you live on or off campus? _____

8. What is the best way for your “friend” to make contact with you? Please indicate e-mail, phone number: _____

9. Are you:
 _____ Undergraduate degree seeking student
 _____ Graduate student
 _____ Exchange student (only at CSU one or two semesters- please circle one)
 _____ English Language student

Please print your name _____