Fun at our Fall 2012 End of Semester Ceremony and Holiday Party
Thanksgiving 2012

Photos by Norbert Hellmann
Make a Difference Day
by Ali Almuzayn

October 20 was one of my greatest weekends. However, it was the first weekend that I had to get up early. (I hate to wake up early, especially on the weekend.) So, I went for Orientation at the SUB, I signed my name and, unfortunately, they gave me an orange shirt. I was a little upset about it because I was wearing blue shoes, a blue shirt, and a blue jacket.

While I was sitting in the MPR waiting for Orientation to begin, my friends and I were schmoozing. Suddenly, they called my name, Ali Al Muzayen, to be a site leader. I wasn't that happy to be a site leader. However, I was so happy to get a blue site leader shirt.

For a minute I thought that I’m a Jack of all trades. It was the first experience for me to be a site leader. Before we had left the room I was checking the list of names to make sure that everyone made it and came to do volunteering. I lost some students who couldn’t come, however, I took the rest of the students to get into the bus. After 15 minutes of driving, we finally got to the apple farm: Little Dog Orchard. The reason it had that name was because of the little dog that they own. He loves to eat apples.

I thought we were going there to pick apples from the trees. Honestly, we were cutting the weeds and picking the old apples from the ground and putting them in a big basket, so we were cleaning the farm. It was tough to do that and I was working with the whole group and trying to help them with difficulties that might face them. I believe the good leader should work with his people side by side, and before he gives any order he should try to do it by himself.

I enjoyed being there and I learned how to do volunteer work, how to serve people without getting paid, and how to be independent. It was a good experience for all of us.

Photos by James Phillips
Black Studies Class Visit
by Kamal Juharji

The American Civil Rights Movement was a nice class for Listening and Speaking 3 to visit. I was very happy to attend this class on November 20 and I learned many things. The professor, Major Coleman, was nice and respectable.

First, I learned that one man can make a big change. Second, we have to learn from history. I think this is very important to take a lesson from history. In my opinion, history repeats itself, but in different ways. Also, God is on the side of truth and justice; I think this point is very important because justice is one of the names for God. After that I learned that we are not alone in this world. Finally, I now have an idea of the relationships between professors and students in America.

Some Favorite Recipes by the Level 1 Reading/Writing Class

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**Items needed:**
- Large bowl
- Large pot

**Ingredients needed:**
- 20 dumpling wrappers
- A bowl of pork
- A bowl of corn
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup soy sauce
- 2/3 teaspoons ginger

**Directions:**
First, mince the pork and mix with corn in the large pot.
Then, stir in pepper, soy sauce, ginger and vegetable oil mixing with pork and corn until well combined.
Next, fill the dumpling wrappers.
Next, heat water before putting the dumplings in the pot.
After that, take the dumplings out of the pot. Let them cool for 5 minutes.
Finally, enjoy Chinese dumplings.

**Items needed :**
- Round pan.
- Knife.

**Ingredients needed :**
- 1 cup pieces of onion.
- 1 cup pieces of tomato.
- A little oil.
- 3 cups rice.
- 5 tablespoons of salt.
- 6 pieces of lamb meat.
- tablespoons of Arabic spices.

**Directions :**
1. Mix all the ingredients in the pan.
2. Cook it on the stove for 45 minutes.

Enjoy this main dish.
On November 15, the Business English class had a business social. We invited many business professors. Boots, Patti, Kaoru and I were the food community so we had to prepare the food for business social. We bought a lot of stuff from Stop and Shop. We were wise in spending when we bought that stuff. Because our money is limited we had to compare the price. At the same time, we did not rule out the quality when we bought them. After that, we cooked at my home. We worked in cooperation. Boots was responsible for bubble tea, Patti was responsible for noodle and fry rice, Kaoru was responsible for broccoli fry with chicken, and I was responsible for sandwiches. Therefore, we saved much time in those foods. Also I thought we did a good job.

All of us dressed up pretty formal for meet with business professors. We already prepared delicious food, excellent resumes, and different kinds of questions. Everyone looked like very comfortable when they talked with the professors. I thought this was a perfect business social. We learned a lot about business communication and how to have a good interview. The most important thing was we had good collective cooperation, therefore we succeeded at this meeting.

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ATTENTION- Important Information: I-20/DS 2019 Travel Signature
If you travel outside the US over the winter break, you might need a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019. An international student advisor is available daily except Wednesday in VH 201 from 12:00pm-2:30pm. Our office will be closed from December 22 until January 1, 2013. Most other campus offices will also be closed during this time. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Please call first to be sure someone is available to help you.

Please note that if your I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for F-1 Student Status expires on 12/31/2012 and if you plan on continuing your studies at SUNY New Paltz beyond this date, you must apply for an Extension of Stay of your I-20 before it expires. To complete the extension, please contact an International Student Advisor in VH 201 or email international@newpaltz.edu for more information.

Students who are leaving and not coming back:
Remember to check out of your dorm room with the RD/RA and hand in the key.
Don't leave any unpaid bills with Student Accounts.

Bus transportation to JFK Airport is available, $40, leaving campus (Rt. 32 parking lot) Friday, Dec. 21 at 1:00 pm and Saturday, Dec. 22 at 11:00 am. Sign up in advance in VH 201.

Thursday Dec. 13, 2012
Accuplacer Test
9:45 am. Location: LC 110/112
This test is required for all level 1, 2 and 3 ESL students.

Friday. Dec. 14, 2012
End-of-Semester TOEFL
9:45 am. Location: CSB AUD. Only for students who have signed up and paid.

Important Reminder: Final Exams are REQUIRED for all classes. Do NOT make travel plans that would prevent you from taking your finals on the assigned dates and times. Instructors will not let you take exams on a different day. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

Residence halls will close for Winter Break at 10:00 am on Saturday, Dec. 22 and reopen for the Spring Semester on Sunday, January 20, 2013, at 10:00am. The first day of classes for Spring 2013 is Tuesday, January 22. ESL Convocation will be held on this day in the 4th floor gym of the VH Annex, from 10:30-11:30 am. It is mandatory for all HELP students.

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