# International Student Newsletter \*



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#### ISP Fall 2024 Photo Contest Winners

Our team is happy to announce the winners of our 2024 Photo Contest! Each participant shared a beautiful moment, and we truly enjoyed receiving all your submissions. Let's take a moment to read what the winners had to say about their photos.

### Nguyen Vy

This photo is of my dog Bella, she is a piece of my comfort every day. Seeing her wagging her tail and welcoming me every time I got home is so comforting to me, even though she doesn't speak anything, looking at her eyes and her body language tells me everything she wanted to tell her about my day, that she misses me all day long, and finally, she gets to see me.

Living here in The
United States without
my family, Bella
reminded me of
home, of my old dog
in Vietnam, she
reminded me of my
hometown, where I
have my family, my
dog, and my
memories.



## Alejandro Polo



Last summer I was lucky to have my parents visit my brother and me in LA. We took them on drives around the city just as they once did for us when we were little. These moments reminded me of my childhood in Peru, and I'm glad I could capture the trip's highlight: their 25th-anniversary vow renewal, a milestone that I will always treasure.

#### Caio Almeida

I come from an island in Brazil called São Luís. Studying in the USA has been an incredible journey, filled with new experiences and growth. But every time I go to the beach, I'm reminded of my roots. The sound of the waves, the salty breeze, and the open horizon bring me back to the familiar shores of my hometown. It's like a piece of São Luís follows me, connecting me to my culture and the warmth of home, even from miles away.



#### How to Access Your Educational Plan Online

Did you know that you can view your educational plan online? In simple terms, an educational plan is a list of classes organized by semester that you need to complete for your major. With ECC Connect, you can easily access the educational plan that has been approved by your academic counselor. To log into your ECC Connect account, scan the QR code and use your MyECC login information.





# THANK YOU FOR COMING!



ISP Friendsgiving Party 2024

#### Semester Guideline

Planning a vacation? Be sure to return before classes begin.

Winter Classes start Monday, January 6. Spring Classes start Tuesday, February 18.

Enjoy your Winter Break!

# **Travel Signature**

If you plan to travel outside of the U.S. during the holidays, be sure to have your I-20 form signed before you leave. You can easily do this online by scanning the QR code below. After completing the form, you will receive your signed I-20 at the email address

added to the form. Please be sure to complete the form before the winter recess.



# **Important Dates**

Monday, December 2: Spring Registration Starts

Saturday, December 14: Fall Semester Ends

Monday, December 23 to Monday, January 1:

Winter Recess (Campus Closed.)

Monday, January 6: Winter 2025 Semester Starts

Tuesday, February 18: Spring 2025 Semester Starts