

## ICIU Announces International Guide to Iowa

“Welcome to Iowa,” is the first multi-lingual **International Guide to Iowa**, written in eight languages: English, Arabic, Bosnian, Mandarin Chinese, Laotian, Spanish, Swahili and Vietnamese. Published in August by the Des Moines Business Record, the Guide has been

The Guide is the first of its kind in the state and is not intended to be exhaustive; rather, it is designed to provide access to the most essential resources and to encourage the reader to go to the Iowa Council for International Understanding (ICIU)’s new website—set to launch in Oc-



received with excitement by service providers, Iowa natives and new Iowans alike.

The Guide specifically seeks to assist new immigrants with limited English proficiency in opening the door to the resources they will need to make Iowa a place to live, work and raise a family.

The opening sections are in the eight different languages and include information on emergency services and general needs, including accessing information through Iowa’s 211 system (which includes the limited opportunity to speak to someone in one’s native language through language line); on internet searches (including information on Iowa’s 543 libraries); on employment services (including New Iowan Centers); on finding a place of worship (whether a temple, or mosque, or Spanish-speaking churches, etc.); on finding where to go to learn English, including the Iowa Community colleges; and other essential service information.

The second section, written in Spanish and English, addresses topics such as education, financial services, government, social services, housing, law, civil rights, medical issues and employment. The Guide concludes with a State-wide Directory of resources, including various organizations (Sudanese, Tai Dam, Latino, Italian, Chinese, Taiwanese, German, French, Irish and more); a list of ethnic grocery stores, various educational and government organizations and services, and more.

tober 2009—for a more comprehensive listing of resources in Iowa. A searchable listing of the information provided in the Guide, as well as a listing of essential resources such as immigration attorneys, will be provided.

As time and funding permit, the depth and breadth of resources on ICIU’s website will be expanded. These expanded resources will seek to address the needs of all new Iowans, from someone who has taken a position as an officer in a major Iowa company and is looking for information on relocation services, as well as for the spouse of the new immigrant who wants to know about additional opportunities for the family. Most importantly, the guide, combined with the website, will better link existing services in our state to those in need of these services.

It is thanks to the **Business Record** that the International Guide to Iowa has been designed, published and made available in an online page-turning format available on both the Business Record and ICIU websites. Connie Wimer, Chairman of Business Publications Corporation, and Patsy Shors, Retired ICIU Board Director, identified the need for the Guide several years ago and approached Director Judith Conlin to author it. Their vision, combined with the leadership of Janette Larkin, Publisher, and Kris Maggard, Magazines and Custom Publishing Manager, resulted in the development and publication of this ground-breaking guide. This act of courage and of generosity is to be applauded as the guide looks to the future needs of Iowa



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and addresses those needs by providing resources for the future citizens of Iowa.

ICIU also wishes to thank the numerous translators who volunteered their time to ensure the Guide reaches the expanding multi-lingual communities throughout Iowa. Several of the translators spent days with graphic designer Shaun Riekema at the Business Record. Their commitment to excellence through accuracy is deeply appreciated.



## Executive Director's Corner

### Announcing Iowa Global Connect

By Dr. Judith A. Conlin

As we noted in the cover article, the publication of the first International Resource Guide for Iowa is thanks to the partnership with the **Business Record** who designed, published and put online in a page-turning format the first Guide of its kind for new Iowans. The **Business Record** inserted 7,000 copies of the Guide in the August 17, 2009 edition of the paper and printed an additional 8,000 copies, which are being distributed to strategic locations across Iowa. In addition to the page-turning online format, an online searchable resource format will be made available at [www.iciu.org](http://www.iciu.org) which makes it possible for the Guide to be maintained as a timely, dynamic vehicle with updates in different languages or with the addition of various resources.

Immediately upon publication the Guide was put to multiple uses.

Calls and e-mails came into the ICIU offices from all over Iowa, from Muscatine and Sioux City, Davenport and Dubuque. An instructor at DMACC's Urban Campus requested permission to use the Guide online in ESL classes; real estate agents have asked for copies for clients; requests from over 90 school districts in Central Iowa asked to use the Guide as a resource to "support school districts as they strive to meet the needs of all students . . ." There have been requests from Iraqi Refugees; from the International Students and Scholars Office at Iowa State University; from Iowa State University Extension Services, from the State of Iowa Diversity Conference and the Immigrant Entrepreneur Summit; from a Spanish newspaper in Humboldt, and a Social Service agency in Muscatine. We continue to respond to the overwhelming number of requests for use of the Guide. It is frankly heartwarming to hear how greatly it is being appreciated and how quickly it has been put to use.

The Guide is the first public phase of a much larger ICIU project entitled **Iowa Global Connect** which seeks to address the need for centralized, effective and efficient access to the growing num-

ber of international resources in Iowa. At present, those who are trying to find assistance and those trying to offer assistance have difficulty connecting. To respond to this need, ICIU plans to offer native Iowans, new Iowans and visitors access to those international resources through the development of a systemic, collaborative network with one initial point of contact: ICIU.

**"We look forward to implementing Iowa Global Connect, connecting people and changing lives, one person at a time."**

In short, ICIU will be acting as an informational **clearinghouse**. It will provide access to international resources not only through the Guide but through a static and dynamic informational website and, as funding permits, a live call-in center.

ICIU is uniquely poised and equipped to develop and provide effective and efficient access to the international resources Iowa has available. It has demonstrated competence to direct both ends of the spectrum, with people coming into and going out of Iowa. ICIU's unique role is based on our 71-year history, which began by welcoming and providing safety for refugees fleeing from Germany in the late 1930's. Since 1938 ICIU has been building on the reputation of Iowa as a welcoming place, augmenting renowned work such as Governor Ray's contribution to welcome Vietnamese immigrants to Iowa in the 1970's.

In 2009 Iowa is experiencing the impact of the increased global movement of people. As a state we are experiencing greater global business and research activity, and our state is positioned for increased involvement in the global environment. Part of the opportunity for our state lies in our reputation for welcoming and valuing people from across the world. We look forward to implementing Iowa Global Connect, connecting people and changing lives, one person at a time.



# 2009 Passport to Prosperity

The Iowa Council for International Understanding is proud to announce the four honorees for its 2009 *Passport to Prosperity: A Celebration of Iowa's Immigrants and Refugees*. Each of these distinguished Iowans, born of other nations, has chosen to make Iowa his or her home. Each has made significant contributions to Iowa's business, social, cultural and civic communities. Iowa is deeply grateful for the generous commitments on behalf of each of the honorees:



**Suku Radia** was born in Uganda and immigrated to the U.S. to attend Iowa State University. Described as one of the most generous and community-spirited business leaders in Des Moines, Suku has chaired major boards and mentored hundreds of young professionals. He is currently CEO and President of Bankers Trust.



**Ying Sa** was born in Beijing, immigrated to Canada and later to Iowa, where she has contributed significantly to the development of new jobs and new businesses in Iowa through the founding of her own company, Community CPA and Associates, and as founder of the Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit. What motivates Ying Sa is giving back to the community.



**Yogesh Shah, M.D.**, was born in Mumbai, India, where, following the completion of medical school, he immigrated to the U.S. and has provided care to people with memory problems. The Associate Dean for Global Health at Des Moines University, Dr. Shah is helping to make Iowa a growing resource for information on global health.



**Sol Varisco-Santini** was born in Parana Entre Rios, Argentina, and immigrated to Iowa to study Spanish Education. She is the Migration and Refugee Services Program Coordinator for the Catholic Diocese. Sol addresses the housing, food and transportation needs of refugees; her mission is to bring them justice.

**ICIU's signature event, Passport to Prosperity will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2009.**

The dinner will be an elegant international buffet, with three to four selections from the cuisines of Uganda, China, India and Argentina prepared by outstanding chef, Cyd Mull, President of Catering by Cyd. The entertainment will be by the brilliant and creative Ballet Des Moines. Artistic Director Serkan Usta and Ballet Mistress, Lori Grooters, have choreographed exciting new ballets for each of the honorees and their respective countries.

**Saturday, October 3, 2009**  
**6:00 p.m.—Reception and Dinner**  
**7:00 p.m.—Awards Ceremony**  
 Ballroom  
 929 Third Street  
 (Quality Inn)  
 Des Moines, Iowa

(Native or Semi-Formal Attire)  
**\$50.00 per adult**  
**\$500.00 table for ten**

*This annual gala has sold out with 240 seats for this event. With such an enthusiastic response, we promise to provide more space for next year's Passport to Prosperity.*

*Be sure to check back on our website ([www.iciu.org](http://www.iciu.org)) for pictures from this colorful and diverse event!*

## You CAN make a difference in international understanding!

Our work truly depends on the contributions of individuals like you.  
 Become a part of ICIU and help us to foster the connections that change lives!

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 929 Third Street, Suite 203  
 Des Moines, Iowa 50309

I would like to think about helping the Iowa Council for  
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- I have already put the Iowa Council for International Understanding in my will.
- I would like more information about putting the Iowa Council for International Understanding in my will.

# Pioneer-ICIU International Dialogue Series

In May 2009, Pioneer Hi-Bred and the Iowa Council for International Understanding (ICIU) announced the launch of the Pioneer-ICIU International Dialogue Series. The series features monthly presentations over the noon hour that seek to engage Des Moines' public and business professionals in dialogue on global issues and Iowa's personal and organizational connections abroad.

After six dialogues, the series has witnessed the participation of hundreds of Iowa professionals and students, and included the support of partners like the Greater Des Moines Partnership, Des Moines Public Library, Drake University's Center for Global Citizenship and the National Security Network for each of the presentations.



## Why Global Health?

By Josh Hillman

Nearly 11 million of the 130 million children born each year will die before their fifth birthday. That is a statistic we must work to remedy, Dr. Yogesh Shah of Des Moines University told a crowd of more than 40 at the latest installment of the Pioneer-ICIU International Dialogue Series. The dialogue was from noon to 1 p.m. on June 2 at the Greater Des Moines Partnership.

Dr. Shah, Associate Dean of Global Health at Des Moines University, addressed the topic of his presentation, "Why Global Health?", simply and straight, "Global health is important," he said, "because it's the right thing to do. Adding, "simple, affordable solutions can save millions."

Shah, who is triple board certified in family medicine, geriatrics, hospice and palliative medicine, has traveled widely to present his research. His resume includes experience working with the Maasai tribe in Tanzania. His international travels have afforded him perspective on other reasons global health is important, including that it gives traveling doctors good medical experience, helps them work with patients from other cultures, and lets them appreciate the costs associated with medical treatment in industrialized countries.

Throughout the dialogue, discussion was lively. Several people had questions and chimed in with opinions or knowledge of their own. As per the series' goal, Dr. Shah's presentation wasn't just a lecture—though he certainly had the chance to share his expertise—but he engaged in a dialogue with the audience members.

Summer 2009 has featured the following dialogues:

**May 5**

*One Iowan's Unique Trip to Baghdad*, Chuck Montgomery

**June 2**

*Why Global Health?*, Dr. Yogesh Shah

**July 7**

*Multiple Russias*, Prof. Kieran Williams

**August 4**

*Iowans Remember Khrushchev*,  
Liz Garst, Laura Belin, Harry Bookey and Rachel Garst

**August 7**

*Cold Warriors: Kennedy and Khrushchev*, Gordon Goldstein

## Iowa Student Global Leadership Conference



The Iowa Student Leadership Conference (ISGLC) is a go for 2010! ISGLC is an annual conference that brings Iowa youth and international exchange students studying in Iowa high schools together for a leadership institute in Des Moines. The focus of the conference is to examine key global issues that will have impact on the world in the future. Participating Iowa students work in partnership with international students to recommend actions and solutions for the future and to discuss ways youth can address issues of concern in their countries.

The conference will take place February 5-6, 2010 in Des Moines. Applications will be made available in November with a \$40 application fee per student. This year's conference will include 100 selected Iowa high school and exchange students from around the state. Stay tuned to [www.iciu.org](http://www.iciu.org) for more information.

## Community Connections

For three weeks this July and August, ICIU had the privilege of hosting ten Tajikistani livestock veterinarians for a three-week program sponsored and funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Since 1996, ICIU has been hosting individuals from Eastern Europe for professional development programs. These participants, from countries such as Moldova, Georgia, Uzbekistan and Russia, have the opportunity to affect change on their home countries with knowledge they gain from their stay in Des Moines.



During their three week stay participants had the opportunity to visit many veterinarians, labs and farms, as well as the chance to see the academic facilities at Iowa State University and meet veterinary science faculty. Through Deborah Lake's thoughtfully planned program, visitors were able to experience both practical and policy-oriented aspects of veterinary medicine as it is practiced in the States. Other highlights of the program included a visit to the Iowa State Fair. The trip culminated with an international

dinner hosted by ICIU Board of Directors member Susan Judkins Josten and her husband, Bob, at which the visitors prepared traditional Tajik dishes and shared customs from their culture with their home hosts, professional hosts and volunteers. The home hosts enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy authentic Tajik cuisine, as well as the time they got to spend with the guests in their homes. The emotional goodbyes on departure day were testament to the strong bonds the home hosts forged with their guests during their short stays.

ICIU hosts up to three Community Connections groups a year, and always welcomes new hosts who are enthusiastic about sharing their home and their time with an international visitor. If you are interested in hosting a visitor in the future, please contact Ashlee Stoddard at [ashlee.stoddard@iciu.org](mailto:ashlee.stoddard@iciu.org) or 515-282-8269 x12 for more details.

## International Visitor Leadership Program

It was an eventful second quarter for the staff and interns working on the International Visitors program, as 31 high-ranking visitors from around the world visited Des Moines to meet their colleagues and gain professional knowledge as part of the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). The IVLP brings current and emerging leaders from around the world to the United States to participate in programs which reflect both their professional goals and foreign policy objectives of the United States government. Each year, over 4,500 leaders are selected by US Embassy staff in their home countries to participate in the program, approximately 250 of whom visit Des Moines. Representing countries such as Germany, Korea, New Zealand and Japan, visitors this quarter included members of Parliament, political party chairmen, newspaper editors and executive directors. Des Moines, as usual, proved to be an exciting stop on the visitor's itineraries, providing superb professional resources as well as a unique cultural experience the visitors universally describe as "excellent!"

Program themes this quarter included journalism and politics, food inspection and sustainable agriculture, among others. Our professional hosts, who represent companies, schools, and organizations throughout central Iowa, generously give their time to share their knowledge, and in return are able to learn from their colleagues from other countries. We would like to thank all of the professional hosts

who took time from their workdays to share their knowledge and expertise with the international visitors. A special thank you also goes out to our home hosts who opened their homes or otherwise took the time to provide hospitality for the visitors. Thanks to volunteers like you, Des Moines has earned a reputation in the international community as a welcoming, friendly place, as well as a place to learn.



# ICIU Interpretation and Translation Services

For over 70 years, the Iowa Council for International Understanding (ICIU) has been connecting people and changing lives with programs and services that build bridges between Iowa and the world. A very central component of implementing this mission has been ICIU's Interpretation and Translation Services.

As Iowa's premier translation and interpretation service, ICIU has provided interpretation and translation services to businesses, schools, hospitals, courts and individuals in Iowa for over 30 years through a network of more than 100 interpreters and translators specializing in over 49 languages and dialects. Over 95% of ICIU's interpreters and translators are native speakers and all of our interpreters and translators are professionals who are passionate about using their language skills to serve those in their communities.

Over the past year, ICIU's Interpretation and Translation Services Program has pioneered a number of exciting new training initiatives. In order to ensure that we can continue to provide excellent services for the critical language needs throughout our state,



ICIU has partnered with several organizations to bring new and exciting workshops and training programs for our interpreters, translators, and clients in the community. Last fall and summer and ICIU hosted

two Interpreter Training workshops, aimed at educating interpreters and translators on interpretation/translation ethics, protocol and best practices. This spring, ICIU partnered with Broadlawns Medical Center & Kaplan University to provide medical terminology courses for our medical interpreters/translators. ICIU also partnered with DMACC this spring to offer a Client Education Workshop to help educate medical, legal, business and social service providers on how to best utilize interpretation and translation services to better serve their clientele. Moreover, in late spring, ICIU partnered

with the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau to offer a training entitled, "Des Moines Bilingual Step-On Guide Training Workshop". These trainings and workshops are just a few ways in which ICIU continues to uphold its commitment and dedication to helping Iowans overcome both linguistic and cultural barriers.

If you are in need of interpretation and translation services, please refer to our website at [www.iciu.org](http://www.iciu.org) for further details about our Interpretation/Translation Services Program.

## ICIU Welcomes Ashlee Stoddard

ICIU welcomes Ashlee Stoddard to our staff as International Programs Manager and Volunteer Coordinator. A recent graduate of Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, Ashlee graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy/Religion. At Truman, Ashlee was a member of the First-year Activities Coordinating Team, the Student Activities Board, and Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity. She was also employed at the Writing Center, where she enjoyed interacting with international students. Ashlee studied abroad in spring 2008 at the American College of Thessaloniki in Thessaloniki, Greece.



It was no surprise that her references describe Ashley as extraordinarily intelligent and a whiz of an organizer. Ashlee was willing to begin her position at ICIU quickly in order to benefit from the opportunity to spend a week of training with Deborah Lake. She literally hit the ground running and has already designed some excellent programs for our visitors.

## A Smooth and Quality Move

On July 15, ICIU's offices moved from the Hotel Fort Des Moines to the Quality Inn & Suites (929 Third Street, Suite 203, Des Moines, Iowa 50309) in downtown Des Moines. The Quality Inn & Suites graciously donated their facilities to ICIU, its staff, board and clients. The offices are spacious and bright. The parking is ample and easily accessible.



The move was virtually seamless and now that we are settled we invite our friends to stop by for a visit and to see our new space. The hotel is a wonderful location for our upcoming events like the Iowa Student Global Leadership Conference and Passport to Prosperity on October 3. Guests of Passport to Prosperity will be invited to come up to the second floor of the hotel to visit our offices prior to enjoying the evening's festivities.

Thanks again to the Quality Inn & Suites for all of your assistance in this transition!

# Khrushchev in Iowa

The 50-year anniversary of Former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit to Iowa was commemorated with a remarkable four day celebration. Khrushchev came to Iowa to learn about growing and feeding corn and to visit his farmer friend, Roswell Garst of Coon Rapids, Iowa. The anniversary was a celebration of friendships, agricultural innovation, trade, and human relations that reached across ideological differences and helped thaw Cold War tensions.

Included in the events were two panel discussions focusing upon on agriculture and citizen diplomacy. A panel on "Citizen Diplomacy in U.S.-Russia Relations" was moderated by ICIU Executive Director Dr. Judith Conlin with panelists including Dr. Sergei Khrushchev, son of Nikita Khrushchev, who joined his father on the historic 1959 visit. The panels were followed by a public banquet entitled, "Lessons of Khrushchev in Iowa for the Modern World."

ICIU is extremely honored to have played an important role in these festivities commemorating such a monumental occasion of citizen diplomacy. In addition to Dr. Conlin and several board members serving



Pictured: Dennis Dietz, Dr. Nikita Khrushchev, & Dr. Judith Conlin

on the state-wide planning committee, ICIU also focused the themes of its July and August Pioneer-ICIU International Dialogue series around Russia and Khrushchev in honor of this historic event. ICIU extends its thanks to all those involved in the planning and implementation of all of the memorable anniversary events.

## ***Want to learn more about or become involved with ICIU?***

*Would you like to keep up on ICIU programs and activities?*

ICIU offers many different ways for Iowans to get involved and ICIU needs you!

## **Become a Friend of ICIU!**

### **Special Events/Public Relations**

- Promotion/Outreach/Media
- Event planning
- Developing marketing materials
- Taking international visitors to social and/or community events
- Driving international visitors to/from professional appointments

### **Cultural**

- Hosting international visitors in your home overnight
- Hosting international visitors in your home for a meal

### **Education**

- Working with youth High School programs
- Working with college programs
- Serving as a speaker or facilitator

### **Administrative/Services**

- Word processing
- Scheduling appointments
- Interpreting for emergency situations

### **Professional Exchanges**

- Offer an internship in my place of business
- Meet with international visitors to share professional knowledge/expertise

*Don't forget to sign-up on our email list to receive regular updates!*

**For more information visit [www.iciu.org](http://www.iciu.org).**



## Catching Up... With Former ICIU International Programs Manager, Deborah Lake

ICIU recently spoke with former International Programs Manager, Deborah Lake who left ICIU this past August to pursue her Master's degree in International Education. We asked her to tell us about her time at ICIU and what

she took away from her experiences here. Deborah shared with us her appreciation for the people she met, the experiences she had at ICIU and told us about her plans for the future.

*The Iowa Council for International Understanding has played an important role in my life. I will never forget the day that I accepted the position as International Programs Manager and the whirl-wind of events that followed. I moved to Des Moines and immediately began to prepare for a quickly approaching Community Connections group from the Ukraine. Since those first few days, I have learned a lot about myself, the Des Moines community, Iowa and the world. I can honestly say that the people of Iowa are some of the best people to work with in the country.*

*The visitors that ICIU received during my tenure have touched me in extraordinary ways. Each of their stories is so special and unique; but they all share the passion to make the world a better place, no matter what their field of expertise. I learned that laughter is understood in all languages, and that no matter where someone is coming from, there is nothing better than a good conversation. Des Moines has played an important role in several visitors' lives. One visitor from China was able to re-connect with his wife's college roommate in Des Moines. Another visitor from Nepal was able to spend time with her brother, who had been out of the country for quite some time, while she was in Des Moines. No matter what though, the most touching time was during the floods of 2008 when I received concerned e-mails from around the world, hoping that the visitors' new friends in Iowa were okay.*

*Citizen Exchange programs are an important aspect of national and world security. By breaking down barriers through people to people contact, we are helping to erase fear and create understanding. The visitors that come to Iowa through ICIU programs are influential professionals that will take back their impressions of Iowans, their connections to Iowa businesses and organizations, and new knowledge to share with their friends and family. By giving a name and a face to a few Americans, and doing the same in reverse for people in Iowa, it is a lot easier to understand where someone else may be coming from and what they are working towards.*

*Thanks to ICIU and the work that I have been able to accomplish within the community and across the country, I have been able to choose my next step on my career path. Prior to my position at ICIU, I was not sure about what I wanted to do for my Master's degree or what area I specifically wanted to work in. I am now a confident young professional, with skills in event planning and program design, which I will bring with me as I start my Master's degree program in International Education with a Concentration in Educational Exchange Management at the School for International Training (part of World Learning) in Brattleboro, Vt. I am most excited to continue my relationship with World Learning, our partner in both the International Visitor Leadership Program and Community Connections Program.*

*What I will miss most about ICIU is working with the community in Des Moines. There are so many wonderful professional hosts, home hospitality hosts, home stay hosts and volunteers that really make these programs work. I truly enjoyed the time that I spent in Des Moines and the opportunities that I received to know my state better. The staff at ICIU and all the interns that I was lucky enough to work with will be missed as I try to build a new community in the East. I have been grateful for the opportunities that ICIU afforded me and the work that we have done to further our organization's mission of building respect at home and around the world, one person at a time.*

**“What I will miss most about ICIU is working with the community in Des Moines.”**

We would like to thank Deborah for all of her hard work as International Programs Manager and for taking time to reflect with us on her experiences at ICIU. We wish her all the best in all her future endeavors!





# ICIU Spotlight

With a staff of four full-time employees, interns and volunteers are integral to the success of our organization and the programs we offer.

## Interns

**Brook Malloy** will be graduating in December from the University of Northern Iowa with a major in religion and a minor in both Spanish and ethics. She is eager to advance her understanding of global processes and promote international understanding in her future.

**Xiaorong Liu** is entering her senior year at Central College where she will graduate (in December) with a degree in communication studies. She is looking to further develop her professional skills while working with people from different cultural background.

**Estelle Kodjo-Ayivor** graduated from Drake in the spring of 2009 with a degree in International relations and political science. She is looking forward to a successful career in politics or work for a non-profit specializing in international relations.

**Josh Hillman** is a senior and Iowa State University and will graduate this December with a degree in journalism and mass communication. He is looking to gain a career where he can combine his passions for writing, traveling and editing.

**Venice Chan** entered her final semester at Central College this fall where she will continue to attain a double major in communication studies and international studies. Venice is interested in International Affairs and would like to pursue anything related to international events/people/affairs.

**Kristin Simpson** is a senior at Simpson College majoring in corporate communication and political science. She is passionate about raising awareness of various cultures to the public majority.



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Cyndi Chen  
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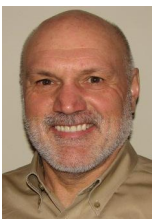
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