MODALE FELLOWS-ROBINSON SCHOLARS DINNER

On September 14 the Office of International Programs hosted its annual Modale Fellows-Robinson Scholars Dinner at Taj Palace. Every year KUMC sends nine students to Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore, India on a Robinson Scholarship, and every year KUMC accepts two faculty members from CMC on Modale Fellowships.

The dinner allowed for the Fellows and Scholars to get to know each other better. Their friendships will continue to build during the Fall semester while the Modale Fellows are here and in the Spring semester when the Robinson Scholars go to CMC.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PLAN AND AGREEMENT FOR J-1 VISA HOLDERS

The J-1 is a unique visa category. It was originally designed by the U.S. Department of State to foster mutual understanding as well as cultural and educational exchanges between the United States and the international community. Although, the J-1 permits foreign nationals to engage in employment in the United States, the visa still has a strong emphasis on cultural exchange.

To ensure that KUMC’s J-1 exchange visitors comply with the cultural exchange component, OIP has been requiring that J-1s attend at least one cultural exchange activity per month. Cultural exchange activities could be in the form of department seminars, conferences, KUMC events, OIP events, sporting events, or other local events. In addition to attending one cultural exchange activity per month, OIP is now requiring that all J-1s track these cultural exchange activities themselves. A form to help with tracking all cultural exchange activities is available on OIP’s website (http://www.kumc.edu/international-programs/inbound-programs/j-1-exchange-visitors.html). Please note that J-1s will need to show the Cultural Exchange Plan and Agreement form at the time of extending their DS-2019 with OIP and at our follow up appointments.

ENGLISH TUTORIAL PERIODS

Are you wanting to improve your English speaking skills? The Tutorial Periods are open to anyone, you do not have to be in the workshop to sign up! Sign up for a Tutorial Period with Michael Dix: amerispeech@gmail.com.

THAT’S A FACT

Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to graduate from medical school. She received her MD from Geneva Medical College on January 23, 1849.

DID YOU KNOW?

Student Counseling and Educational Support Services offer FREE opportunities to help you succeed!

- Psychological Services
- Psychiatric Services
- Educational Support Services
- Writing Services

For more information visit http://www.kumc.edu/student-services/counseling-and-educational-support-services.html.
CULTURAL PROGRAMMING
Want to stay up to date on all OIP Cultural Programming? Here’s how!
Join OIP’s Beat Site
https://kumc.collegiatelink.net/organization/internationalprograms
Join OIP’s Facebook Group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/kumcinternational/

SAVE THE DATE: International Education Week
November 14-18
Global Fair is Friday, Nov. 18. If you are interested in participating, please Register
https://kumc.collegiatelink.net/form/step/1?Guid=edf5e56-695e-41ff-ba17-ae3ce504769d

Tuesday, November 15 Clinical Culture & Diversity Series
To Serve or Not to Serve: Who is Actually Being Served
SON Auditorium 12-1 p.m. Lunch Provided
*The November Clinical Culture & Diversity Series is part of International Education Week.

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE WINDOW
It’s time to complete your annual compliance training for FY2017. This year’s training window began Sept. 28, and ends Tuesday, Oct 25. Log in to TLC using your network login to get started. (https://tlc.netdimensions.com/)

This annual compliance training provides a general overview of important compliance topics and also fulfills certain state and federal regulatory requirements. You must complete all required training by midnight on Oct. 25 to avoid loss of computer access.

CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY
You should have received an invitation from Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little to take the KU climate study survey – Your Voice, Your KU. This is your opportunity to provide valuable feedback to the institution about your experiences at KU Medical Center. In partnership with all KU campuses including our Schools of Medicine in Wichita and Salina and the Lawrence and Edwards campuses, we engage in this project to assess and improve the learning, living and working environments at KU.
Please take this survey by Oct. 14.
https://rankinsurveys1.com/ku/index01.htm

OPT APPOINTMENTS
For any students completing their program between now and December 2016, please schedule an advisement appointment with Alexandria Harkins, (aharkins2@kumc.edu) as soon as possible to discuss your options! Remember that failure to meet in a timely manner can cause delays in your future work authorization.

*If your program is ending but you will need additional time to complete degree requirements, please work with your academic advisor to complete the Request for Program Extension Form, found on our website: (http://www.kumc.edu/international-programs.html).*

HALLOWEEN
FROM: http://www.halloweenishere.com/history.html
Halloween, one of the world’s oldest holidays, is still celebrated today in several countries around the globe. The autumn rite is commemorated in the United Kingdom, although with a surprising and distinctive British twist. In Mexico, Latin America, and Spain, All Souls’ Day, the third day of the three-day Hallowmas observance, is the most important part of the celebration for many people. In Ireland and Canada, Halloween, which was once a frightening and superstitious time of year, is celebrated much as it is in the United States, with trick-or-treating, costume parties, and fun for all ages.
The word itself, “Halloween,” actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted corruption of All Hallows Eve. November 1, “All Hollows Day” (or “All Saints Day”), is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints. But, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain (pronounced sow-in), which means “end of summer”, the Celtic New Year.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!