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## Greetings from the IECP

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Dear IECP Alumni,

It is fall in Happy Valley, and classes at PSU and the IECP have begun again. Some Penn State classes are in-person and some are online due to COVID-19. All IECP classes are virtual since travel restrictions and safety concerns still make virtual learning options preferable for many international students. We miss being in physical classrooms with our amazing students, but we are thankful to be able to hold classes with them in virtual spaces. As always, we send our alumni warm wishes for health and happiness this academic year!

Nikki and the IECP faculty



*Here is a photo of a campus squirrel  
-- just in case you miss them!*

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## Good News: Conditional Admission

Penn State now offers conditional admission! Conditional admission means students can apply for Penn State before they have reached the required English proficiency for admission to PSU. If a student meets Penn State's academic requirements, the student can be conditionally admitted -- that is, guaranteed acceptance to Penn State upon successful completion of the language requirement. Students may complete the language requirement at the IECP



## IECP Spotlight

The IECP is happy to welcome Alex Magnuson back to the IECP as a Graduate Teaching Assistant this semester. Alex's first semester at the IECP was in 2016. This semester he is teaching Applied English: Short Fiction. One of his favorite poems is "This is Just to Say" by William Carlos Williams. He is in his 5th year as a PhD Candidate (ABD) in the Department of Applied Linguistics at PSU. Welcome back, Alex!



## Alumni Feature: Feirouz Guettiche



Feirouz joined the IECP in 2012 after completing her master's degree in Human Resources (HR). She wanted to improve her English skills and gain the confidence to speak with others in English. She says that the IECP “was really the key” to reaching her language goals.

After she returned to France, she was hired by The Capgemini Group as an HR officer, and then moved on to being an HR manager. Just last year she was promoted to the role of Talent Development Director. She is also a lecturer at the University of La Sorbonne. In addition to all of that, Feirouz is in her last year of a PhD, and she hopes to finish her dissertation this year. She has participated in several HR research projects and even written articles in English!

Congratulations, Feirouz! And thank you for sharing your many successes with the IECP and IECP alumni!

## What have YOU been doing?

To be featured in the next IECP Alumni Newsletter, please send me (nla12@psu.edu) the following information:

- 1) your full name
- 2) the semester(s) that you attend the IECP
- 3) the update you would like to share (academic, professional, and or personal!)

