Xavier students depart for Nicaragua today to begin the 20th year of immersion during the Solidarity Semester. For twenty years, Xavier has partnered with the local community in Managua where students live with families, work in the community, and take classes pertaining to their experiences in Nicaragua. Dr. Irene Hodgson will lead and facilitate the group through the program with Nicaraguan program assistant, Kenia Castro. Additionally, this year the semester will include deepened connections with the UCA (Jesuit university in Managua) including a team taught course between Xavier and UCA faculty members. Nicaragua alumni joined this year’s group for dinner and reflection as part of their send-off (see photo to the left).

Dream Big! Encourage students to attend the Spring Study Abroad Fair on February 4, 2015, in Gallagher Student Center from 11:30am to 3:30pm. Students can explore their program options by speaking with faculty and third party providers at the fair.

Xavier and the Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister-City Partnership are presenting a photography exhibit by three Ukrainian photographers whose work provides a powerful insight into daily life in the embattled country. The artwork is presented in the Faces of the World Lounge on the 2nd Floor of Gallagher Student Center. For the full story, click here.

Attention! Spanish Conversation for faculty and staff with Fulbright Scholar Paula Manelli is on Thursdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in the Center for International Education. Come on by today if you can make it or mark it on your calendars for in the future. All language skill levels are welcome!

Don’t forget to stop by International Coffee Hour every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Faces of the World Lounge in Gallagher Student Center. For a full list of sponsors, please view the schedule here.

The Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council is hosting its second annual global gala – ONE Mind – ONE World – ONE Night on Saturday, March 7, 2015, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherlands Plaza Hotel. The evening is similar to World Quest and sadly, due to other commitments and budget concerns, the CIE will be unable to host World Quest at Xavier this year. Therefore, if anyone is interested in attending to test their global trivia knowledge, this is a wonderful opportunity! Purchase tickets here.

Upcoming Events
1/28: International Coffee Hour: Interlink Peer Mentors
2/4: Spring Study Abroad Fair 2015
2/4: International Coffee Hour: Study Abroad
2/6: International Students’ Society Ski Trip
2/11: International Coffee Hour: Bursar
2/12: US Passport Day
2/12: OPT & Employment-based Visas Session