



**Leadership created through the International Student Association and beyond the classroom**

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# What is the International Student Association?

- The International Student Association is a student organization led by 8 student leaders who plan, coordinate and organize **international, cultural, social, and educational** events at Kennesaw State University (KSU) and beyond the campus



# What is our mission?

- The mission of the International Student Association is to encourage intercultural, social, and athletic exchange among students of all nationalities and to help create for the members a sense of belonging to the campus community through a series of activities & programs of an international nature.
- Provide leadership opportunities for international students
- Implement events that highlight student's culture and diversity



# The leadership roles of the executive board

The international student association has 8 Executive Board Members who hold different position:

- **President:** Oversees the entire organization and represents ISA at different functions on campus.
- **Vice-President:** Oversees volunteers for all the ISA event, organizes the agenda and preside over all ISA meetings. Serve as Ex-officio member on all committees or delegate such authority to another Executive Board Officer. Must secure a representative for Student Government, and The Student Activities and Budget Advisory Committee to represent international student
- **Secretary:** Types all meetings minutes and send it to the executive board. Reserves rooms for all Executive board meetings, and event. In charge of maintaining ISA membership rosters and attendance numbers, recording Executive Board planning meetings, and communicating with members about ISA events.
- **Treasurer:** Acts as custodian of the ISA funds along with the President and Advisor. Allocates funds for each ISA program and initiative.

# The leadership roles of the executive board

- **International Festival Coordinator:** Organizes all international festival events. (General Body Meeting/ Cruising the world, Mr. KSU Pageant, Ms. KSU Pageant, Dance Festival, Karaoke Night, International Bazaar, Date Auction, Fashion, etc..). The event coordinator is also responsible for recruiting and supervising willing volunteers as needed for each of these events.
- **Website & Publicity Coordinator:** Handles all publicity pertaining to ISA. Maintain ISA website and social media accounts with the purpose of publicizing events, updating pictures, and general up-to-date communication to the members.
- **Social Event Coordinator:** Plans and implements ISA social events aimed at creating connections between ISA members. Plans all social events on and off campus including the End of the year trip.
- **Sport Coordinator:** Organizes all ISA Athletic events on and off campus.



# The leadership roles of the executive board

- Although each one of them has a different position, they all work together to create all the events we do on campus.
- The events created by the executive board allows students to learn something new about other culture and create friendship in the process.
- These events are open to KSU students, staff and faculties.



# Office hours

- As an executive board, they are required to do office hours every week in their office and the Global Village.
- The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are required to hold 6 hours/week of office time
- All the coordinators are required to hold 4 hours of office time.
- The purpose of the office and global village hours is for the executive board to get to know their members, answer questions pertaining ISA or KSU, and Promote ISA



# When do we meet? How do we plan our meetings?

- The executive board meets one month before the beginning of the semester to create a blue-print for all the events and programs for the entire year.
- During this retreat the executive board evaluates the events we had in the past and makes suggestions on how to improve it.
- This retreat also allows the executive board to set goals for themselves and as a team.
- Teambuilding activities also take place during this retreat. The purpose of the teambuilding exercises is to allow the executive board member to get to know each other and learn how each one of them works
- Leadership development training are also provided during this retreat to ensure that our student leaders are well trained





# When do we meet? How do we plan our meetings?

- New programs are added or removed from the ISA calendar during this session.
- During the semester, the executive board meets once a week if we have an event that week or twice a week if we do not have an event that week.
- These meetings are held weekly to allow the Exec board to go over every single details of an event, provide feedback on a past event organized or discuss collaboration with other student organization.



# Requirements to be on the Executive Board

- Executive board must maintain good academic standing
- Have and maintain a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Have earned a minimum of 12 KSU semester hours for undergraduate students and a minimum of 9 KSU semester hours for graduate students.
- Be enrolled full time if an F-1 student. All other student must carry a minimum of 6 semester hours during the Fall and Spring Semester.
- All executive board must plan their schedule to accommodate all Tuesday and Thursday 12:30pm- 2:00pm ISA general & Executive Board meeting.

# Involvement of ISA

## Involvement on campus

- Partners with different organizations on campus to host events
- Collaborates with different campus departments or professors on international program such: as countries presentation in different classes or department, show case cultural dances at banquet, and partake in panel discussion
- Recruits international students to be involve in different event such as: Week of welcome, KSU Day, KSU sports game.

## Involvement in the community

- Work with Friends of Internationals (FOI) to recruit and advertise all events done by FOI
- Volunteering done by students in our community at locations such as: Petland, homeless shelters, Blood Drive, Must Ministry
- Volunteer done by the executive board and students at the end of the year trip in other states. Some of the locations are: building houses in New Orleans, Serving food and cooking at a homeless shelter in Washington DC, gathering and assorting foods at a food bank location in Tennessee.

# Student engagement in & out of the classroom and on & off campus

- Successful adjustment and integration of international students are strong indicators of student success. Indicators of student success include aspects of a sense of belonging, personal success, and connections with other students, ability to control their involvement in and out of the classroom, and the ability to reflect on their successful integration into college.
- Programs at the level of engagement build upon the successful adjustment and integration and focus on the students' own efforts to select leadership opportunities, community service experience, campus life and student organizations, and involvement in research outside required class projects.

- Pascarella and Terenzini (1991)



# This is Me

- Former student athlete
- Transfer student
- Double major
- Worked 20 hours on campus
- Student leader
- Involved in five different organizations



# This Me today

- Time management
- Multi tasking
- Prioritizing work
- Confidence
- Goals setting
- Network
- Advocate
- Critical thinking
- Conflict resolution
- Team work
- Problem solving



# **Why should International Student join leadership roles on campus**

- To advocate on behalf of other international students everywhere on campus such as: Student waivers, KSU bus, Cobb county public transportation
- Teaches them responsibilities such as: time management, improve problem solving, accountability
- Allows them to build confidence and network with other students on and off campus
- Allows them to build a resume they can use in the future

# Q&A