



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2018
NOVEMBER 12TH -18TH

INTERNATIONAL BUCCANEER BUDDIES:

IBB MID-WEEK MEETUP & DINNER MEETUP

Join IBB at our mid-week and dinner meetups!

- When: **Wednesdays at 12:30pm, Thursdays at 7:30pm**
- Where: ETSU Market Place

IBB POTLUCK DINNER & CULINARY CONTEST

Join us for our Potluck Dinner! **Bring a dish to share with everyone.** If you'd like, enter our Culinary World Cup—your dish could win \$25 on your ID Buc\$.

- When: **Friday, November 16th at 6:00pm**
- Where: CPA Court 4

***SIGN UP HERE:** <https://goo.gl/forms/Jv2iTeapnCCnpyl3>



HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Monday, 11/12

Mini-Language Lessons
10:00am-2:00pm
Reece Museum

ETSU Holiday Lights

5:45—Alumni Plaza
Dossett Hall 2nd Floor lobby

Tuesday, 11/13

Free Lunch at Campus House
11:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday, 11/14

IBB Mid-Week Meetup
12:30 p.m.
Marketplace

Thursday 11/15

English Table
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Sherrod Library Room 128

Dance around the World

CPA Dance Studio
7:00pm

Friday, 11/16

IBB Potluck Dinner
CPA Court 4
6:00pm

African Night

Brown Hall 112
7:00pm

Sunday, 11/18

Thanksgiving Dinner
BCM
6:30pm

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:

ETSU HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Join Dr. Noland and SGA President Megha Gupta as they turn on the holiday lights **Monday, November 12th!**

- **5:45 at Alumni Plaza:** watch as the lights are turned on for the first time
- Immediately after the lighting, head to the **2nd floor lobby of Dossett Hall** for music, refreshments and Santa Claus.

AFRICAN NIGHT

Experience the rich culture of Africa through music, acting, dancing, comedy and pageantry. Admission is free!

When: Friday, November 16th 7:00pm

Where: Brown Hall 112

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

- **Mini-Language Lessons:** Learn conversation-level global language or practice your intermediate-level language with international students!
 - **Monday, November 12th, 10:00am-2:00pm**
 - Reece Museum
- **Dance around the World:** Learn dances from around the world!
 - **Thursday, November 15th, 7:00pm**
 - CPA Dance Studio

NOBUNTU LIVE IN CONCERT

Come and enjoy the music of Nobuntu, an a cappella group from Zimbabwe, who interweaves native music, afro jazz and gospel with instruments and movement.

*Tickets are \$5 for students

- When: **Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30pm**
- Where: Central Baptist Church, Johnson City
300 North Roan Street
Johnson City, TN 37601

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NEED TO SEE BRITTANY?

ISS OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

OR

EMAIL/CALL FOR AN
APPOINTMENT

MULTICULTURAL CENTER LOUNGE HOURS:

Monday-Friday
8:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday
11:00am-4:00pm

Sunday
2:00pm-7:00pm

BCM THANKSGIVING DINNER

You are invited to the BCM's American Traditions Thanksgiving Dinner, for international students and alumni!

- **When:** Sunday, November 18th—6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Program
- **Where:** Baptist Collegiate Ministry
1012 Seminole Dr. Johnson City
- **RSVP to** alumni@etsu.edu (tell them you are coming) by **November 16th**

HAPPENING WEEKLY:

ENGLISH TABLE

Improve your English listening and speaking; learn about American culture. Contact English Table leader Hannah Absher (absberh@etsu.edu) for more information.

Thursday, November 15th

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sherrod Library, room 128 (1st floor)

CAMPUS HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Campus House provides weekly activities and opportunities for international students to make connections with other ETSU students.

Weekly Activities:

- **Tuesday - Free Lunch** from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday - Dinner for a dollar** at 6 pm and a worship service at 7 pm (The worship service is for those interested in a Christian worship/study outlet.)
- **Friday: World Café**—Every Friday from 8pm-midnight, international and American students and community volunteers are invited to go to Campus House for snacks, games, and conversation.



International Student Spotlight

Meet Akihito Saito!



Aki Saito is from Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan. Known for having the second largest lake in Japan, Ibaraki is located just north of Tokyo. It has an extensive coastline on the Pacific Ocean, and it is mostly flat. Aki jokes that is it the lowest ranked prefecture in Japan, and is home to the mafia and crime. Tokyo is only a little over an hour away, however, so many people often travel there. Aki comes from a family of four. His father works for the city, and his mother is an obstetric nurse. His younger brother is studying to get accepted to a university.

Aki attends Chuo University in Tokyo, Japan's large and diverse capital city. Aki majors in landscaping. He chose this because his hometown was damaged during the earthquake in 2011, and he would like to help rebuild. Though Aki's family lives in Ibaraki, he lived in an apartment in Tokyo before he came to the US. Aki's favorite part of Tokyo is Akabane, a retro residential neighborhood. Full of inexpensive bars and restaurants, Akabane is a great place to hang out.

Aki is a comedian! He and his friend perform stand-up comedy on campus and around Tokyo. In order to keep creating funny stories and jokes to share, Aki always draws inspiration from

his experiences. In addition to being a comedian, Aki is also a soccer player. He's played for ten years on school teams. Aki also enjoys watching wrestling and movies. Though Japanese wrestling is his favorite, Aki also likes WWE and the Undertaker. His favorite movie is *The Devil Wears Prada* (he's a fan of Anne Hathaway).

Aki arrived at ETSU in August and will stay for two semesters. Aki jokes that his first choice was Paris—because of his favorite movie—but he wasn't smart enough to go there. He chose the US for the chance to improve his English skills, and ETSU because his "boss" (a friend from Japan) was already studying here. Aki's goals for his time here include understanding cultural diversity, learning about and meeting people from different cultures, and improving his English.

Aki has enjoyed his time here so far, and he declares that nothing has been too difficult. He likes that people openly share their opinions and are easier to talk with here, and also that cars always stop for pedestrians. Aki's favorite aspect of life in Johnson City is the people. Everyone is kind and friendly. Because of his involvement in IBB, Aki has made friends from around the world. His friends at other universities do not have programs like IBB and have had trouble making friends, so Aki feels lucky to be here.

Aki will graduate from Chuo University in 2020. He hopes to work in system engineering and to get married one day.

Welcome to ETSU, Aki! We are happy to have you with us.