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## President Thrasher Meets with FSU Students Affected by Executive Order

Florida State University President Thrasher met last week with most of the 60 FSU international students from the countries affected by the administration's recent executive order. The President expressed his concern about this issue and assured the students that FSU is an inclusive and welcoming environment. He also shared what he and the administration had been doing to try and assist the one student who was unable to renew his student visa because he was visiting his home country when the order was signed. President Thrasher shared the letter he sent to Secretary John Kelly of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to request his help with the situation. President Thrasher has known Secretary Kelly since he spoke at an FSU commencement ceremony several years ago. In addition, he shared that both US Senators from the state of Florida were trying to assist the student who is now waiting for his visa to be issued. Hopefully, he will receive his visa and return to FSU soon.

Behtash Shakeri, the President of the Iranian Student Association, read a statement thanking President Thrasher, Vice President Mary Coburn and the Center for Global Engagement staff for addressing the concerns students have been facing.

As a follow up to the issues regarding the executive order, the Center for Global Engagement and the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights invite the FSU community to attend "A Dialogue on Contemporary Immigration Concerns" on Monday, Feb. 13, at 5:30 in the Globe Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Mr. Ehsan Zaffar, a senior policy officer for the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties within DHS.



# Global Exchanges Provide FSU Students with Cultural Enrichment Through International Study

Florida State University Global Exchanges offers students an immersive, international study experience while allowing them to earn FSU credits, pay FSU tuition and use financial aid. Students have the opportunity to choose from over 40 international universities where they can take classes for one or two semesters.

Catherine Tran, recent FSU graduate and marketing major, shared her experience as a student at Hanyang University in South Korea.

"One of the more unique things about exchanges is that you get to meet people from all different cultures," said Tran. "I didn't meet people just from Korea. I met people from Europe and other parts of Asia, so I got to learn about all of their cultures as well as the current culture of Korea."

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students who are interested in developing cross-cultural communication skills and interacting with students from all over the world. Experience gained on these exchanges also count towards the Global Citizenship Certificate and Garnet and Gold Scholar Society.

The deadline for Summer, Fall, and Academic Year Global Exchanges is March 1. Attend an information session on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in The Globe, Room 2600, or visit the website to learn more: global.fsu.edu/exchanges.



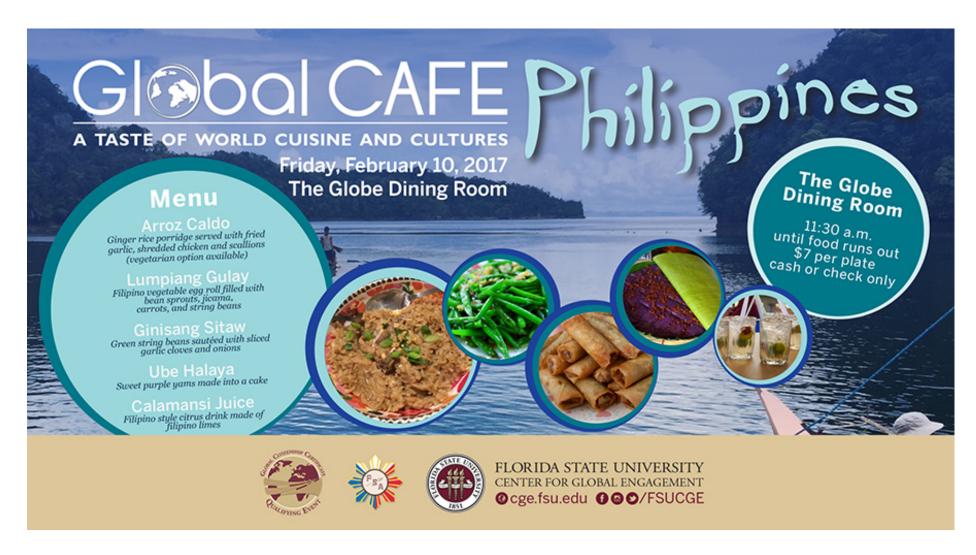
## Florida International Leadership Conference Empowers Future Leaders

Last week, 15 Florida State University students and three Center for Global Engagement staff attended the 11th annual Florida International Leadership Conference (FILC) in Central Florida.

This annual conference brought together over 150 domestic and international students from 15 different Florida colleges and universities to engage in a weekend of leadership learning activities. FILC empowers future international leaders through teambuilding exercises and sessions on a variety of topics ranging from global leadership and intercultural communication, to campus activism. Participants also enjoy social activities such as campfires, a coffee house, and a Saturday evening dance.

"FILC enhances leadership skills by exposing attendees to differing styles of leadership across cultures, challenging students to see themselves as global leaders, and providing opportunities for cross-cultural communication between domestic and international students," said Tan Edgerton, Florida State University F-1 Student Advisor.

If you are interested in participating in FILC next year, please visit this link. <a href="http://cge.fsu.edu/educationalPrgms/filc.html">http://cge.fsu.edu/educationalPrgms/filc.html</a> and check back for updates regularly.



# CGE Hosts Global Café Featuring the Philippines February 10

Come to the second Global Café of the semester hosted by the Filipino Student Association, featuring the Philippines!

### **MENU:**

- Arroz Caldo: Ginger rice porridge served with fried garlic, shredded chicken and scallions (vegetarian option available)
- Lumpiang Gulay: Filipino vegetable egg roll filled with bean sprouts, jicama, carrots, and string beans
- Ginisang Sitaw: Green string beans sautéed with sliced garlic cloves and onions
- Ube Halaya: Sweet purple yams made into a cake
- Calamansi Juice: Filipino style citrus drink made of Filipino limes

The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. or food runs out. It is \$7 per plate, cash or check only.

### More Upcoming Events

#### International Coffee Hour – Every Friday I 5-6:30 p.m. I The Globe Lounge & Dining Room

U.S. students, scholars, and faculty gather for coffee and snacks every Friday. It's a great place to meet new people from various parts of the world, see old friends, and make plans for the weekend.

### English Conversation Club – Every Monday-Friday I 4-5 p.m. I The Globe Lounge

International students, scholars, and their families at all levels of speaking English as a second/other language are invited to meet in a relaxed atmosphere to practice conversational English. Groups are led by experienced English tutors.

Global Citizenship Drop-In Advising – Tues. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. I Wed. 1-3 p.m. I Fri. 1-3 p.m. I The Globe Suite 1200 Drop-in advising hours are for any student who wants to learn about the Global Citizenship Certificate. This certificate prepares FSU students to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world. Learn more: <a href="mailto:cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen">cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen</a>.

# Global Exchanges Information Sessions – Every Tuesday 3:30 p.m. I Every Wednesday 12:30 p.m. I The Globe Room 2600

Find out how you can study at an international university while earning FSU credits, paying FSU tuition and using your financial aid! Topics covered include: selecting the right program, application process, and course selection and financial aid. See the complete list of FSU's global exchange programs at: **global.fsu.edu/exchanges**.

# Global Partner Certificate: Bridging Cultures II (for Faculty, Staff & Grad Students) – Fri., Feb. 10 I 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. I The Globe Room 2300

The Global Partner Certificate is a Center for Global Engagement professional development initiative for those interested in improving their intercultural communication, knowledge, skills, and awareness, as well as becoming more globally competent. This certificate recognizes an individual's commitment to understanding and appreciating cultural diversity at FSU. Participants must complete all four workshops (in order) and three intercultural events offered on campus and/or in the Tallahassee community. Visit the **CGE website** for details.

### Global Café - Philippines - Fri., Feb. 10 I 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. I The Globe Dining Room

This week is co-hosted with the Filipino Student Association. Open to the public. \$7 cash or check only.

### Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop – Fri., Feb. 17 I 2-4 p.m. I The Globe Room 2300

All F-1 international students nearing graduation are required to attend an OPT workshop (in person or online) if you are interested in working in the U.S. after graduation to gain experience in your field of study. Registration is required. To register, visit **cge.fsu.edu/workshop**. Multiple workshop dates are available: 2/17, 3/10, 3/24, 4/21.

### International Bazaar - Sat., Feb. 18 | 2-5 p.m. | FSU Student Union

This free event is open to the public and will feature cultural displays, music and dance, interactive demos, global cuisine and a kids' corner. A variety of international foods will be available for purchase at \$5 per plate.

### Global Café - Italy - Fri., Feb. 24 | 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | The Globe Dining Room

This week is co-hosted with the National Italian Honor Society. Open to the public. \$7 cash or check only.

### International Student Employment Workshop – Sat., Feb. 25 | 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | The Globe Auditorium

This workshop for international students features immigration attorney Fuji Wittenburg and presenters from the FSU Career Center. Hear more about transitioning from student to work visa status and options for obtaining permanent residence. Learn how to market your skills and identify potential job or internship opportunities. Postdoctoral and other FSU international employees are welcome to attend. Light breakfast and lunch are provided. To register, visit <u>cge.fsu.edu/workshop</u>.



The Global Citizenship Certificate is designed to help undergraduate students maximize the rich cultural learning experiences available to them on campus, in the community, and abroad. Learn more: **cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen**.

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