APRIL EVENTS

- **Every Friday:** Coffee Hour (3:00-5:00)

- **April 5:** International Family Game Night (6:00-8:00)

- **April:** Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month - See attached calendar for more details

**Coffee Hour and Family Game Night located at the CIE office**

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The International Festival has been a week-long, student-led tradition at Southern Illinois University (SIU) for over 40 years in the month of February. The week kicked off with the flag parade and was proclaimed to begin by the new SIU chancellor, John Dunn, and the city of Carbondale’s mayor, John "Mike" Henry. On Wednesday, the food fair took place with booths of cuisines from many regions and countries. The week wrapped up with the finale of the culture show where students displayed their home culture through dance, song, poetry, and more.

SIU gave the unique opportunity for the international students to showcase and share their culture across campus. The students spend a majority of their time in the United States immersed in American culture. The festival provided a space for the students to share their culture with the SIU campus and with the Southern Illinois community as a way to increase cross-cultural exchange. SIU faculty and administrators, as well as, people from the community came to gain a global experience in unity.

Thank you to all who came out and supported the International Festival!

Sincerely Yours,
International Student and Scholars
I stayed in Carbondale from September 2018 till February 2019. In the SIU I was in Mechanical Engineering Department in the Professor Peter Filip’s team. During my stay I attended conference 36th Annual Brake Colloquium & Exhibition in Palm Springs (October 2018), in JW Mariott hotel. The conference was focused on new trend and developments in automotive brakes, which is my main research topic.

I also like hiking and I was glad that there are pretty good hiking trails in Carbondale and nearby Carbondale. I was several times in Giant City State Park. Then I was one time in Fern Clyffe and was in several hiking trails in Carbondale – Campus Lake and Green Earth Hiking Trails.

I have plenty opportunity to get information about U.S. customs and way of living during my stay, but as well share something from my home country (Czech Republic). Very great were meetings during the International Coffee hours. I also was several times on lunches which organized Baptist Collegiate Ministries, I attended meeting 5 Loaves to support Uganda in Grace Presbyterian Church, and I was invited to several occasions to meet friends of my professor.

**OVEN-ROASTED ASPARAGUS**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 bunch thin asparagus spears, trimmed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

**DIRECTIONS**

Preheat an oven to 425 degrees F. Place the asparagus into a mixing bowl, and drizzle with the olive oil. Toss to coat the spears, then sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, garlic, salt, and pepper. Arrange the asparagus onto a baking sheet in a single layer. Bake in the preheated oven until just tender, 12 to 15 minutes depending on thickness. Sprinkle with lemon juice just before serving.
SIU BRINGS IN FIRST STUDENT INTERNS

SIU has a tradition of nurturing student success and is a nationally ranked research institution. We are pleased to have brought in our first internationals undergraduate interns who worked with Dr. Ruplal Choudhary in the Plant Soil Science and Agricultural Systems Department to continue the SIU tradition! This was such an honor for the International Student and Scholar office to help bring in the first students interns.

Four students from Indian Council of Agricultural Research- National Dairy Research Institute Karnal spent six weeks on Southern Illinois campus researching dairy products. They conducted these research projects with current SIU graduate students. The interns got to participate in local cultural activities also. They had dinner with a local family and hiked trails at Giant City Park.

The student interns were able to visit several large cities around the United States including; New York City, St. Louis, and Chicago.

IMMIGRATION REMINDER

Travel Signature

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