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## MOON FESTIVAL BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER



Students and staff enjoy Moon Festival food, fellowship, and fun.  
(Pictured L to R): Zhu, Keyuan; An, Ran; Chen, Muling

Andrea Haynes  
Coordinator, Int'l Programs

Every autumn, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 8<sup>th</sup> month in the lunar calendar, the joyous sounds of celebration echo across the world as Asian nations celebrate the Moon Festival. On Wednesday, September 22,

2010, these sounds of celebration shook the small town of Clinton, MS.

The Moon Festival, or Mid-Autumn Festival, resembles the American celebration of Thanksgiving. It takes place at the autumnal equinox when the moon is its brightest and most beautiful. The full moon sym-

bolizes *reunion*; as a result, families come together on this traditional holiday to enjoy one another's company, gaze at the moon, dance, and of course, eat. Individuals enjoy a wide array of customary dishes, particularly, the moon cake. Typically made of flour and egg and filled with fruit or sweet paste, moon cakes are round, representing the full moon.

On Sept. 22, both international and American MC students came together to celebrate the Moon Festival, bringing a taste of home to many of our Asian students. The Office of Global Education organized the event, which involved food, games, fellowship, prizes, karaoke, and of course, moon cakes. Approximately 80-100 students, staff, and faculty attended the event.

Greetings from the Mississippi College Office of Global Education! We are pleased to launch the first issue of our quarterly newsletter, *MOSAIC*.

The MC international program will celebrate its sixth anniversary in January, and we are proud of the size and quality of our international student population. Not only do our students contribute to the overall excellence of Mississippi College, but they also greatly enhance the lives of all MC students, staff, and faculty through their cultural diversity.

We hope *MOSAIC* will give you a glimpse of how the Office of Global Education impacts our campus, and we look forward to partnering with you in making Mississippi College a truly global community.

*Jim Brackneridge*

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE WORLD OF ACADEMICS

Jenny Price  
Coordinator, IEP

There are terrific things going on in the Intensive English Program (IEP) at Mississippi College this fall! This semester we welcomed thirty-five new students to the program from several countries, including China, Nepal, India, and (for the first time) Japan. These 35 students have joined the IEP in hopes of being put on the fast-track to improving their English proficiency as well as their understanding of American university culture – both essential to their academic success here at MC.

After students took the Institutional TOEFL test in August, the IEP staff looked at the students' scores and then placed them into the appropriate class for English instruction. The IEP offers English instruction in all four areas of language acquisition: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Within those areas, the IEP also offers four levels of language instruction: beginner, intermediate, advanced, and advanced II.

In addition to their regular course work, IEP students are also required to participate in Conversation Partners, Writing Partners (sponsored by MC's own Writing Center), and field



IEP students enjoy a field trip to downtown Jackson where they toured the Mississippi State Capitol and Old Capitol Museum

trips to local venues such as the Mississippi Capitol, the Mississippi State Fair, and the Civil War park at Vicksburg. Also, in an effort to better assimilate students into academic classes upon graduation from IEP, the IEP office is working with MC's professors to coordinate

visitation classes so IEP students can attend an MC academic class once a month.

As anyone can see, Mississippi College's IEP students are working hard this fall to prepare for their entry into the world of American academics.

## SOOKMYUNG OFFERS MC STUDENTS ECONOMICAL STUDY ABROAD

*Carrie Reeves*  
*International Center*

The Mississippi College Office of Global Education partners annually with Sookmyung Women's University, offering MC students the opportunity to take summer classes in Seoul, South Korea. Sookmyung, founded in 1906, is a prominent women's leadership university and is located in South Korea's 600-year-old capitol. Seoul boasts a population of 10 million people and is a charming mix of the old and the new with ancient palaces juxtaposed against skyscrapers, street

markets, & Christian churches.

Sookmyung International Summer School (SISS) is a three-week summer study program in June and July, and both male and female students are invited to attend up to two undergraduate courses during the program. Professors from Sookmyung's partner universities around the world teach all the courses in English. Classes meet during the week, and students go on cultural excursions on the weekends.

Each summer, SISS offers approximately 10 different courses from which to choose, including courses in business,

mathematics, history, English, and the arts. Each course taken earns 3 undergraduate credit hours, and all credits are transferable to MC. Tuition and admission fees are waived by SMU for MC students, making it a very economical summer study opportunity for students to increase their learning within a global environment. Students are only required to pay the program fee, which includes room and board. All MC students, regardless of major or classification are eligible to apply.

Interested students are encouraged to attend an informa-

tional meeting on October 27 at 3pm. The meeting will be held in the Library Electronic Classroom. Andrea Haynes, Coordi-

**Sookmyung  
Informational Meeting**

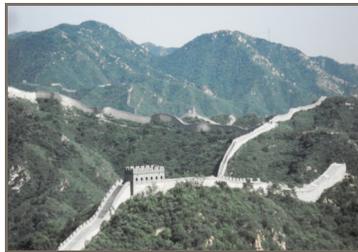
**October 27**

**3:00pm**

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nator of International Programs, is the liaison between MC and Sookmyung University; as a result, she will direct the application process for SISS 2011. Contact Haynes with questions at [ahaynes@mc.edu](mailto:ahaynes@mc.edu) or at 601-925-7705.

## PRICE VISITS S. KOREA & CHINA



*Andrea Haynes*  
*Coordinator, Int'l Programs*

IEP coordinator, Jenny Price, spent five weeks this summer in South Korea and China as a representative for MC's International Programs.

Price began her summer stint in Seoul where she taught Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language to undergraduate students at Sookmyung Women's University. Price described her experience: "It was great to see faces from all over the world working and studying together...It was truly a complete joy and extremely

enlightening."

After her four-week stay in Seoul, Price traveled to Beijing where she learned about Chinese culture and met with different student recruiting agencies and colleges. Of these, she visited Beijing Science Technology and Management College located in northern Beijing. While there, Price toured the campus and spoke extensively with the college's international department about possible student exchanges, professor exchanges, and "3+1" programs that could be done in conjunction with MC's international programs.

## TABLE TENNIS TEAM PREPARES FOR REGIONAL COMPETITION

*Huan Qiu*  
*International Center*

With the support of executive director Jim Brackenridge, the MC table tennis team began in 2007. During its first two seasons of competition, MC defeated all other universities in its region, winning the regional championship for two consecutive years. In addition, the team has beaten universities such as Stanford, Brown, and Michigan State in national competitions.

The Choctaws practice three nights a week, and they are diligently preparing for the Dixie Division regional tournament on Saturday, October 16. The tournament begins at 6am at the Healthplex. The team's performance in Dixie Division affects its position in the national championship this upcoming spring in Fort Worth, TX. Because of the addition of new, highly skilled players, the team has increased its competitive edge and is confident its national ranking will improve.



2010-11 Table Tennis Team (L to R): Liang, Zhicheng (Johnson); Lu, Lishun (Leeson); Yu, Yang (Sam); Qiu, Huan (Ken); Cai, Yuliang (Bill)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010-2011 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!**

- Bai, Yukun
- Cai, Xinchun
- Chen, Hanchun
- Chen, Lujia
- Hailue, Ethiopia
- He, Mengxue
- Ji, Xinyu
- Jiang, Xiangyu
- Jin, Hongwu
- Li, Yan
- Lu, Jixian
- Luo, Nandanni
- Men, Siyu
- Rao, Jiajia
- Shin, Sejae
- Tian, Hongyu
- Wang, Peng
- Wang, Xiaoteng
- Wang, Ying
- Wu, Hao
- Wu, Yiran
- Xie, Boer
- Xu, Ke
- Yang, Qi
- Yang, YiFan
- Yuan, Jiani
- Yuan, Tingting
- \*Zhang, Xiao'ou\***
- \*top scholar\**

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**LAW SCHOOL LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE DEGREE**

*Andrea Haynes  
Coordinator, Int'l Program*

The Mississippi College School of Law will launch the first program of its kind in 2011: a one year Master of Laws degree.

Accredited by the American Bar Association, the Master's of Laws degree (LL.M.) welcomes individuals who have already graduated with law degrees from educational institutions outside of the U.S. The program aims to prepare these

individuals for global practice by increasing their knowledge of the American legal system, building their proficiency in representing U.S. clients, and helping them develop a network of international relationships.

The School of Law has developed the LL.M. curriculum so that it is fully integrated with the J.D. program; as a result, students are able to choose classes according to their interests and/or expertise. Upon graduation, students can sit for

the bar exam in certain states, including New York.

The School of Law is still in the planning & recruiting process but hopes to start the program this summer. Any student of non-U.S. citizenship who has received a bachelor's degree in law from a recognized institution is eligible to apply.

For more information, please visit <http://law.mc.edu/prospective-students/llm/> or contact Susan Copeland at [scopelan@mc.edu](mailto:scopelan@mc.edu).

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER**

*Jenny Price  
Coordinator, IEP*

The Office of Global Education excitedly welcomes Andrea Haynes into its ranks as the new Coordinator of International Programs. Haynes replaces Carrie Reeves, and her responsibilities include helping international students acclimate to MC, increasing cross-cultural awareness, implementing campus-wide programs, overseeing publicity, and coordinating exchange programs.

Originally from Coldwater, MS, Haynes received her B.A. in



*International Office (L to R): An Ran, Jenny Price, Andrea Haynes, Jim Brackenridge, Diana Brackenridge, Carrie Reeves, Huan Qiu*

Public Relations from Mississippi State University and her M.Ed. from the University of Georgia in College Student Affairs Administration. In addition to serving overseas with Campus

Crusade (2004-05), she has visited numerous countries and continents in various capacities.

Haynes is a tremendous asset to our office, and we expect to see great things from her!

**IT'S ALL IN A NAME! THE STORY BEHIND MOSAIC**

Our newsletter is entitled *MOSAIC*, for the name paints a beautiful picture of our international students and the role they play in student life at MC.

A *mosaic* is a singular picture or design that is composed of several diverse objects, e.g. colored glass. While each sepa-

rate object or piece of glass retains its own unique beauty, all the objects work together to create a beautiful masterpiece.

It is the same with our students at MC. Each student contributes his/her own inherent beauty and cultural uniqueness to our campus, which we value

greatly. But, it is together that we compose that which is more beautiful than ourselves: the majestic image of God.

The quarterly newsletter is published by Andrea Haynes. Please direct any questions or concerns to [ahaynes@mc.edu](mailto:ahaynes@mc.edu)