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FRIENDSGIVING

Planning and Event Report

An event with the Office of International Programs

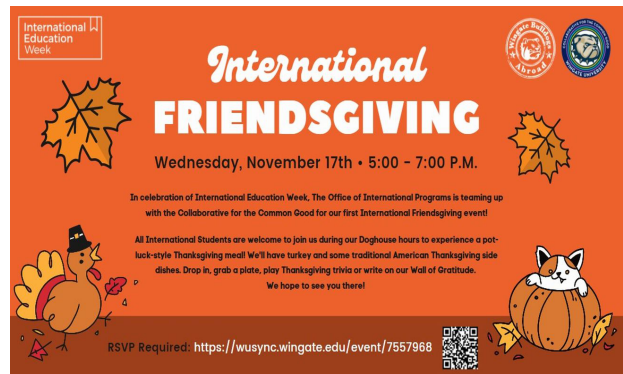
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Friendsgiving

Planning

The Office of International Programs contacted the CCG to host a “Friendsgiving” during International Education Week. This event would allow international students to experience many of the traditional American foods served at Thanksgiving, and because of the CCG’s successful [2020 winter meal program](#), OIP and the CCG were prepared to host the event. Friendsgiving would take place during the CCG’s weekly “Doghouse” drop-in hours in order to increase awareness of the CCG’s new programming. Because of limited capacity in Austin Auditorium and general unsureness of how successful the event would be, only international students and their guests would be able to attend the inaugural Friendsgiving.

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| ✓ Creation of event on WUSync |
| ✓ Calls for casserole and supply donations |
| ✓ Advertisement of Event |
| ✓ Set up the space |
| ✓ Friendsgiving and Activities |



The CCG created the event on their WUSync page. The graphic was created by OIP, and OIP marketed to all of the F-1 Visa students. Other international students were welcome as well, and Wingate faculty and staff were welcome to invite these students to Friendsgiving.

Mary Coon (Chemistry) was a great resource for collecting casserole and supply donations from Wingate faculty and staff. Below is the template for the Google Sheet sign-up form. This form was distributed to faculty and staff thanks to the CCG family, OIP family, Mary Coon, and other Wingate employees.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Please plan to drop-off your Thanksgiving side dish at the CCG in Austin Auditorium before 5PM on Wednesday, November 17th.						
2	If you need to make alternative drop off plans, please contact Neely Griggs at (n.griggs@wingate.edu).						
3	For each dish you prepare, please bring a list of ingredients and a card with a few sentences of what the dish means to you! Examples: Is it a family recipe? Is it your favorite dish?						
4	Name	Email	Phone Number	What are you bringing?	Gluten Free?	Vegetarian?	Dairy Free?
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Neely Griggs, the VISTA member, Danielle Nook, and Jennifer Armentrout worked together to set up the lobby of Austin Auditorium to host Friendsgiving. Contributors were reminded to drop off their casseroles before 5 on Wednesday. Countertop ovens were borrowed from the Chemistry department to reheat casseroles, and these were set up in the CCG space. Tablecloths, to-go boxes, and other serving supplies were borrowed from the CCG's inventory. OIP organized turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, green beans, dinner rolls, and drinks were catered by Chartwells, the on-campus dining provider. Casseroles and desert that were donated included sweet potato casserole, homemade dressing and stuffing, pineapple casseroles, chocolate pie, pecan pie, and much more.

The Event

Students were welcome to drop in at the event anytime between 5 and 7. OIP organized Thanksgiving trivia during the event and created a "Wall of Gratitude" that students could contribute to by adding what they are thankful for this year. The Wall of Gratitude was available all week for any students that wished to add. Overall, the event was a huge success! Over 35 international students and guests attended Friendsgiving, and the CCG and OIP are hopeful that Friendsgiving can grow into an annual event, bringing international and domestic students together through this American holiday.

