Hello Faculty and Staff,

Welcome to the Center for International Education’s newsletter. We hope everyone is having a great start to the year and back into the swing of things again.

Join us this afternoon for International Coffee Hour from 3:30-4:30pm in the Faces of the World Lounge. The African Student Association is hosting.

We are pleased to announce that Walker Gollar joined the CIE as the new Faculty Director for Study Abroad on September 2. His role will include primary responsibility for strengthening and building Xavier’s semester study abroad programs, with an initial focus on the development of the Nicaragua program to provide more students long-term and short-term immersion experiences there. Walker has a long history and passion for international immersion programs. He has a long history of study abroad experience, including helping start the Ghana program and accompanying students as a faculty member in India, Nepal, and El Salvador. Walker is an Associate Professor of Theology.

The Nicaragua Solidarity Semester program is now recruiting student applicants for Spring 2015. The program is celebrating 20 years of solidarity in Nicaragua and allows students to immerse, study, and serve in Managua. The application deadline is September 25, 2014. For more information, please contact Shannon O’Neill at oneillsm@xavier.edu. Click here for more details.

Welcome our new visiting scholars! Ms. TIAN Li and Ms. YAN Xiao Hong “Lucy” are Montessori Education scholars from Wuhan, China. TIAN Li is the principal and Lucy is a teacher at the kindergarten of the Central China Normal University. They are observing Montessori classes and participating in several night classes while they are here till October. Additionally, the University is hosting two Fulbright Language Teaching Assistants for the year. Ms. Yun Tan “Tina” Wu from Taiwan is teaching Chinese courses and Ms. Paula Manelli from Argentina is teaching Spanish courses. They are also participating in a few courses during the week, as well as providing cultural activities to the campus community during their stays. We would like to encourage you to reach out to them while they are on campus and to make them feel welcome!
Call for Household Items: The Center for International Education has space for international visitors; therefore, if you have any new or gently-used household items for donation, please bring them to the CIE. For a complete list, please click here.

Spanish Conversation Table for Faculty and Staff is available for participation. The first meeting is September 18, 2014 at 11:00am. For more information, please contact Paula Manelli at manellim@xavier.edu.

Cincinnati’s Mayor John Cranley is working on an initiative to make Cincinnati the most friendly immigrant city in America. For more information on his initiative, please review this article.

Upcoming International Events
9.10.2014: Information Session for Nicaragua Solidarity Semester, GSC 330 from 5:00-6:30pm.
9.11.2014: Information Session for Nicaragua Solidarity Semester, GSC 330 from 3:00-4:30pm.
9.18.2014: Greater Cincinnati Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Networking Event at Keystone Bar & Grill in Clifton, 6:00-8:00pm. Click here to register.