Hi Everyone

I hope you all went well in your exams recently and you handed in all your assignments on time.

It now the semester break and many of our residents will be away on holiday. As such IHD will not be hosting any events until Semester 2 begins.

Enjoy your break

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Manager
International House Darwin
Congratulations to our Academic Liaison and Cultural Coordinator, James Jeffress, for winning Australasia Association of College and University Housing Officer, ACUHO-I New Professional Scholarship. This award is for new professionals in student housing industry who show great initiative and leadership.

James started working at IHD in 2011 and quickly became a valued member of the IHD Team. James is responsible for the organisations of the events program at IHD, leadership training and management of the Resident Leaders and the pastoral care and after hours support of IHD residents.

James has won a scholarship to attend a conference in the USA later this year and will be AACUHO Australian Facebook correspondent while at the conference.

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Get to Know Your Neighbour

Name: Maksudur Khan
Nickname: Sunny

I am studying: Master of Accounting (Professional Practice)

I have lived at IHD for: Nearly two years

I moved here from: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

On the weekends you can find me: taking many naps throughout the day

The song I can’t get out of my head is: Impossible by James Arthur

My favourite place is: Kuala Lumpur

I know it’s a little weird but I think: I would have done an awesome job as a super hero! Better Batman than Bruce Wayne

I’d really like to meet: Luiz Ronaldo & Carmen Kass

If I had to eat one thing for the rest of my life it would be: Spicy Tender Crisp Burgers from Hungry Jack’s

The best advice I ever got was: whatever goes around comes around

The most heroic thing I have ever done is: saving a friend when he was about to drown

I’m secretly terrified of: throwing up

One day I’d really like to: watch a Manchester United champions league match at Old Trafford!

Want to be featured in the next Get to Know Your Neighbour?
Send your answers and photo to rosie.king@cdu.edu.au

THERE HAS BEEN REPORTS OF THEFT AROUND IHD RECENTLY IN COMMON AREAS E.G. KITCHENS & LAUNDRIES.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLOSE THE DOORS TO ALL COMMON ROOMS!
Walking through one of 10 communal kitchens in I-House, Alberta, Louise Weigl stops for a moment, catching herself in that bit of understatement. It’s evident that in this campus residence, food is more than something to put on a plate. It’s a focal point of community. Potlucks and “feasts” are held in I-House Alberta on an almost weekly basis, each themed for one of the nearly 50 nations represented in the residence, and they help cook up a special culture of understanding. “When you’re cooking with someone and hearing the stories, understanding the ingredients and why this food exists, it’s a much deeper kind of learning,” says Weigl, program co-ordinator.

The global learning doesn’t stop in the kitchen. Weekly intercultural sessions, ranging from classes on cultural sensitivity to dance lessons, enrich residents’ learning and create a unique atmosphere. Living at I-House Alberta can also count toward earning the University of Alberta’s Certificate in International Learning — an initiative launching in the fall that recognizes undergraduates’ international knowledge and skills.

The residence, which opened in 2004, is one of 15 independent International Houses worldwide. The five-storey building is markedly smaller than other campus residences, which helps kindle a tight-knit community. It’s a surprise to many that more than a third of the 154 residents in I-House Alberta were born in Canada.

“I-House is about creating a global space — not just helping international students adjust to Canada, but helping Canadian students get a global perspective as well,” says Weigl.

Darylle So, originally from Vancouver, moved into I-House this summer after attending potluck dinners with a friend who was a resident. “When you first come here, it feels like home, even if you’ve only been here for a few minutes,” says So. The focus on sharing each others’ cultures makes it easier for people to come together, he says.

I-House Alberta alumna Yilang Karen Kang, who came to I-House from South Korea, agrees. Reflecting on nights where she and her floormates would stay up until 4 am talking about global issues, she says there’s something distinctly “special” about the people who live there. Debates would get intense, but she couldn’t remember anyone too hostile to at least try to understand another cultural perspective.

One of her most poignant memories, she recalls, was learning about refugees in her political science class, then hearing stories first-hand from a Somalian refugee in the I-House Alberta lounge.

Kang says her time at I-House gave her “so much more” than she expected. Her experiences allowed her to discover a more profound kind of learning. “It is an amazing place,” she says. “International House broke the barrier for me. I could be the real me and grow.”

International House Darwin tries to bring you stories from I-Houses around the world.
NOTICES

Lodge Maintenance Requests
Residents must now lodge maintenance requests online at www.cdu.edu.au/ihd/log-a-request.
IHD will no longer accept maintenance request via email.

Car Parking at IHD
CDU Security has increased its patrols of IHD car parks to:

A) ensure disable car parks are always available
B) to allow access to emergency services
C) to ensure that only IHD residents are using the car parks, so that there are as many available as possible.

We understand that there are more residents with cars than there are car parks, that is why you are allowed to use BLUE F, YELLOW A and YELLOW B car parks when IHD is full (only if you have a valid parking permit).

Ensure that you have a valid parking permit from the IHD office and encourage your friends to use other car parks when visiting IHD.

DO NOT PARK ON YELLOW LINES
DO NOT PARK IN DISABLE PARKING BAYS
DISPLAY A VALID PARKING PERMIT

Fines will be issued if you do not adhere to these guidelines. Failure to pay your fines will result in a court appearance.

Damaging IHD Property
Please ensure you take care of IHD issued items such as towels, sheets, pillows and clothes racks.

Losing or breaking any IHD property will result in the resident responsible being charged a fee to cover the replacement cost.

Bikes
Residents are advised to store their bikes in the bike cage behind building 4. There has been a few recent incidents of bike theft at IHD.

Residents are also advised to purchase insurance cover for all personal item as IHD and the University are not responsible for any damage or loss caused to items located on the premises.

Cooking in Rooms
Cooking is prohibited in rooms. Cooking is only permitted in the kitchens.

Cooking equipment such as electric kettles, toasters, rice cookers, electric woks and fry pans are not permitted in rooms. These will set off the fire sensors, requiring the evacuation of the whole building and an expensive call out by the fire brigade.

Residents will be required to pay the cost of the fire brigade attending together with any administration charge imposed by the fire brigade and/or IHD Management if a false alarm occurs because of a resident's failure to comply with this rule.

Guests
Rooms are for the use of current, paying residents of IHD only. Rooms may not be sub-let and where a resident is found to be sharing or subletting their room without authorisation, this may be taken as grounds for eviction. Residents are not permitted to bring additional mattresses or bedding into their rooms. This may be interpreted as evidence of subletting or sharing your room.

Allowing a non-resident not in your company access to your room is not permitted.
SEMESTER 2
O’WEEK IS COMING!

O’Week isn’t just for new residents! There is something for everyone.

There are great chances to win prizes by attending O’Week events.

Full program available in the next issue of iWitness.

Keep up to date with all of our events at:
cdu.edu.au/ihd
facebook.com/EventsIHD