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Greetings from the IECP

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Dear IECP Alumni,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting you all in many ways at this time. Please know that all of our current and former IECP students are in our thoughts at this time. In State College, all of our non-life-sustaining businesses and services are closed, and people are staying in their homes unless they need an essential good or service. We wish you and your families safety and peace in this difficult time.

Nikki and the IECP faculty



a photo of IECP faculty lightening the mood during an online meeting

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Recent Event: International Story Telling

On February 19th, IECP students had the opportunity to listen to motivational stories from Humphrey Fellows who are completing their fellowship work at Penn State. This inspirational event touched upon what it means to dream big dreams, treasure small moments, and never stop seeking adventure and friendship.



IECP Spotlight

IECP instructor Ty Liu has been busy conducting experiments with his students in Applied English Sciences, an elective course. They have worked with chemistry, biology, and physics this semester. What a great way to learn science vocabulary with hands-on learning!



Alumni Feature: Gabriel Costa, Brazil



Gabriel was a scholarship student at the IECP and Penn State as part of the Brazilian Scientific Program in 2013. Gabriel left State College in 2014 to complete his studies in Brazil. In 2017, Gabriel traveled abroad to Germany, where he worked at a research institute called IPT-Fraunhofer, with automation and precise assembly. He completed his studies in 2019, and he currently works as an Operational Excellence Supervisor for Coca-Cola in Brazil.

Gabriel is very grateful for his time at the IECP, learning English and making new friends. Happy Valley still holds a big place in his heart, and he cannot deny that his time in State College were some of the best days of his life.

Congratulations, Gabriel!

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!)

