



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS NEWSLETTER

2013 SPRING EDITION

Shoreline Community College was established in **1964** and is an accredited state college offering over **100** excellent academic and professional/technical programs. The College has approximately **10,000** students with around **750** international students from **36** countries.

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Academic Advisors

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Top from the left: John Tankersley, Cynthia Okawara
Bottom from the left: Tiffany Meier, Erin Walker, Jessica Galan

We have **FIVE** academic advisors! They are all full-time faculty members, assisting our international students to make academic decisions and educational plans, including:

- career and major planning
- university transfer admission requirements
- Shoreline degree and graduation requirements
- Class registration and course selection
- Shoreline services

All of our advisors lived or traveled overseas, and know first-hand what it feels like to experience and adapt to a new language and culture.

Tiffany Meier is originally from America's Dairyland—Wisconsin. She studied abroad in both Estonia and Morocco. Tiffany enjoys learning about different cultures as well as seeing new perspectives that international students bring to campus.

Cynthia Okawara has been advising at Shoreline since 2006. She loves helping students achieve their goals and become successful. She lived in Japan for five years.

Erin Walker has had various immigration and advising duties, but definitely finds advising to be the most rewarding. She has travelled to over 20 countries and is always looking forward to her next trip!

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Seattle, Washington, USA



John Tankersley and Jessica Galan are our **TWO** new advisors!

They come with years of experience with advising international students in a community college setting and we look forward to sharing their expertise and knowledge with Shoreline international students as well as collaborating with our campus community.

John has been an international student advisor since 2004 and has lived in Washington since 2007. He is originally from Tennessee, where he attended university and received a Bachelor's in Economics and a Master's in ESL Education. He has travelled extensively, and has lived and taught English as a foreign language in Wrocław, Poland for one year and Osaka, Japan for two years. He chose to settle down in Seattle because of the people, culture of the area, and the mild climate. He loves meeting with students and helping them through their educational journey.

Jessica is originally from California, and settled in Seattle in 2000 after earning a Bachelor's degree in Educational Studies from the University of Oregon, and a Master's degree in Student Development Administration from Seattle University. Jessica has been advising international students in the Seattle area since 2004. She has lived and studied in the Basque Country in Spain, where she has family, and has traveled to over 15 different countries. Jessica is excited to get to know students at Shoreline and help them achieve their educational goals in the U.S.

Housing Information

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We highly encourage our international students to begin their experience in the United States by doing a “**homestay**”, which means living with a local American family. You can find more housing information on our website: <https://shoreline.edu/international/about-us/housing.aspx>

Sharon is an international student at Shoreline. She would like to share some of her homestay pictures!



Sharon's host family took her to a local pumpkin farm.

Sharon had a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner with her host family.



Sharon and her host family went to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival together.

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The International Education office recommends three homestay organizations called **ABODE, USA International Inc.** and **American Homestay Network**. If the student is admitted to the College and interested in homestay, we encourage students to contact the organizations directly at:

1. ABODE

20126 Ballinger Way NE #84, Shoreline, WA 98155 USA

Phone: (206) 527-8654; Fax: (206) 524- 7780

Email: info@abodehomestay.com

Web (English): www.abodehomestay.com

Web (中文): www.abodehomestay.com/Chinese

Web (日本語): www.abodehomestay.com/Japanese

Online application: https://www.formstack.com/forms/ABODE-student_application

2. USA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

9614 NE 201st Street, Bothell, WA 98011 USA

Phone: 425-483-5974; Fax: 425-485-1891

Email: info@ushomestay.com

Web: (English) www.ushomestay.com

Web: (日本語) www.ushomestay.com/Japanese

Online application: https://www.ushomestay.com/st_appl_form.php

3. AMERICAN HOMESTAY NETWORK

Phone: (425) 285-4402

Fax: (925) 396-7063

Email: info@homestaynetwork.com

Web (English): <http://www.homestaynetwork.com>

Online application links:

Students: <http://us.homestaynetwork.com/public/students>

Agents: <http://us.homestaynetwork.com/public/agents>



Sharon has a very cozy bedroom. She organizes her desk and bed, does her weekly laundry, and prepares her daily snack. Sharon told us that she became a lot more independent.

Sometimes Sharon also goes shopping with her host family. They just came back from COSTCO, a wholesale department store, with a lot of grocery!



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If you would like to live in an apartment here are three options near Shoreline CC. We cannot guarantee placement into these apartments and we do not facilitate the application process. Please contact the apartment managers directly. All apartment complexes below require students to be over **18** years old to live there. **Please contact apartments directly for more information and to apply.**

Nelson Apartments

Address: 14300 Greenwood Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133

Telephone Number: (206) 363-5766

Main Contact Person/Manager: Suzzayne Parker

Website: <http://www.thenelsonapts.com/>



Forest Hills Estates

Address: 1311 N 175th, Shoreline, WA 98177

Telephone Number: (206) 542-4807

Main Contact Person/Manager: Ainara Lightfoot

Website: <http://www.foresthillsapartmenthomes.com/>

Echo Lake Apartments

Address: 1150 N. 192nd St., Shoreline, WA 98133

Telephone Number: (206) 546-2400

Main Contact Person/Manager: Lola Oh

Website: <http://www.echolakeapartments.com/>



IPM Opportunity

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We are hiring 5 new IPMs!

IPM refers to International Peer Mentor. They work with the Office of International Education, including organizing the International Student Orientation Program, planning cultural fairs, and assisting new students to adjust to the new environment.

This year, 35 international students from 8 countries applied. The whole process includes submitting a personal statement, participating in two skill-based presentations, and attending individual interviews.

It is one of the best opportunities for students to understand themselves and get to know others. We highly encourage any international students to give it a try!



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We want to give you some information about upcoming immigration changes announced by the U.S. government:

- Instead of paper I-94 cards (arrival/departure records), students will be issued an electronic I-94 record. This change has already started in some airports but will become effective throughout the U.S. on May 21, 2013 (Except if students are entering from Canada or Mexico). Please note that at this time, we do not expect this change to have any impact on students other than not receiving a paper I-94 card.
- It may take longer at Customs when students try to enter. The Customs and Border Protection is being asked to check SEVIS records more extensively. As a result, it may be a good idea to prepare for students to be at Customs longer than usual . This is particularly important if they have a connecting flight to Seattle.

Additional information on arriving in the United States can be found on the Study in the States website:

<http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/arriving>.



Canadian Visas

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Many of our students like to visit Canada for short visits. Vancouver has excellent restaurants and other attractions! Please check this website to see if your student will need a visa to enter Canada as a visitor: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Please note that it takes more than a month to apply for a Canadian visitor visa in Seattle and it can only be done by mail. That is why we recommend that if possible, students should get a multiple-entry visitor visa for Canada while they are still in their home country. You may wish to advise your students accordingly. Here is a website that provides information on where they can apply for their Canadian visas: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/apply-where.asp>



2013 Summer ISOP

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2013 Summer Quarter is coming!

The 1st day of International Student Orientation Program is June 17 2013. It is mandatory for all new international students to attend. It is a week long program, including information on immigration, class registration and cultural adjustment. Class will begin on June 24, 2013.

ISOP Website: <http://new.shoreline.edu/international/orientation/default.aspx>

2013 Fall Quarter orientation will start on September 16.

Important Links



IE Website: <http://new.shoreline.edu/international>



IE Blog: <http://weareshoreline.wordpress.com>



IE Facebook: <http://facebook.com/SCCinternational>

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