Please encourage students to attend the following information sessions about the Solidarity Semester in Nicaragua for Spring 2016! The Solidarity Semester experience combines 12-15 credit hours of academic study with volunteer work in the community under the guidance and supervision of Xavier University faculty. Please consider sending invites to students who you believe would be an excellent fit for this program – we greatly appreciate your help!!

The information sessions are on the following dates:
- Wednesday, April 15th from 5:30-6:30pm in Gallagher Student Center, Room 230
- Thursday, April 16th from 5:30-6:30pm in Gallagher Student Center, Room 330

The U.S. Department of State has announced the creation of a branch dedicated to changing the landscape of U.S. study abroad. The branch will focus on promoting student diversity, nontraditional destinations, and foreign partnerships in order to increase participation, according to The PIE News.

What’s happening in Russia and Ukraine and what does it mean for the USA? Hear from a neighbor through the Latvian Ambassador to the United States, Andris Razāns. On Monday, May 4, we will meet with this distinguished and active participant in modern diplomacy, whose country was part of the Soviet Union 24 years ago. The reception begins at 5:30pm, dinner is at 6:15pm, and conversation starts at 7:00pm in the Schiff Family Conference Center, Cintas Center. Reserve tickets for you and guests by RSVPing to kstrunk@fbtlaw.com.

All is set for this traditional Hispanic Cincinnati fiesta in the heart of downtown on Fountain Square! The Cincy-Cinco Latino festival has become a very positive tradition to our incredibly beautiful city/region. This will be our 12th consecutive year!! This great family event will take place on Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd and is free to the public! Please bring your family, friends and neighbors. Remember, that this is a "charity" festival and all net proceeds are distributed among Tri-State organizations that support the Hispanic population.

The Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council has an opportunity for you this April! Six visitors from Iraq under the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program entitled "Sustainable Urban Planning" will be in Cincinnati in April. There is an opportunity to host the entire group or half of the group for dinner in your home on one of the following evenings: April 17, 18, or 19. The group will be accompanied by 2 interpreters. This commitment to host the group will truly invoke the citizen diplomat within everyone!

Encourage Students to Attend These Upcoming Events:
- April 8th: International Coffee Hour: Multicultural, Gender, & Women's Center
- April 10th: Pre-departure Orientation for Study Abroad Fall 2015
- April 15th: International Coffee Hour: Saudi Arabia
- April 15th: The Journey Home Workshop
- April 15th: Solidarity Semester: Nicaragua Information Session
- April 16th: Solidarity Semester: Nicaragua Information Session
- April 18th: International Students’ Society: Volleyball Tournament