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Note from Nikki

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Dear IECP Alumni,

Greetings! I am just finishing my 10th year at the IECP, and I think it is about time that we have a newsletter. What do you think?! I have met so many interesting, inspiring, and intelligent IECP students over the years, and I would like to have a way to reconnect and to hear about what IECP graduates are doing now. I would also like to share IECP stories and successes with you all, in case you miss us and want to know what we are up to! Best wishes to you and your families!

Nikki and the IECP faculty



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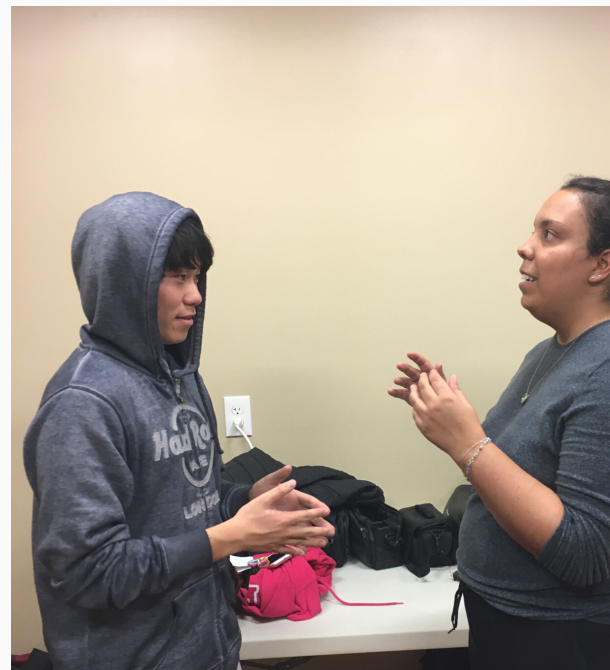
Recent Event: Paper-Lantern Making Workshop

Moving out of the classroom, IECP students participated in a paper-lantern making workshop on November 21st at the PSU libraries. The workshop was presented by the Center for the Performing Arts, the Global Engagement Community (GEC), the PSU Libraries, and the IECP. Participants from all over the Penn State community came together to create beautiful lanterns. You can visit the IECP offices to see some lanterns from a previous workshop!



IECP Spotlight

IECP instructor and Associate Director of Academics Jackie Gianico was pleased to host an IECP improv club series over several weeks. Students learned the basics of improv and had a blast. They also improved their speaking and interactional skills. In improv, students have to listen to each other, remain focused, and keep the energy moving from person to person. These are important skills for any language learner. The laughter from these sessions could be heard all throughout the IECP offices!



Alumni Feature: Mohammed Al Khamees



Mohammed, AKA "Khmees" attended the IECP in summer 2012 and fall 2012. Next he moved to Oklahoma to complete his English studies before enrolling in Oklahoma State University in 2014. Mohammed graduated in May of 2019 with a B.S. in Engineering technology, specializing in Fire Protection and Safety. Nowadays Mohammed is working as a Safety and Health Officer at Almollam Group Corporate , an Aramco Contractor in Saudi Arabia. He will soon receive a promotion and become the Safety and Health Supervisor! Please join me in congratulating Mohammed on his many accomplishments!

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!)

