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Students and staff enjoying Coffee Club in front of the new "You are Home" mural in the Language & Culture Centre.

Mohawk College welcomes the world!

In the winter of 2019, Mohawk welcomed 1,043 new international students. Just over 4,000 international students made Mohawk their home that term. The most represented countries on-campus were: India, China, Nigeria, Vietnam and Brazil. Overall, international students came from 96 countries. In the spring of 2019, 1,947 international students studied here, from 70 countries.

In this issue of the Mohawk International newsletter, learn about welcoming and student success activities that contribute toward a **Great Experience**, outbound and inbound learning opportunities and cultural events that are fostering the development of **Global Citizens**, and activities that build our strengths as **Leaders**.

International Strategic Plan

Mohawk International's focus is to deliver a Great Experience that develops Global Citizens all while building Mohawk College as an international Best Practice Leader.



GREAT EXPERIENCE



GLOBAL CITIZENS



LEADER

For more information about our Strategic Plan, see:
<https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/international/about>

Our Values

- CARING
- MAKING AN IMPACT
- BEING TEAM PLAYERS
- CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING

Message from the Dean of International & Partnerships

In education, fall is a time of new beginnings. Unmistakable excitement charges the hallways as we welcome new and returning students. For international students, starting a new educational journey while also navigating a different country is both exciting and daunting.

Mohawk International, in collaboration with our partners throughout the college, is continually developing plans and programs to support our students in their life-changing journeys. Again this year, we offered the Pre-Departure workshops for students in both China and India; the Airport Welcome to students touching down at Pearson International Airport in Toronto; International Student Orientation to introduce the many supports available; intercultural activities in the Language & Culture Centre to give students a feeling of "home" and workshops throughout the semester on how to succeed in their studies, how to prepare for their careers...and more! We appreciate all the efforts across the College to support our students to be as successful as they can be.

As we prepare for the year ahead, we are inspired to reflect on how we got here. We have reviewed our 2018-19 year and its part in the college's 5-Year Strategic Plan. To mark this milestone, this edition of our newsletter is presented under the pillars of the International Strategic Plan: **Great Experience, Global Citizens** and **Leader**.

Our Plan relies on collaboration with the entire Mohawk College community; truly, everyone contributes to internationalization at Mohawk. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead and hope the excitement of the first weeks of classes continues through a successful and rewarding 2019/20.

To the right we share some highlights of our contribution to the College Strategic Plan so far. As you review, you will recognize some of the many ways that you, and your colleagues, are fostering Mohawk's welcoming and inclusive community.

Keith Monrose,
Dean of International
& Partnerships



Highlights of 2018-2019 Strategic Plan Accomplishments

MOHAWK COLLEGE PILLARS	MOHAWK INTERNATIONAL PILLARS	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 <p>Student Success</p>	 <p>GREAT EXPERIENCE</p>	<p>Doubling the number of students served in International Square over the previous year in the same amount of time</p> <p>Enhancing both the international student orientation and the International Square experience for incoming students</p> <p>Offering a 3-workshop certificate to faculty on multi-cultural classroom engagement with the Centre for Teaching & Learning</p> <p>Enhancing extra-curricular activities for EAP students</p>
 <p>Graduate Success</p>		
<p>Collaboration and Partnerships</p>	 <p>GLOBAL CITIZENS</p>	<p>Expanding our global learning experiences for students with trips to Greece, Jamaica, India, Mexico and Italy</p> <p>Surveying faculty and students about their perspectives on global learning experiences</p> <p>Launching a one year calendar of events in the Language & Culture Centre</p> <p>Increasing the diversity of our international student body by attracting more students from key regions such as Africa, South America and Europe</p>
 <p>Community Leadership</p>		
 <p>Strong Foundations</p>	 <p>LEADER</p>	<p>Streamlining some of our key processes and clarifying roles and responsibilities across the department</p> <p>Launching an International Internal Advisory Committee made up of stakeholders from across the College</p>



Welcoming our Students

Pre-departure Orientations Prepare Students for Success

Pre-departure: China

In June 2019, Professor Douglas Winstanley from the College's Aviation Technician program, Acting Director of Recruitment, Rob Hicks and Market Specialist, Maggie Chen visited Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou, China to welcome and prepare incoming students and promote our Aviation program.

Attendees heard from current students and families about their experiences studying at Mohawk and living in Hamilton. Attendees were especially thrilled to hear about the Aviation program and three students applied on the spot for fall 2019!



Current and future students, parents and Mohawk staff at Pre-Departure event in China.



Mohawk team of Maggie Chen, Rob Hicks and Douglas Winstanley in action at Pre-Departure Workshop.



Excitement all around as Mohawk's Vinay Joshi, Nancy Pitman and Sara Lewis present to incoming students in India.

Pre-departure: India

Also, in June 2019, Mohawk International embarked upon its third annual Pre-Departure Orientation in India. Following two successful years hosting the event in Chandigarh, this year we branched out to reach as many students as possible. In all, we welcomed more than 300 students and their parents in Jalandhar, Punjab and Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The pre-departure team included Market Specialist, Vinay Joshi, Admissions Support Officer, Sara Lewis, and Coordinator, International Agents, Nancy Pitman. Dean Keith Monroe joined the team in Jalandhar. Students attending were motivated and excited to begin their academic journey at Mohawk College.

International Orientation and Workshops Galore!



Students enjoying winter 2019 orientation.

Always popular, our winter and spring 2019 Orientation events drew crowds of 450 and 43, respectively. The events featured entertainment, refreshments, and presentations from key service areas including Counselling, Student Services, MSA and others. New for 2018-19, International Orientation was held in the evening and students had opportunities to make friends and connect with campus and community

organizations. Also new in 2018-19 was the How to Succeed at Mohawk workshop that featured key topics such as how to be successful in studies, academic honesty, classroom expectations, etc. Our Success workshops typically draw 80 – 100 international students and are offered several times each term. Other workshops covered permits, career advice, immigration advice, student wellness, and more.

Our workshops by the numbers

Number of events offered to students, staff and faculty in 2018-2019



156

of these **76%** were unique and **82%** were aimed at students

5,500

Number of student attendees at all workshops



Highest attended event


Diwali
DIWALI CULTURAL CELEBRATION



24

career workshops



34

academic workshops



wellness events

12



21

faculty events

cultural events



5

25

Coffee Clubs





"You are Home" at the Language & Culture Centre

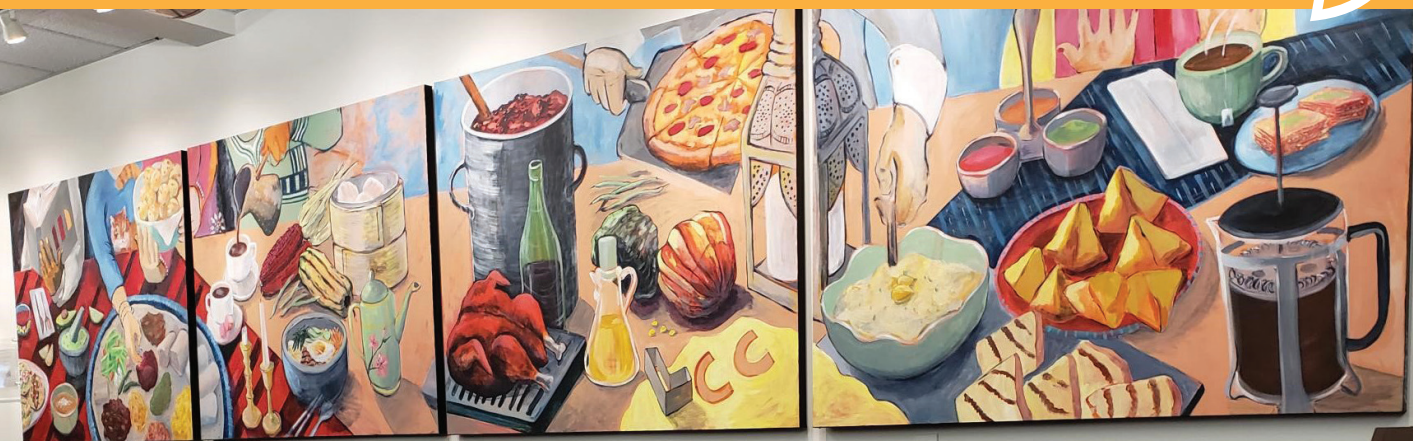
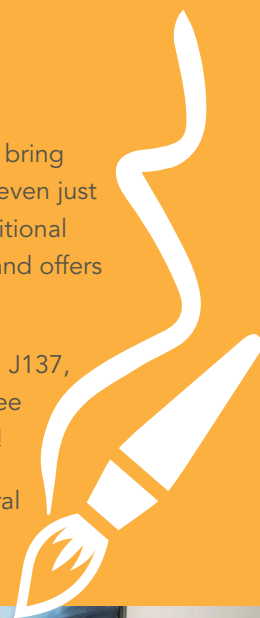
Launched in January 2019, the "You are Home" project created a visual representation of what "home" means for the diverse visitors to the Language & Culture Centre at Mohawk. More than 100 unique, sensory-based memories of home were collected through a survey and focus group. Within all the sights, sounds, flavours and imagery of home suggested by students, staff, and community members, sharing a meal with the ones you are closest to was the common theme.

To represent these warm memories, local artist Norman Coloma created a "feast for the eyes", a 20-foot mural of a communal table featuring foods of the world. Meals, an

expression of community and cultural identity, bring people together in celebration, grief, joy and even just to share the everyday. Sharing a favourite traditional food in one's new home eases homesickness and offers a symbol of cultural pride.

Stop by the Language & Culture Centre, room J137, and check out the "You are Home" mural to see what home means to our Mohawk community!

Watch a video about the "You are Home" mural launch: <https://tinyurl.com/URHomeMural>



The "You are Home" mural celebrates tastes of the world in the Language & Culture Centre.



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Consul General of India Visits Mohawk

In May 2019, the Consul General of India, Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, visited Mohawk College to provide a warm welcome to our Indian students. Joining Mr. Bhatia was a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant to answer questions about immigration. Over a hundred students enjoyed an Indian lunch and presentations in the McIntyre Theatre. Mr. Bhatia encouraged students to think of the Consulate as a helpful resource and source of support. He also offered advice about staying safe in Canada, being successful at Mohawk and taking advantage of all the supports the College offers.





Appreciating our Students

Volunteers Lauded at “Lunch with the Dean” Event

In February 2019, about 20 International Peer Mentors and volunteers joined Dean Keith Monrose, Acting Director of Recruitment Rob Hicks, and several Mohawk International staff members for our “Lunch with the Dean” thank-you event. Their invaluable contributions to events and welcoming initiatives were highlighted. More than 50 mentors and volunteers gave about 600 hours of their time during the month of January alone! As part of our drive for continual improvement, the International team led a focus group discussion seeking feedback on the mentor/volunteer experience and the student experience, generally. Thank you, Peer Mentors and volunteers!



Dean Keith Monrose discusses the valuable contribution of volunteers and mentors.



Our amazing team of volunteers and peer mentors with Welcoming Officer Ola Salah

Award Winners Recognized at Appreciation Dinner

At our annual International Student Appreciation Dinner in April 2019, we gathered to honour 11 faculty award recipients and 72 international award recipients. The evening of fun included music, an improv performance by the Slap Happy Improvisational Theatre Co., a photo booth, and a caricaturist booth. The event is a welcome chance for staff to congratulate international students on their successes.

Students enjoy the photo booth at Appreciation Dinner, 2019.



In each newsletter, we profile an international student currently studying at Mohawk College.



Student Profile

Meet **Swati Malhotra**, a second-semester Business Marketing student at Mohawk College who hails from India. In addition to her studies, Swati is also a writer. An article she recently wrote on sustainable housing in

Hamilton was published in the local newspaper, Urbanicity – an experience she described as “amazing.” She comments that “Canada is a growing economy which gives students a platform to showcase their talents and [an opportunity] to work hard for a better living.” Her favourite experience in Hamilton, so far, has been exploring nearby waterfalls and she has very much enjoyed the changing seasons and the diversity of Canada.

Swati believes Mohawk’s excellent student services and abundance of extracurricular activities make it one of Ontario’s best colleges, saying “the International Student Services department offer[s] excellent services such as Counselling that helps the student[s] and supports them even when they are struggling to settle in a new country.” Welcome to Mohawk College and Canada, Swati!

SPECIAL FEATURE:

What is a Peer Mentor?

A question we are often asked in Mohawk International is “what opportunities are there for our international students to connect with peers for mentorship and camaraderie?” The Peer Mentor program – Student Connect – answers that need.

Mohawk International’s Peer Mentor program actively recruits and matches mentors with international students. The program has had about 200 participants to date, with typically 30-35 active mentors per term. In 2018-19 more than 50% of our mentors were domestic students. Mentor recruitment and comprehensive training takes place three times per year to ensure there are always enough mentors to meet the need.

Peer Mentors meet with mentees to introduce them to the campus and community, answer questions, and identify important services and fun activities to attend. Peer



Mentors are also active during Start-up, Orientation and other events. Unlike Peer Tutors, whose focus is offering academic support, Peer Mentors act as ambassadors for Mohawk and a friend to students new to the College and the country.

FIND OUT MORE!

Mentors and mentees can learn more about the program and connect through the Peer Mentoring website <https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/international-students/peer-mentoring>. Inquiries can also be referred to studentconnect@mohawkcollege.ca





Supporting our Students

International Supports Update

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, the College launched several new positions to support both faculty and students in an effort to promote international student success. Here is an update on some of the great initiatives staff in these roles have been working on.

Sharing Solutions and Strategies at Faculty Workshops

Over the past year, the International Faculty Leads have offered a series of workshops to support faculty in managing multi-cultural classrooms and encouraging domestic and international student collaboration. More than 60 faculty attended the three workshops in the series, obtaining a Certificate of Completion from the Centre for Teaching & Learning and Mohawk International. Over the spring and summer terms, a one-day, intensive workshop featured hands-on activities and a Q&A lunch time session with international students.

Watch for more workshops and resources this coming fall and winter!



International Faculty Lead Shirley Bainbridge and Mohawk graduate Abhimanyu "Poppy" Trehan discuss the student journey during the June Faculty Intensive.

New Faculty Award Recognizes Intercultural Competency Development

During the fall of 2019, Mohawk International and the Centre for Teaching & Learning will launch a new award for faculty – The GREAT Award! (Global, Responsive, Engaging, Approachable, Teaching.) Students will have the opportunity to nominate professors and instructors who contribute to Mohawk's welcoming and inclusive campus environment. The selected winner will receive a plaque and financial support toward conference attendance. For more information, see: <https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/GREATfacultyaward>

GREAT

Experiential Learning Opportunities Expand Cultural Understanding

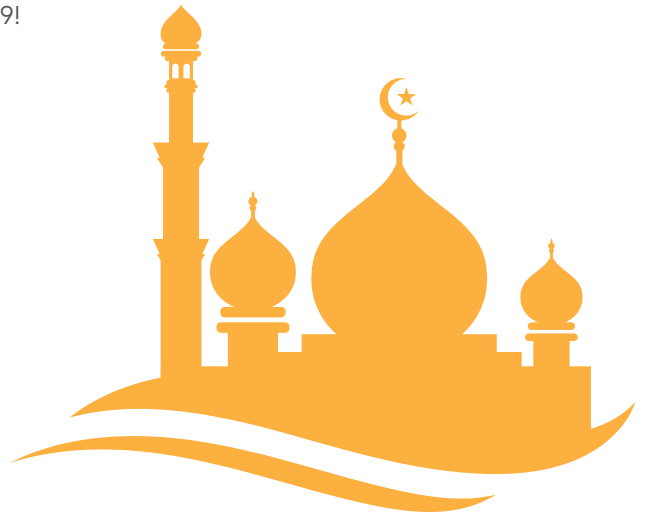
A group of approximately 30 faculty, staff and students from Mohawk College visited the Hamilton Mountain Mosque in March 2019 for an experiential learning opportunity about Islam and what it means to be a Muslim.

Participants met with Imam Sayed Tora who shared teachings; observed the call to The Prayer (for the Duhur congregational prayer); received a guided tour of the Mosque facilities; and, participated in a discussion on the services and event offerings at the Mosque. Later, an engaging dialogue took place regarding how faculty and staff can best support Muslim students, especially during Ramadan.

Stay tuned for more cultural experiential opportunities coming in fall 2019!



Faculty and staff visiting the Hamilton Mountain Mosque in March.



Fit to Pitch Competition Lands International Students a Gig at DBARC

International Faculty Lead Tara-Lyn Dinyer coordinates the annual Fit to Pitch competition – an opportunity for fourth semester students in the Health, Wellness and Fitness program to pitch their ideas to over 40 industry leaders and alumni. This year, a group of international students pitched a new type of fitness class based on an Indian Cultural dance called Garba.

Following the presentation, DBARC staff approached the group to discuss offering the class to the Mohawk community. The students commented that they were thrilled to be offered the opportunity to turn their dreams into reality at Mohawk and share their cultural dances with others through fitness. This was the first time an international team had been selected as a finalist in the competition.



The Fit to Pitch event featured students pitching fitness through cultural dance.



Developing Job-Ready Global Citizens through Academic Programs

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program – Getting out There!

To help students learn about life in Canada while creating opportunities to practice English in and out of the classroom, the EAP team offers a range of fun workshops and activities. Over the past two semesters students have attended a “Getting ready for the Canadian Winter” workshop, pronunciation workshops, trips to the Maple Town festival in Halton, and the Royal Ontario Museum, as well as expos, panels, and more.



EAP students enjoying an excursion to the Maple Town festival.



Beginning in September 2019, students applying to General Arts and Science – English for Academic Purposes (International) – 478 will be eligible to apply for a scholarship to support the cost of tuition. Thanks to our generous partners at Guard.Me International Insurance, the guard.me Mohawk English Scholarships will be available each September for international students beginning an English program at Mohawk College. Successful applicants will be chosen on the basis of demonstrated academic potential and financial need and will receive a \$500 scholarship towards each EAP level studied at Mohawk College, up to a maximum of four levels.

More information can be found at:
<https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/international-scholarships-and-bursaries>

Global Business Management – Family Enterprise Program Launched

January 2019 marked the launch of Global Business Management – Family Enterprise, a program created for international students to gain a global perspective of the cultural nuances of international trade, with a focus on the unique challenges of operating a family business. The first semester course Communication and Relationship Management for Family Business, taught by Sheena Snively, went beyond the conventional lecture and test classroom model, and the results were impactful for all involved.

Sheena created a welcoming environment for the students, guiding them toward resources to help navigate the Canadian winter (including an introduction to Tim Hortons); using role playing (including dressing up in character); and encouraging cultural exchange by asking students to share stories about their home countries. The semester culminated in an end-of-year potluck where students brought homemade dishes to share with the class. Professor Snively continues to be a mentor to her students throughout their programs at Mohawk.



The first cohort of the Global Business Management – Family Enterprise program enjoying an end-of-term potluck.



Global Learning Experiences develop Global Citizens

One of the goals in Mohawk College's Strategic Plan is to lead in internationalization and global experiences. An outcome of this goal is to ensure that meaningful global teaching and learning experiences are offered for faculty and students, respectively. This year, Mohawk College's Language & Culture Centre (LCC) helped organize pilot projects in Mexico and Italy.



Mohawk students in Campeche
(L to R): Sofia Galamani, Raj Pandit, Amanda Wilcox.

Tourism Students in Campeche, Mexico

In spring 2019, three students and one faculty member from Mohawk's Tourism program participated in a 3-week, co-curricular experience in Campeche, Mexico. In partnership with local hotels (Holiday Inn and Don Gustavo Boutique Hotel), the group gained front line experience, developed social media strategies for the Ministry of Tourism, Campeche, and helped tailor the guest experience through a Canadian customer lens. The Mohawk team completed their placement by presenting to our partners a summary of their findings and thoughts on how they might be applied.



Business - Marketing Students in Milan, Italy

From May to July 2019, four students from Mohawk's Business - Marketing program participated in work placements in Milan, Italy through Mohawk's partner, The Jobs Academy (JAC). Placements were hosted at Caronte Law Firm and Price Waterhouse Coopers in Milan and rewarded students and supervisors with enhanced skills and professional growth. This program was made possible by Erasmus+ funding, a European Union-based organization that sponsors student and faculty mobility projects. Mohawk is one of a limited number of approved Canadian partners with the Erasmus+ program.

In return, we look forward to welcoming five Italian students who will study at Mohawk's Fennell campus in the fall 2019!



Mohawk students in Italy (L to R):
Carolina Mosquera, Jarod Arseneault,
Spencer Duquette, Natalia Cruz Buckley.



Career Ready Fund – Jamaica, India, Greece!

Through the Career Ready fund, a provincial government grant supporting the development of experiential learning opportunities, Mohawk College received funding to provide global experiences for domestic students through international service learning trips to Jamaica, India and Greece. In our last newsletter, we showcased the trips to Greece and Jamaica and in this newsletter, we feature our most recent trip to India.

Autism and Behavioural Science Students in India

In April 2019, 12 students from Mohawk's Autism & Behavioural Science and Photography programs, along with two staff and one faculty, travelled to Chandigarh, India to work with teachers at Sorem School assisting students with autism and developmental and intellectual disabilities. In partnership with the New York-based Global Autism Project, students worked alongside Indian teachers to help create sustainable goals for the school. Students and faculty noted the transformative aspects of the trip, commenting that "the lens through which we see the world affects both our mind and heart but...aligned values and the willingness to work alongside something with a very different lens can bring connection, development, and joy."



Faculty, staff and students taking time to enjoy the wonders of India.



Student Gemma Vale lending a helping hand to students in the outdoor education class and giving positive reinforcement for their participation.



The Explore Program

Expanding cultural horizons through language learning

One of Mohawk International's strategic priorities is the development of short-term programs to expand global learning and cross-cultural understanding. One such initiative is our Explore program, now in it's 3rd year of operation.

The Explore program is an immersive, one-month ESL program offering students the chance to learn English in both academic and socio-cultural settings. Students participate in workshops, activities, and trips, and reside with local homestay hosts. Some of our workshops this year included short filmmaking, sports leadership, and music production.

Participants in Explore range in age from 14 to 18 and come from Quebec, Spain, France, Italy, and via our partners in Campeche, Mexico. Students spend the month of July with us, enjoying 7 full days per week of programming. Highlights of the July 2019 program included a visit to Woodland Cultural Centre, a coding session in partnership with IEC Hamilton, visits to Hamilton's Farmer's Market, cooking classes, and visits to Toronto, Niagara Falls, Port Dover and Canada's Wonderland.

For more information and a detailed schedule of events, check out: www.mohawkcollege.ca/summerprogram



EXPLORE

WITHOUT LIMITS



Celebrating Ramadan with our Students

In addition to building intercultural competencies through global learning experiences, another priority is to offer cultural experiences on-campus. Our international students have opportunities to celebrate and share their cultures while the campus community has the opportunity to expand global understanding.

Once a year, 1.8 billion Muslims around the world observe the holy month of Ramadan, a time of introspection and personal growth. Muslims do not eat, drink or smoke between sunrise and sunset for the entire month. They are also encouraged to give back, through charity or helping others in their community.

In honour of Ramadan, the Language & Culture Centre (LCC) offered a series of activities to engage the college community. ►

Campus Clean up

On May 29th, 34 volunteers 'gave back' as they joined the LCC and the Centre for Climate Change Management for a campus and surrounding area clean-up.



Volunteers clean up campus during Ramadan.

Food drive

The LCC turned to staff and students for donations of non-perishable food items in support of the Mohawk Students' Association (MSA) food bank - a free service for students in emergency need of food. In all, 40 bags of food were collected to help replenish the bank.

40 bags of food were collected for the MSA food bank.



Students and Staff enjoying 100in1 day in Victoria Park, Hamilton.

100in1 day intervention

100in1 day is an annual celebration of active citizenship in which we move from ideas to action. The LCC collaborated with Student Life and the Centre for Climate Change Management to put together a morning of fun and games and a park clean-up at Victoria Park in Hamilton.



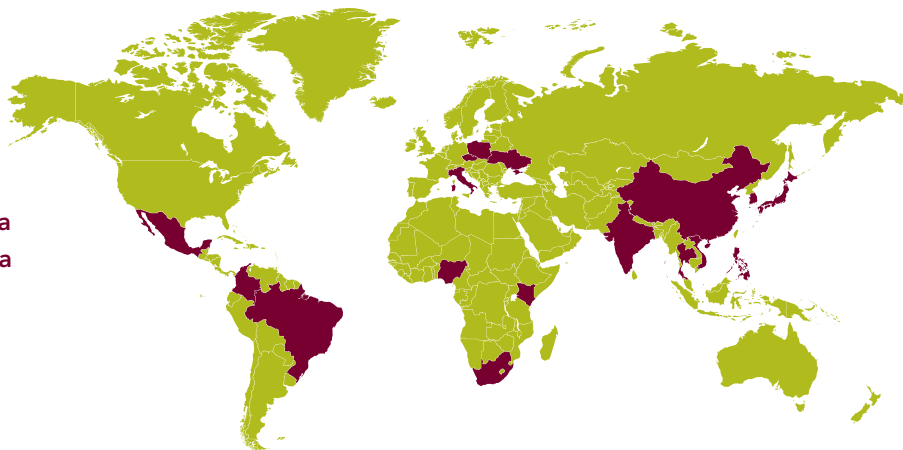
Growing and Diversifying the International Student Population

Recruitment Update

Where in the World Have We Been?

Diversifying our international student population is a key strategic priority. Check out the countries where our Market Specialists have been building relationships in the first half of 2019:

Brazil	Japan	South Africa
China	Kenya	South Korea
Colombia	Mexico	Thailand
Czech Republic	Nigeria	Ukraine
India	Philippines	Vietnam
Italy	Poland	



Building Relationships and Opportunities in South Africa



Market Specialist David Thompson meeting with potential partners in Cape Town, South Africa.



As Mohawk College looks to further diversify its international population and introduce more students around the world to Mohawk programs, we are engaging with areas in Africa to build partnerships and attract students. To support this effort, our Market Specialist David Thompson attended the International Consultants for Education and Fairs (ICEF) South Africa event in Cape Town in May 2019.

Preparation began with research to learn about potential students, the culture, challenges, etc. The Canadian Trade Commissioner in South Africa, Keith Banerjee, provided insight to support our work. At ICEF, student recruitment professionals were given the opportunity to schedule and book meetings with prospective agents and enjoy a cultural introduction to

help develop an understanding of the region.

Through referrals provided by the Trade Commissioner, David had the opportunity to visit a number of secondary schools, including Reddam House Somerset West in Cape Town. During his visit, David observed students preparing for their school-leaving certificate exams - MATRICS. David presented a workshop at the school in which he shared the many benefits of attending Mohawk College and the advantages of studying in Canada.

Regular and informative communication is key to building relationships in this region and we look forward to growing Mohawk College's reputation in South Africa.



Departmental Updates

Our Equity and Social Inclusion Commitments

In April 2019, the International Management group welcomed Maxine Carter, Director and Special Advisor, Equity and Social Inclusion to their team meeting where she shared the Equity and Social Inclusion Commitments adopted by the College in fall 2018. The Commitments give the College a baseline when considering new opportunities and ensure all initiatives include a focus on equity. In July 2019, Dean Keith Monrose welcomed Maxine to International Square where a plaque was unveiled affirming Mohawk International's commitment to the Equity and Inclusion Framework.

Dean Keith Monrose and Director and Special Advisor, Equity and Social Inclusion Maxine Carter unveiling the Commitments plaque.



Associate Vice President, Student Services, Meg Houghton inspired the team at the start of the Retreat.

Mohawk International Staff Retreat

On June 4th, the Mohawk International Team and cross-college supports enjoyed a day of team-building and strategic planning at Liuna Station. To kick off to the day, the team was greeted by Associate Vice President, Student Services, Meg Houghton, who joined Mohawk in April 2019. Meg thanked the team for their ongoing efforts to support students with empathy and compassion. She left everyone with the inspirational message that we all play influential roles in creating opportunities for inclusive, equitable education that transforms lives and empowers communities. In the afternoon, staff enjoyed a thought-provoking presentation from the Level 12 group. Later, staff put their technical and creative skills to work assembling bicycles for donation to children of the Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton.



Staff and student recipients of the bicycles at the end of a productive retreat.





Congratulations to Maria Bracalenti!



Congratulations Maria Bracalenti for winning the Bronze in the Leadership Excellence - Non-Managerial Staff category from Colleges and Institutes Canada.

The Mohawk International team is very proud to share that Maria Bracalenti was selected to receive the "Leadership Excellence Award for Non-Managerial Staff" from Colleges and Institutes Canada (CiCAN). The award, recognizing an extraordinary contribution to the Mohawk College community through teamwork, exemplary performance and creativity, was granted at the CiCAN Conference Gala held in Niagara Falls in May 2019. As International Student Advisor, Maria consistently goes above and beyond and has developed several initiatives to help international students transition to College and navigate a new life in Canada. Most notably, Maria led the development of Coffee Club, a conversational drop-in where students can practice English and make new friends. Congratulations, Maria!

International Women's Day Panel Features Coordinator of International Operations, Rouxanne Irving

On March 8, 2019, Mohawk's Business and Media Graduate Studies Program, the Mohawk College Alumni Department, and Mohawk International sponsored a panel of international female alumni as part of International Women's Day celebrations. The panel was moderated by International Faculty Lead, Mohawk College alumnus and Professor of Supply Chain Management, Carol Fleck, and featured Mohawk graduates Grace Siu, Alessandra Faria and Rouxanne Irving. The women, all former international students, are now successful professionals and change agents in their communities. They discussed the joys and challenges of embarking on a life journey in a new country and inspired the attendees with their stories of courage, resilience and determination.



Rouxanne Irving (third from left) with International department colleagues and Associate Dean, Business and Media Graduate Studies, Tracey Kadish (far right) on International Women's Day.

On the Move in International



Welcome Amy Keuhl

In her role as Explore & Short-Term Programs Lead, Amy helps build partnerships both within the college and externally. Amy's work supports opportunities for Mohawk students and faculty to travel abroad for academic purposes, and for students to visit Mohawk for short-term learning experiences. Amy's own experiences travelling, studying international affairs, and teaching in remote locations in Canada allow her to empathize with students who are transitioning to new environments.



Amy Keuhl

Welcome Breska Ulhaq

Breska Ulhaq joined the recruitment team in February 2019 as a Market Specialist for the Middle East and North Africa. With her rich past experience in student services, she is thrilled to continue assisting students as they take steps towards a new academic journey. Breska provides support to both students and agent partners and looks forward to contributing to the quality services provided by the International Team at Mohawk College.



Breska Ulhaq



Welcome Andréia C. Lubini



Andréia C. Lubini

As Events Assistant in the Language & Culture Centre (LCC), Andréia supports behind-the-scenes and event-day operations in the LCC, liaising with staff, faculty, volunteers and external organizations to create great experiences for students. She brings her passion for innovation and design, and experience in

logistics support and customer service to the LCC. Until November 2019, Andréia will be temporarily covering the Welcoming Officer role. Andréia loves learning about new cultures and, as an expat herself, understands the joys and dilemmas of adjusting to life in a new country.

Welcome Jonathon McCallum



Jonathon McCallum

Jonathon joined the General Arts and Science – English for Academic Purposes (GAS-EAP) team as full-time Professor in July 2019. He has been teaching in the Language & Culture Centre in the GAS-EAP program since 2015. Jonathon holds an Honours Bachelor's Degree and Master of Arts Degree in Classical Studies from McMaster University and a diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language from the Canadian College of Educators. He has a passion for seeking out experiential learning opportunities, taking his language-learning classes out into the community to explore Hamilton and the surrounding area.

Welcome Jenn Horwath

Jenn Horwath joined International as Academic Coordinator in April 2019. She works in collaboration with college academic teams to develop resources and programs to support international student success and foster global competencies. Jenn brings experience from the Library, Centre for Teaching & Learning and Project Management Office at Mohawk and is thrilled to be a part of a team providing opportunities for students to engage with the world as global citizens.



Jenn Horwath

So long Linda Epplett

Mohawk International bid a fond farewell to Linda Epplett, International Square Coordinator, in June 2019. Linda's influential career at Mohawk, which began in 1988, saw her in various roles in departments from Counselling to Engineering. Her work on a research project for the Canada Millennium Foundation sparked a passion for enabling student success that led her to joining International in 2011. Linda played a key role in ensuring students have a soft place to land when making the giant step of moving to Canada; Linda's care was evident in every interaction. We wish Linda every joy in her next adventures.



Linda Epplett

So long Shirley Bainbridge



Shirley Bainbridge

Shirley Bainbridge, professor in the Early Childhood Education program, has been an International Faculty Lead since the inception of the program in fall 2017. As part of the inaugural team of dedicated professors across the schools, Shirley was instrumental in identifying needs, discovering strategies and developing a range of supports, most notably the International Student Toolkit. Shirley laid the groundwork for the development of enhanced supports for international students; her positive approach and deep compassion and kindness have been an inspiration to the team. We wish Shirley every joy in her retirement.

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