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A HOLIDAV BREAK PROGRAM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL \& LOCAL COMMUNITY LIVING IW GREATER LAFAYETTE

## What is it and what's expected?

A one-time get-together sharing a meal or activity over holiday breaks

- Preferably in a local family's home
- You, the host, will extend an invitation to a student you are paired with
- On any chosen date and time during an official holiday break
- Thanksgiving break: November 22-25 (Typically Thanksgiving Day)
- Winter break: December 16 - Jan 8 (or any time agreed on by hosts/students)


## How much time is involved?

- Typically you can count on 3-4 hours
- Include dinner and maybe indoor/outdoor activities
- Include with your own family and friends (your preference)
- May invite on the actual holiday or a day close to it


## "I'm wondering how I would fit?"

## All options are possible!

## We have five children. Will we scare them away?

Can singles join? I'Il be with friends and neighbors.
What about retired couples? We'll be going to our son's house.

We have a neighborhood get-together. Bring them along?

## "Can we take more than one student?"

## It depends on you!

- $\quad$ Sign up for as many as you'd like.
- Some hosts take one student and that's great!
- Some enjoy hosting married students with kids (especially if they have kids their ages)
- Some hosts request students from specific countries, language groups or majors


## Communication is key to success!

- Dietary needs: Find out food preferences and dietary needs ahead of time.
- Date and Time: Most will need transportation. Communicate beforehand the pick up time and what time you can bring your guest home.
- Pick up location: Share addresses and location details.
- Preferred communication: Phone, text or email? Discuss and decide.
- Reminders: It's a good idea to check in with your student about the event a few days before and the day of the event.
- Simple gifts: You may wish to give a small gift or leftovers to take home from the meal.


Thanksgiving... a time to bethankful!


## "What should we talk about?"

- Holiday customs and traditions
- Your culture, places you have traveled, hobbies and interests
- Friends, family, special holiday traditions important to you both
- What to expect during the winter season in the U.S.



## Comments from past hosts

- "Even though we had just met our student, it was as if we had known each other for a long time. "June" and my daughter enjoyed decorating our Christmas tree!"
- "This was one of the best experiences in our lives, one we will never forget. To see them experience something new like Thanksgiving was truly awesome. We are so thankful we were able to be part of these special moments in their lives."
- "Thank you for this great opportunity to share our home for
 the holidays - eating a traditional turkey dinner, making Christmas cookies, singing karaoke, going to the park to see the Christmas lights. It was a jam packed day and a great experience for my family."



## Comments from past students

- "I had a wonderful time with the whole family. The food was delicious and I got to learn a lot about the traditions and the culture. I also had a lot of fun playing board games."
- "My host family was kind and willing to share what they have with others. I really appreciated their generosity."
- "I had an amazing time getting to know a beautiful family in a private family gathering. It really helps to debunk stereotypes and misconceptions.
- This was the best experience to happen to me the entire semester!"


A student's son, David, makes a new friend on a host's farm!


## Reminder of dates and IInks

## Student sign up link:

- https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/Apps/IFP/Students/StudentLogin/
- Sign up from October 16 to November 15



## QUESTIONS?

Contact: IFP@Purdue.edu

