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### **New Grinnellians—From Around the Globe!**

It started with phone calls and e-mails and carried on with handshakes, hugs and smiles. On August 19, 60 new students from 33 countries came together in JRC 101. Struggling with jetlag, they committed to earning the title of "Grinnellian." The OISA & International Pre -Orientation Committee (IPOC) led an intense 4-day program. Students met their host families and attended sessions like *Immigration ABCs* and *Academic Life in the USA*. They learned about American Football, visited Faulconer Gallery, toured downtown Grinnell, and learned how to do their own laundry! The CIS Interns led a stereotype-breaking activity called 'American as Apple Pie' and everyone enjoyed our finale, an Iowa-style Barn Dance at the Lang Farm.

We are thrilled to have these many talented individuals join our community, as they strive to achieve academic success. We wish them all a phenomenal journey!

Our new students come from the nations listed below! How many can you find?



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Word search compliments of Iliana Radneva, ''09 (Bulgaria)

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Scavenger Hunt Winners!



### A Few Changes in the Office...

**NEW** *Name*! Over the summer, we officially made the transition to the *Office of International Student Affairs* (OISA) (we were formerly the Office of International Student Services, OISS). (*It has not been updated everywhere yet... but we are working on it.*)

**NEW Office!** If you haven't been up to the Student Affairs suite yet, you might want to stop by and take a look at *Brenda Strong's* new 'digs.' We're thrilled to give her a bit more privacy (especially considering the amount of regulatory work she is involved with). We still have an open door for students, of course - but it might be wise (and helpful for us) if you call ahead and set an appointment time!

**NEW Focus!** Hanna L. Armstrong has a new title, as International & Academic Advisor. In addition to her work with Academic Advising, she'll be helping the OISA in many ways... including coordination of Coffee & Conversations, the Iowa Fellows Program, and working with Language Assistants, Global Nomads and exchange students.

#### **NEW** smiles!

Welcome to *Jennifer Bieniek*, an RLC at Grinnell, who will also help this year in the OISA—by coordinating the International Speakers Bureau (ISB) and advising the International Student Organization (ISO).

MQ Park was a member of IPOC (the International Pre-Orientation Committee) and he is staying on staff this year, as OISA Student Liaison and Editor of MOSAIC (this newsletter).

**NEW-ish website!** We started to make changes and updates (it is still a work in progress). Check out the Student Profiles; the Photo Gallery; and the Regulatory page... and feel free to make recommendations as we work to make the site a valuable resource for you!

### **Iowa International Fellows Program**

The OISA will select five students to represent Grinnell in this year's Iowa International Fellows Program.

The Iowa International Fellows Program is sponsored by Iowa Council for International Understanding and Stanley Foundation. Now, in its 14 year, the program offers a wonderful opportunity for international students from Iowa Colleges and Universities to increase their understanding of Iowa's role in the global environment and provide interactive learning opportunities between international students and Iowa leaders in government, education, business, and politics.

This year the program will offer four sessions in **Des Moines**, **Davenport**, and **Iowa City**. Sessions will address issues of: Multiculturalism and Ethnic Diversity; Economic Development and Globalization; Iowa Politics and Foreign Policy; and Civil Society and Governance. Sessions take place from Friday to Saturday, with two sessions in the fall and two in the spring. Lodging and transportation will be sponsored by OISA, SGA, program organizers, and program participants.

Take Advantage of this great opportunity!

Applications available from Hanna L. Armstrong, lukowicz@grinnell.edu, #3702

**Application Deadline: Sept. 22, 2008** 

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# **With Love From ISO...**

Submitted by Nabila Mirza '11, ISO President

ISO Cabinet '08

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Jennifer Bieniek (Advisor)

As Grinnell embraces enthusiastic new internationals from all over the world, the International Student Organization (ISO) grows and works to bring together the many cultures that help make this place diverse and exciting for all of us.

Of the several events that we host annually, the **International Food Bazaar** is one of the bigger ones where YOU guys get to cook home-made, mouth-savoring dishes (and of course share it



ISO Cabinet 2008

with the rest of us gluttonous food-loving Grinnellians). The Bazaar will be held in early November (right after fall break) and I hope you all will come prepared with recipes to show off your culinary talents. Another amazing event is **Cultural Evening.** We hope you will share your talents, or walk proudly on-stage in your attire from home - to portray some of the culture that makes your home special. This will be held after spring break, so use the time to prepare something impressive!

ISO also plans other fun events, like *The Rave* (a popular Harris party); and *Weekend Wellness* for those who like quiet, cozy weekends. We also organize occasional international cookouts, plus a *Language Buddy* program so that you can learn any language you want in a fun way, without getting graded for it.

We're looking really forward to working with you all this year, and it makes us happy that *so many Americans have signed up* to be a part of the group because that is our intention – to intermingle the US and international cultures. We hope your experience in Grinnell will be truly unique and educational so that by the time you graduate, there won't be a culture that's foreign to you. Questions, concerns, loves, and hugs are always welcome – we love any excuse to talk so please feel free to bother us as you wish.

Loves, hugs, and candy, ISO Cabinet '08

## **An Inspiration Pursued**

Submitted by Joana Ofori-Addo '08 (Ghana)

# TEACHFORAMERICA

The *Teach For America* (TFA) recruiters who sat at the Forum Grill talking to students always caught my eye during my time at Grinnell, but I knew not to go too close to them. My conscious choice to avoid the recruiters was only because I had done my homework and I knew that *TFA* was not open to international students. My research had also informed me of the incredible things that *TFA* believed in; that every student deserved an excellent education and that they had been doing something about it for the past 18 years. In February '08, I received an email from OISA about an International Students Pilot Program that TFA was trying out in Houston. With the help and advice of Doug Cutchins, I went through the rigorous application process and accepted a life-changing opportunity to join the Teach For America movement!

If anyone had told me a year ago that I would be teaching math to 8<sup>th</sup> graders the next August, I would have laughed hysterically—but I have now been teaching for one week and I know this is exactly where I need to be. I am in a place of great influence and my vision is to make a difference in the lives of every student who enters my classroom. Everything I do and every lesson I learn from being in the Teach For America Corps will equip me for whatever life holds for me later on. I don't know what that is yet, but I know it will be worth being right here, right now, as a part of this movement!

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### **Regulatory Updates & Reminders**

**Social Security Administration** will visit the OISA again on *September 15* to conduct office hours for Grinnell's international students and scholars. Let Brenda Strong know in advance if you wish to participate in their visit.

**New F/J Students, Language Assistants, and Visiting Faculty:** When you receive your *Social Security Card*, PLEASE report the number to the OISA and we will report the # as appropriate on campus. Please be sure to report your number to your bank, if applicable.

#### For ALL F/J Students...

**State ID Cards:** Once you receive a SS#, you are eligible to apply for a *State of Iowa ID Card*. Visit the *Community Center* at 927 4th Avenue (Park Street Entrance) Open Wednesdays, from 8:30 to 11:30 & 12:30 to 4:00.\*Take your SS card, passport, visa, I-94, & I-20 or DS-2019. The cost is \$5.00.

#### SEVIS requires that you notify the OISA if you:

- Declare or change your major;
- Change the completion date of your academic program;
- Have a change in address (either in the US or abroad)!

#### OFF CAMPUS WORK OPTIONS

\*For F-1 visa holders who have completed their first academic year:

- <u>Curricular Practical Training</u> CPT authorization is **job-specific**, and must be "an integral part of an established curriculum". Approval requires that the work carry 2 credits and approval by Grinnell's Curriculum Committee. The spring '09 deadline for CPT will be April 3rd.
- Optional Practical Training (OPT) OPT is designed to provide for **employment experience** in your major field of study. It is not job specific. An F-1 is eligible to apply for 12 months of OPT per degree (and might have access to a 17 month extension, depending on your major). OPT can be used during your studies or after you graduate. It costs \$340 and takes 90+ days to adjudicate.
- <u>Economic Hardship</u> If on-campus employment is not sufficient, and you are experiencing (and can document) severe economic hardship "due to unforeseen circumstances beyond your control," you may be eligible to apply for an **off-campus work** permit based on Economic Hardship.

Watch the OISA e-mail announcements about information sessions on OPT/CPT; make an appointment with Karen Edwards to learn more; or e-mail us to request an electronic handout!

<u>Reminder to Grinnell F and J students</u>: Unlawful employment is typically an 'unforgivable' violation for a non-immigrant visa holder. Receiving payment (financial or otherwise) for services from any source other than Grinnell Col-

### What is a GLOBAL NOMAD?

Where are you from? Where is 'home'? What is your culture? If you don't know how to answers these questions—that is great! You might just be a **Global Nomad!** A Global Nomad is an individual, regardless of nationality, who spent pre -adult years living outside of their country of passport—usually because of their parents' career choices. A Global Nomad lifestyle can help you develop a unique sense of connection to <u>all</u> cultures. Your experiences, observations and skills have allowed you to skillfully manage making transitions to new surroundings ...but it is always great to connect with other fellow travelers!

The OISA is interested in connecting with Global Nomads, and we would also like to help you connect with each other!

For more information contact Hanna at Lukowicz@Grinnell.edu, x3702, JRC 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

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### I.S.B. Is Seeking Enthusiastic 'Experts'

Everyone is an expert of their own life experiences! Through the International Speakers  $\bf B$ ureau, the OISA wants to encourage students to share your enthusiasm and knowledge about your homeland and culture—your 'life expertise'!

The city of Grinnell is a beautiful snapshot within a larger world, but the College enrolls 180+ students from over 50 countries! YOU (experts) can provide a panorama of perspectives and insights to the greater Grinnell community. ISB is our attempt to help bring global perspectives to local venues.

Would you like to be an enthusiastic expert? Fill out the enclosed ISB signup form and return it to the OISA!

\*NOTE to Host Families and Faculty/Staff readers: If you would like to invite an ISB 'expert' to visit your classroom; child's school; place of worship; local service organization; or to get involved in a special event you are organizing - please contact Jennifer Bieniek at ISB@grinnell.edu to discuss your request!

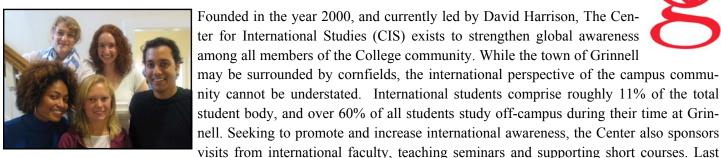
"Embracing diversity is one adventure after another, opening new paths of discovery that connect an understanding to caring, listening, and sharing with others who are different than ourselves."

-April Holland

ISB Contact Info: Jennifer Bieniek isb@grinnell.edu 269-3581

## Center for International Studies (CIS) Interns, 2008-09

Submitted by Hamza Hasan, '09 (Pakistan)



Founded in the year 2000, and currently led by David Harrison, The Center for International Studies (CIS) exists to strengthen global awareness among all members of the College community. While the town of Grinnell may be surrounded by cornfields, the international perspective of the campus community cannot be understated. International students comprise roughly 11% of the total student body, and over 60% of all students study off-campus during their time at Grinnell. Seeking to promote and increase international awareness, the Center also sponsors

spring, CIS selected five outstanding students to serve as CIS Interns for 2008-2009 - to add energy and insights to their efforts. Over the course of the school year, the CIS Interns will organize a number of projects to help internationalize the campus. The Interns led a workshop for the OISA during Pre-Orientation introducing new international students to American culture, and they also helped co-host a Welcome Reception for new and returning international students and other Grinnellians who were returning from off-campus study. They have subscribed to several publications, ranging from Le Monde's English edition to The Economist, to place on a newspaper rack in the Grill area—to increase the availability of international news in a public area. This fall, the interns are organizing a photo exhibit of pictures taken by students returning from off-campus study, to showcase their world travels. They also plan to organize a forum discussion about "Globalization of the Arts", cataloguing the experiences of Grinnell students both in the US and around the world.

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# The 'lazy' days of summer.... (NOT)



Who says summer is a time to be lazy? Grinnellians know better!

Our office was flooded with fantastic stories about students who dispersed across the nation and around the globe - to spend their summers in productive and fascinating ways. These three pages provide a small snapshot of just a few of those interesting stories...from Grinnell to Beijing.

The common thread, when we dig a little further, was advance planning! Whether you're thinking about an internship, a summer course, or an exotic excursion... we encourage you to start thinking **now** to set the groundwork for using next summer wisely.

### **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Submitted by Bian Lu '09, who spent eight weeks of her summer in Beijing as an intern in the UNDP

Biodiversity in China has global significance and considerable local economic and cultural value. The well-being and diversity of ecosystems are of vital importance for the maintenance of soil fertility, water quality, oxygen supply, and carbon sequestration. Having strong interests in both environmental conservation and development in China, I undertook an eight-week summer internship at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-Country Office Support Unit (COSU), the operational unit for EU-China Biodiversity Programme field projects throughout China.

The 51-million Euro EU-China Biodiversity Programme (ECBP) is not only European Union's largest overseas biodiversity conservation programme but also a major international programme for the Chinese government to cooperate with international partners in biodiversity conservation. During the internship, I spent roughly 5 weeks in the ECBP headquarter in Beijing, where major programme management takes place with two other ECBP working components (Project Management Office, and Visibility and Awareness Component). Although the working environment is a typi-



Bian Lu '09, with co-workers

cal fast-pace office setting located in the National Environmental Protection Bureau, I had opportunities to meet environmental experts and participate in daily meetings with members from other departments. In addition to working in Beijing, I participated in on-site field trips to conduct annual monitoring missions of field projects located in western and southern China. I was able to formulate a bottom-up approach on how a field project is operated in the site with local staff and consultants. The monitoring mission with COSU colleagues, moreover, was a great experience for me to be involved in evaluating a project and contributing my own opinion to the key stakeholders' decision.

My COSU summer internship on EU-China Biodiversity Programme has been a great success in terms of my accomplishment and for my career development. I am glad that I could apply my writing and presentation skills learned at Grinnell in specialized fields and work with experienced colleagues with international background; more importantly, I have strengthened my academic background in biodiversity by grasping basic knowledge in a short period of time.

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### **Exploring Career Paths: Clarity in Numbers, LLC**

Submitted by Sokthearin Than '10 (Cambodia)

With the help from Grinnell College Career Development Office (CDO) I discovered an opportunity to spend a very productive and educational summer interning at an actuarial firm in Chicago. During his spring semester, I worked with the CDO frequently, updating my resume, writing a sound cover letter, and learning about internship opportunities.



When I saw this internship posting, I applied and got the position as an actuarial intern for Clarity in Numbers, LLC (*Clarity*). Before the internship began, I was nervous as to how much my supervisor expected me to know about actuarial science. However, as my summer went by, I came to learn a great deal about actuarial work from highly-experienced actuaries. My project as an actuarial intern at *Clarity* mainly focused on healthcare, pension plans and other post-retirement benefit plans. In calculating the valuations for benefit plans, I had hands-on experience on one of the most important actuarial valuation program called *Proval*. Moreover I have improved my interpersonal and teamwork skills significantly as I worked closely with my mentor, Lindsey Buckle, on various projects. I was concerned in the early stage of my internship, but after all, I realized that internships are supposed to be a learning experience.

I had never thought of myself doing any sort of actuarial work, but my summer internship allowed me to explore my career interests and I found out that being an actuary might just be one of my possible career options!.

### Mentored Advanced Project: A Vigorous Research Experience

Submitted by Iliana Radneva '09 (Bulgaria)

As I was approaching the end of my junior year, I started thinking about what I would want to do once I graduate from Grinnell College. As a math and psychology double-major, I couldn't imagine how I would make up my mind as to which field I liked better! Then, I thought, what better way to decide than to do more comprehensive research in one area to explore it more intensely!

My research took the form of a summer MAP (Mentored Advanced Project) with Professor Charles Jepsen of the Mathematics Department. The MAP lasted 8 weeks – from the end of May through the end of July. It turned out to be a great experience in many different aspects—not solely academic. I worked on an interesting open geometrical problem. My professor had been working on different variations of the problem for some time, so it was very exciting to see how my new ideas compared to his previously-tried approaches.

In addition to getting to work in a field that I was interested in, I also got to experience how it would feel like to do math research as a job (since MAPs are considered a full-time job). As a result, I could begin

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to picture the intensity of being a graduate student in mathematics. That is one of the best things about doing a MAP - you get hands-on experience in a specific field, and can hence make a much more educated decision about whether or not you might enjoy working on it later on.

Doing a MAP at Grinnell has a number of additional bonuses. First, you learn how to live on your own (not in college housing), cook your own meals and pay your own bills. Second, because work hours are quite flexible, you will find your time management skills improving substantially. Last, but certainly not least, you get the chance to experience summer in Grinnell - and it is lovely! The campus is very calm and relaxing, without all the stress and bustling around of the academic year, and you are taking only one class basically (and of course, getting paid ②).

The best reason, of course, is that engaging in a MAP can show you how a certain field looks at a higher level. It can be a very useful experience, especially if you are not completely sure what field you want to pursue. It is a great way to learn more about a topic that interests you. (PLUS, you still get four additional weeks of your summer free!)

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### Fischlowitz Scholars—Explore the USA

During Hai Tran's journey, he was hosted for three days by Grinnell Alum Hubert Farbes, an attorney in Denver, Colorado. Hai was given a personal introduction to the city and to Farbes' law firm. He visited the mountains and enjoyed the local cuisine with his new friend and per-

sonal tour guide.

"I asked him (Hubert Farbes) for some advice, about what city might be best to study or practice law." said Tran. "He shared a few specific insights, but then offered the following words of wisdom: 'No matter where you go, people are all similar in that they all want to love and be loved, care and be cared for, understand and be understood."



Hai Tran '09 and Hubert Farbes'69, in Denver



Karuna Giri '10 at the Grand Canyon

Karuna Giri (Nepal) set out to explore WATER in the USA — including a visit (left) to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

"Looking down the Grand Canyon, experiencing the extremes of acrobatics on a show in Vegas and going on a subset kayak trip outside of Seattle are some of the highlights of my travels this summer. I returned to Grinnell with a deeper understanding of the US, and more memories that I will cherish for a lifetime."

# Impressions of the Local Landscape...

Solomon Akesseh '11 (Ghana) spent his summer in Grinnell. He took advantage of his free time by biking into the country with his Canon Rebel Xt.—

The results were stunning!



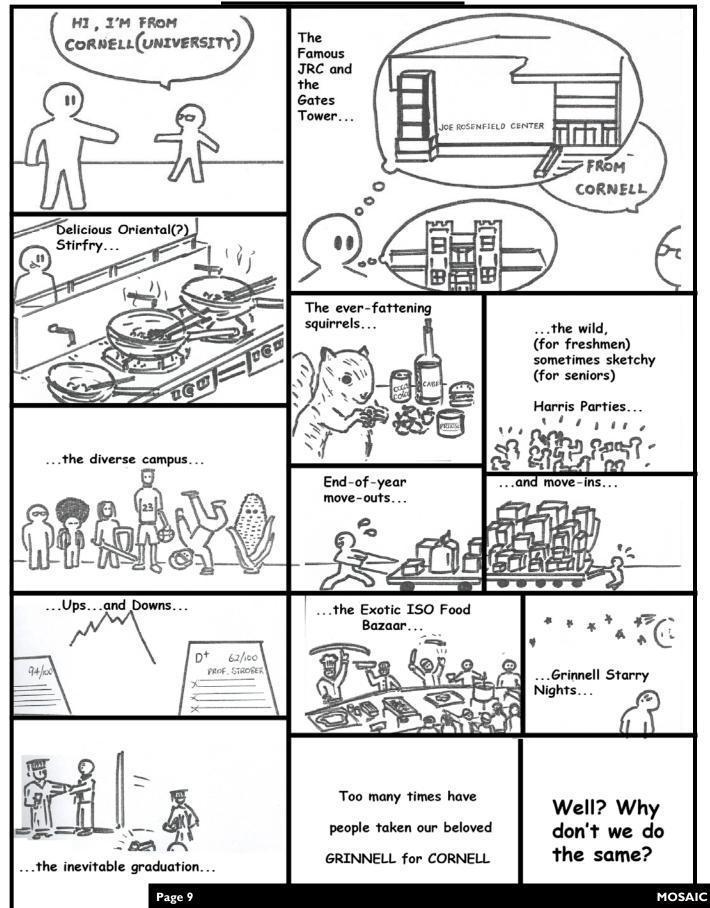


(B & W just does NOT do them justice...).

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Read about the Fischlowitz Scholarship: http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/SocialCommitment/awards/
Application Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2009

### **The True Grinnellian**





### **Greetings, from International Admission**

From Jonathan Edwards, Associate Dean of Admission and Coordinator of International Admission

This was a great first year as Coordinator of International Admission and we have a wonderful group of new international students to show for our efforts. **Melinda Drees**, our International Application Coordinator, and I learned a lot working together and are building on a positive foundation for the future. I am also fortunate to have the help of two International Admission Interns, **Laura Pineiro Nogueira '09** and **Gayatri Jayal '11** who are working in our office this year. They will be primary contacts for student inquiries and work on special international recruitment projects as well. I hope that you will respond positively if they solicit your help in our recruitments efforts!



Jon Edwards & Harry Inglis '09 (South Africa), during the Pre-Orientation Jam Session

My travel plans this year include a three week tour to eleven countries in Central and South America. In November, I'll lead a recruitment tour in Eastern Europe and present at an international education conference in Monaco, before returning to Grinnell. In addition, our Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Seth Allen, will travel to Europe, and Quinton Clay, Assistant Dean of Admission, will make a recruitment trip to Jamaica this October.

Please feel free to stop by the office or email me with names of potential applicants (friends, classmates, family members) whom you feel we should reach out to, or with any recruitment ideas or other help you'd like to offer. For example, we have had current students do presentations at their home high school or host prospective student receptions while they are home for breaks. We would also like to enhance our photo gallery and international student profile page on the web, so please think about submitting material for these pages.

We look forward to your contributions on campus this year and your continuing involvement with admissions!

**Coffee & Conversations:** A weekly opportunity for anyone who would like to attend! This is time to meet new friends and to socialize – with a unique focus on social and academic English language skills and US culture. Hosted by Hanna L. Armstrong,, OISA, in collaboration with the Writing and Reading Labs.

Every Thursday, from 4:15 – 5:00pm, ISO Meeting Room, JRC 209 H

**Testing the Echo Auditions:** Grinnell's Department of Theatre & Dance presents David Edgar's play, 'Testing the Echo,' exploring national and cultural identity. *Auditions: September 22 & 23*. Contact Director Lesley Delmenico for information! (they are need dialect coaches for: Russian; Serbian/Albanian/Kosovan; Pakistani; Korean/Chinese; Greek; Indian; Somali; Congolese; Iranian; Egyptian; English (London)

**Farm Tour & Pumpkin Carving:** hosted by Gene Adkins. We'll visit a couple farms, enjoy a cook-out, and carve Jack-O-Lanterns for Halloween! **Thursday, October 23 (during fall break)** \*Sign up in the OISA!

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### The Iraqi Student Project



Olivia Birwari '12 in Bosra

"With Iraq's excellent higher education system in ruins, with more than four million Iraqis displaced inside and outside of Iraq, with occupation and sectarian strife continuing and an estimated death toll of more than a million Iraqis, the Iraqi Student Project [ISP] seeks to make a small effort toward reconciliation and restitution. Our goal is to bring qualified Iraqis to study without cost to US colleges and universities beginning in the Fall of 2008." - Mission Statement of the Iraqi Student Project

College-age Iraqis were born during the Iran-Iraq war, started elementary school after the war of 1991 when US attacks destroyed much of Iraq's infrastructure. When they were in middle school and high school sanctions against Iraq continued to cause increasing infant mortality, illiteracy and malnutrition. Still Iraq's education system continued to function, the heir of thousands of years of learn-

ing in the Cradle of Civilization. But even that has crumbled after the US invasion of 2003, the occupation and the years of violence. Universities have been bombed, professors have been killed or become refugees in other countries, and travel to and from the universities is dangerous.

More than two million Iraqis have become refugees outside Iraq, primarily in Jordan and Syria. Among them, Olivia Birwari— now a first year student at Grinnell College. In the summer of 2007 a few Americans living in Damascus started the Iraqi Student Project (<a href="www.iraqistudentproject.org">www.iraqistudentproject.org</a>), modeled on the Bosnian Student Project of the 1990s. If there is a single wonderful thing the US has to offer, it is excellence in higher education. What better way to begin to bring Iraqis and Americans together in peace.

ISP has worked to find tuition waivers at US colleges and universities, and to form support groups who will provide Iraqi students with housing, books and other needs. About a dozen schools, including Grinnell, have chosen to participate in this grass roots effort. We are so very pleased in welcoming Olivia Birwari to Grinnell College!

### **Host Family Program 'Corner'**

**Introducing - our new Host Family Volunteer Coordinators**:

**Dixie Hansen, Sue Ramsay & Monica St. Angelo** have graciously agreed to serve in this new role! The Volunteer Coordinators will provide feedback to our program; help us review publications and communication; and will also help us recruit new family participants from the broader Grinnell community. THANKS and WELCOME!



Isaac '12 (Honduras) meets host family, Neela and Eric, for the first time during the Pre-Orientation Welcome Dinner.

Grinnell **Family Weekend** will take place Sept 19—21. The schedule is posted at: http://www.grinnell.edu/alumni/family/. Host families are invited and welcome to participate in these events!

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Several host families requested Grinnell's **Academic Year dates**, as well as more about **Transportation** options for students. Much of this information is available on the College web site, <a href="www.grinnell.edu/">www.grinnell.edu/</a>

- To find *important dates*, select 'Calendar' and then click on 'Academic Calendar' in the bottom right corner.
- To find transportation information, select 'Offices' and then 'Facilities Management'

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Mosaic art is created by arranging many small pieces of colored glass, stone or other material in a collage. Our newsletter celebrates the beauty of a diverse campus and world, with a particular focus on the unique gifts and perspectives that international and US global nomad students bring to our Mosaic. It is distributed to international students, host families, and various faculty and staff. We welcome your feedback and your contributions.

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