

TURKEY: Experiencing thanks

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...dreams of staying here to work at least for now, Desouza still shake her homesickness. Really, who can blame her. In India, she went to boarding school, where she got out on really getting a chance to spend time with her family.

...talked about how her father went to boarding school and that he thought it would be a good idea for her to go as well. He said that it would help her gain responsibility and independence. Apparently it did, because she came alone to a foreign country to go to college.

...In December, Desouza is planning to go home to visit her family.

...Another international student who was at the lunch was 26-year-old Cortes from Spain.

...Cortes was originally planning to study English in Australia, but she decided to come to America to study.

...The reason he changed his plans was because of his girlfriend, whom he met in Spain, who was studying abroad for a year. She is from here and he used to go to Clackamas and said she really liked it.

...Living in SE Portland, Cortes could have easily gone to a closer school, but he decided to go to Clackamas, not only because of the food, but because he likes the small numbers in the classes. For this reason, Cortes said that he doesn't like bigger schools like Portland State University.

...Cortes has been in America since 2007 and plans on staying.



Desouza



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From left to right, Hyunsoo Choi, Junta Chinen and Jung Ik Lee enjoy each other's company over traditional pumpkin pie dessert. Over a dozen of the thirty-three international students gathered in the Gregory Forum for their very first Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 27.

...ing until next September, but is really not sure.

When asked what he thought when he first arrived here, he said, "I was surprised because when I got here it was more green. Where I come from, it's like Mexico." He said that it's really sunny in Spain and that he is still adjusting, even three months later, to the rain.

Cortes joked about someone telling him that he was lucky because Oregon has received less rain than normal this year, but he said that it's still too rainy for him.

Although he misses his family and friends back home, Cortes is enjoying seeing new places. He said that he has seen differences in places and things here and didn't realize that they would be any different than the things back home.

Desouza and Cortes represent only two of the ten countries that the many international students at Clackamas are from.

Along with India and Spain, 24-year-old Junta Chinen is from Okinawa, Japan. Hyunsoo Choi, who is also 24, is from Seoul, South Korea.

Also represented at Clackamas, by international students, is the United Kingdom, Vietnam, Taiwan, Germany, Hong Kong and China.

Most students come here separately, but there have been sisters and friends that have come together, in the past.

According to Patty White, the Admissions Specialist in the Registrar's Office, in order to come to Clackamas to study, students must acquire an F-1 Visa and "they must be enrolled in an academic educational, language training or vocational program."

"Clackamas Community College is authorized by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services to accept students who enter the US on an F-1 Visa," White continued.

International students can attend Clackamas to either study regular college classes to achieve a degree or certificate, or study in the Program for Intensive English or PIE. For students in the PIE program, the length of stay is one year. Degree seeking students are required to study here for two years.

The requirements for an international student to enter a degree seeking program are to either complete the PIE

program or to pass the English as a Second Language (ESL) placement test.

"Some PIE students complete their one year program and then go on to the regular college classes for the additional two years," said White. "Also, once an international student completes their degree, they may spend one additional year in the US working in their chosen field of study."

"There are many government rules and regulations that govern their entrance to the US, monitoring of their studies, working and finally, their return to their home country," White continued.

Out of the 33 international students currently at Clackamas, 17 are enrolled in college degree programs and the other 16 are PIE students.

Different from exchange students, international students have to find their own place to live. Many of the students live with family, friends, rent an apartment or find housing through an independent home stay program.

Just like any other out-of-state student from a non-bordering state, international students have to pay out-of-state

tuition. Financial aid can still be found for international students. One way for them to get help with paying for tuition is to apply for a position in the upcoming International Student Club.

Ellen Wolfson and Molly Williams, who are both Clackamas staff, have started to put together a club that will be in effect as soon as club positions are filled. The club is currently taking applications from international students and will be doing interviews the first week of winter term. The students that are picked will receive a tuition waiver.

"When the International Student Club gets up and running, we will encourage English speakers to join," said Williams.

This new club will be a good way for everyone to come together, regardless of where you are from. Who knows, maybe it will stand for something bigger. Maybe this club will represent the new symbol of cooperation and interaction between nations, just like the first Thanksgiving did between the English colonists and the Native Americans.

'Oh Teriyaki' brings great, affordable food and great service

Lisa Sellars
Megan Shaw

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Lisa: Do you want to go to Oh Teriyaki today, Megan?

Megan: Sure, where?

Lisa: I don't know. Let's just go around and look for a place.

Megan: Okay, I'll drive.

Lisa: Sounds good. Hey, there's a Bi-Mart here in

Oregon City, right? Let's see what's over there.

Megan: Okay.

Lisa: There's a place called "Oh, Teriyaki." Do you want to try that? I'm down for chicken.

Megan: Yeah, sure.

Lisa: Wow, there's no one here at lunch time. Weird.

Megan: That is kind of weird. Maybe no one knows they are here. The restaurant is kind of buried in the parking lot.

Lisa: That's true. Hey, check out

the menu. I really like how easy it is to read.

Megan: Yeah, and there are pictures!

Lisa: Do you know what you want?

Megan: Hmm, let's see- Teriyaki, Combination, Yakisoba or Specialty Plates. I think I'll get the teriyaki chicken with yakisoba noodles.

Lisa: Hey, me, too! Well, teriyaki chicken with rice, that is.

Megan: Do you want chopsticks?

Lisa: Sure, but I will probably use silverware. Oh, we need to check what time it is, to see how long our food takes. And I'm definitely getting Mountain Dew; I'm so glad they have Pepsi products. Where do you want to sit?

Megan: It doesn't matter. How about this booth right here.

Lisa: That works.

Megan: That was fast!

Lisa: Wow! It took them less than two minutes to get us our food! That's insane. Mmm, and it looks good. I'm so hungry. Wait, why are you rubbing your chopsticks together?

Megan: Don't ask me what I'm doing. I saw it in a movie once. Do you know how to use chopsticks?

Lisa: Yes, ma'am, I do. *Picks



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up chopsticks and shows Megan how to use them*

Megan: Nice! Just like in the picture.

Megan: This food is pretty good. I don't like the mixed vegetables in it, though. At least I finally found another place to get yakisoba noodles. I can't get them anywhere. There's good music here too. I really like this place.

Lisa: Yeah, I really like the food here. I think this is the perfect amount of food.

Megan: Oh, I'm so full.

Lisa: Stop putting your salad on my plate! You're making a mess. Do you not like your salad or something?

Megan: It's cabbage, dude, enough said.

Lisa: I'm eating the broccoli out of mine though. It's good. Man, it's so cold in here. It probably doesn't

help that it's empty. This place is a pretty good size, I just can't believe no one is here. Oh man, look, it says on the drink machine that refills are 50 cents. Better buy the size you want, I guess!

Megan: This is a good song! This place has some good jams.

Lisa: It's quiet, though. That's so you can talk. I really wish they would have given us some extra napkins so I can clean things up. Go scrape your plate, Megan. They make you clean things up yourself here. Got a to go menu?

Megan: I do now!

Lisa: Good, I want to look at it. Dude I should have just gotten the lunch special! It's two bucks cheaper and it's basically the same thing. At least we spent under twenty bucks. How much was it again?

Megan: We each spent \$7.34.

Lisa: Yeah, but mine was more. I left a tip.

Megan: We need to come back here again; I really like it. The lady's nice, the restaurant's clean and their food is good and not too expensive.

Lisa: I'm down. I just still can't believe we got our food in under two minutes. That's faster than fast food and you can just as easily get the food here to go. It's a good deal all around.



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According to writers Megan Shaw and Lisa Sellars, this local teriyaki restaurant is a good deal. Oh Teriyaki is located next to Burger King on the corner of Molalla Ave. and Beavercreek Rd.