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Greetings from the IECP

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Dear IECP Alumni,

It is spring in Happy Valley, and the flowers are starting to bloom! The IECP is currently operating on a hybrid model -- meaning that some students attend classes virtually while others are back in the classrooms with appropriate safety measures. We are happy to be inching our way back to a more "normal" classroom environment as COVID cases are declining, and more and more people are getting vaccinated in our area. We are looking forward to seeing more in-person faces in the summer and fall terms, and we are proud of all the resilience that IECP students and teachers have demonstrated during this difficult season.

Nikki and the IECP faculty



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What's On Your Playlist?

IECP Alumna, Lorena Salinas (Chile), responded to my call for IECP Alumni Newsletter content suggestions with the idea of sharing songs from our playlists with each other. What a great way to hear some new songs from around the world -- thanks, Lorena!

"Roses"
by Finn Askew

from Ho Jun Seo
("Jun"),
South Korea

"Tayyib" by
Nawal AlKuwaitia

from Hussain
Alattar,
Kuwait

"Knights of
Cydonia" by Muse

from Alex Magnuson,
USA

If you have a song that you would like to share in the newsletter, please email your selection to nla12@psu.edu



Customized IECP Programming

The IECP is pleased to consider customized programming requests. If you have an idea for a customized English program in your part of the world, please email nla12@psu.edu. Previous IECP custom program examples include:

- Virtual English instruction for high school students in Ecuador
- English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teacher training for China University of Mining & Technology in Beijing (CUMTB)
- Naval English for the Royal Saudi Navy Program

Alumni Feature:

Faris Al-Malki, Saudi Arabia

Faris attended the IECP from summer 2016 through the end of fall 2016. While in the IECP, Faris enjoyed observing PSU classes as part of his Academic Interactions coursework. He also valued learning how to write a research paper in Academic Literacies, improving his IELTS score with the help of an IELTS elective course, and receiving individualized feedback from IECP tutors in the IECP Student Center.

After the IECP, Faris successfully completed his MS in Mechanical Engineering at PSU. Faris is currently working on his PhD in Mechanical Engineering at Penn State, with a focus on additive manufacturing, or 3D printing. He plans to complete his degree, return home to Saudi Arabia, and to become a professor at a university in Jeddah.

Great job, Faris! We are certainly proud of your hard work and many successes. We wish you all the best as you continue to reach your goals for the future!



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!)

