GONE NATIVE
FOSTER INTERNATIONAL LLC
YEARBOOK 2014-15
sure, we all know that FIN is “diverse” and “unique” -- but what are our actual statistics?

info compiled by Triet Pham, John Galuska, & Raphael Wang
Majors and Country of Origin in FIN

Demographics

- Majors:
  - Business-related Major: 48%
  - Undecided: 15%
  - Journalism: 2%
  - Psychology: 5%
  - Economics: 3%
  - Political Science: 1%
  - International Studies: 2%
  - Linguistics / Foreign Language: 6%
  - Criminal Justice: 2%
  - Fashion Design: 1%
  - Law, English, Physics: 1%
  - Pre-med: 1%
  - Telecommunication: 1%
  - Dietetics: 1%
  - Biological Science: 6%

- Countries:
  - USA
  - China
  - Taiwan
  - Hong Kong
  - Thailand
  - South Korea
  - India
  - France
  - Singapore
  - UK
  - Kenya
  - Pakistan
  - Nigeria

Afghanistan
We formed a very diverse community in Year 2014-2015. International Students and Domestic Students populations were well-presented. Our residents were from different regions of the world and unique cultural backgrounds. We shared the same interest of international cultures, despite the diverse majors we picked for our degrees.

**Ethnicity in FIN**

- Asian: 61%
- Domestic: 46%
- International: 54%

- White American: 18%
- Mixed ethnicity: 7%
- Jewish American: 1%
- European: 8%
- Black / African American: 4%
- Hispanic: 1%
Figures of Foster International

You see these faces everywhere in Shea—whether they are in their offices, at the Foster Center Desk, at nearly every program or event, or even in the first floor lounge every Tuesday night. Here are a few faces in Foster International who have worked extremely hard to facilitate the most ideal experiences for our FIN residents, meeting weekly, working daily, constantly thinking of what’s best for Foster International.
Dr. John Galuska, more informally known as “Dr. G,” has been the director of FIN since 2004. He has been in Bloomington since 1993 and is currently an adjunct faculty member in SPEA, teaching classes such as “Farming the City” and “Roots, Fruits & Jamaican Ecologies.” On top of doing research in Jamaica about ecotourism and cultural ecology, he is also very involved with local food initiatives and urban agriculture projects on and off campus; in this photo, he is holding a “pawpaw” or Indiana banana, grown locally from his own urban farm in Bloomington.
Ever wonder who sends all those important FIN e-mails and makes those weekly newsletters? Triet is the Administrative Assistant of FIN. He was an international student at IU from Vietnam and received his degree in Political Science. His hobbies include fishing, cooking, and learning how to do new things. Triet loves learning about the German language and culture. Next year, Triet will be moving to Washington, DC in order to pursue a Master of Arts in German and European Studies at Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service.
Yann Van de Velde
Yann is a junior and is the RA for the ground floor of Foster International. Originally from Michigan, he is a dual citizen in both the US and France. Yann loves travelling and adventures, and being in the outdoors, as he is an avid mountain biker, skier, and fisher. Yann is studying Public Policy in SPEA and is extremely passionate about ending the poverty cycle and education reform for higher education.

DID YOU KNOW--
Yann also has a twin brother who attends IU!

Evangeline Sun
Eva is the first floor RA for FIN. She is a junior, an international student from Jinan, China, and she is also a transfer student from Seattle, WA. Eva loves fashion and will be interning for a fashion company in London this summer. She is currently in the Kelley School of Business pursuing marketing with a minor in apparel merchandising.

DID YOU KNOW--
Eva has a Bichon Frise named Alfredo!
Shraddha Maharjan
Shraddha is an RA on the second floor of FIN, and it is her second year working in FIN. She grew up in Greenwood, IN, but she has strong ties to the Himalayas as her parents both immigrated from Nepal. She studies Anthropology & Neuroscience in the College of Arts & Sciences and intends to pursue a love for art and learning new things by eventually going to grad school for informatics.

DID YOU KNOW--
Shraddha was in a steel pan ensemble this semester!

Stephania Rodriguez
Stephania is one of the Graduate Supervisors at Foster Quad and directly supervises the FIN RAs. Originally from the Chicago area, she received her Bachelor’s degree in Business from North Central College and is currently working on getting her Master’s degree from IU’s Higher Education & Student Affairs program.

DID YOU KNOW--
Stephania loves & dances the flamenco!
Community Mentors

Kelaiah Awoyemi
sophomore neuroscience major

Raphael Wang
sophomore marketing major
E-Board

Shivani Mittal president
Gary Lei vice pres.
Nicha Homewong treasurer
Brad Whowell marketing director
Brittany Davis chief of staff
SHEA GROUND
Madelin Perez NOA,
a lyrical surrealist artist from Caibarien, Cuba,
specializing in colorful paintings, textile, murals
and illustrations. Her paintings have been
exhibited in Cuba, the US and Canada
2010- 1er Premio Salón Marinas Galería Leopoldo Romañach

Madclin showing her signature painting to FIN residents at Ground Floor Lounge.
Van-Anh Vanessa Vo devotes her life-long passion to the creation of distinctive music blended with a cultural essence that can only come from Dan Tran. An unique ethinical Vietnamese instrument.

Awards:
Emmy Award Winner
Academy Award Contributor
Vietnam National Champion
New Orleans Film Festival Winner

Van-Anh Vanessa Vo
March 24-27th
Vanessa invited us to play her instruments with her on the stage during the concert.

March 26th, 2015

Event Schedule

March 25th
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Discussion: Understanding Cultures and Respecting Differences through Music
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Vietnamese Food and Music Demostration

March 26th
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Workshop: Open Demostration of Vietnamese Musical Instruments
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM
Concert
PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

including photography by Wang Ye
by Nicha Homewong
FIN PROGRAMS (2014-2015)

We were from different parts of the world. It was a destiny that we were residents in Foster Living Learning Center. We first awkwardly greeted each other. We sometimes forgot each other’s names. We helped and encouraged each other with our sincere smiles. We built memories together through these programs. These programs helped us bond as a community. This is just the beginning of our life-long friendship. Let’s continue this journey together.

Open Mic Night

It happened at the beginning of the fall semester. It was a night when everyone in FIN was invited to show their talent or just simply have fun. We had a proper mic and we used a laptop to connect with the speaker. There were many people who participated in this event. The first song was sang by Bae Yeun and Gary Lei, reciting Katy Perry’s song – Firework. There were many other talented people. It lasted past midnight.

FIN Election

The E-Board election was held. Members who will be a part of it will share their opinions about the community. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Marketing Director, and Chief of Staffs. The whole FIN community came down to the ground floor to listen to the candidates’ speeches and to vote for whom they want as their community’s eyes.

2014-2015 E-Board Officers

Shea Fall Fiesta

It was a nice and sunny day. Students came back from their classes in the evening to participate in this event. The location was behind the Shea building. There were s’mores and drinks for us. There were policemen coming by and we took pictures with them. FIN residents came by to chat and take pictures.
TRIP
Fall Break
FIN'S GOT TALENT
by phai tulyathan
My banjo skills are only in their beginning stages, but I am determined to stick with it and one day become the next great bluegrass player.

“I believe I can fly. I believe I can touch the sky. I think about it every night and day. Spread my wings and fly away.”

“I love makeup. Although I don’t think I’m exceptionally good at it, it makes me happy to see that others think I am.”

“Yeun Bae

Christina Reyes

David Kuhns

“My banjo skills are only in their beginning stages, but I am determined to stick with it and one day become the next great bluegrass player.”
I have been playing volleyball since I was six years old. I have a love for the sport and it has taught me so much discipline in many aspects of my life. Volleyball is something I have always been passionate about, and it will always hold a place in my heart.

Segmet Pinckney

“Roller derby is an amazing sport for all body types, it really pushes for acceptance of all kinds. This sport has had a major impact on mine and my family’s lives and I love it!”

Amber Kish

“I have been playing volleyball since I was six years old. I have a love for the sport and it has taught me so much discipline in many aspects of my life. Volleyball is something I have always been passionate about, and it will always hold a place in my heart.”

Jennifer Taylor

“I was a gymnast as a kid and I still like to think of myself as one because I never want to let the sport and the stuff I learned leave me. I still love to kick out a few handstands on a sunny day and enjoy the fact that I can still do them!”
Léo Fresnais
“It’s been 15 years I’ve played the piano, it is the one thing I’m the proudest in my life because my talent is purely the result of hard work. That’s what make piano so important to me.”

Jack Zhou
“Violin brought me to the world of music....Just kidding, my parents forced me to take the class when I was young.”

Kelaiah Awoyemi
“I love playing my alto saxophone! I started playing in 6th grade and I have enjoyed it ever since. In high school, I participated in marching band, pep band, and concert band, which helped me further my technique and overall skills as a musician!”
David Gutsch
“Everyday is leg day.”

Linus Quah
“The ocean opens up a world of wonder.”

John Bae
Avid Spearfisher
“I’m a fan of writing. Words can do so much. I mean, everything I’ve ever read has been a combination of the same 26 letters but there are millions of stories. Writing makes so much possible.”

Krystle Appiah

Beth Maben

“I made both prom dresses for the two times that I went to prom. They both reflect my style and don’t follow the current fashion trends. The dress on the left I made when I was in 10th grade in a sewing class, but I couldn’t wear it until my junior year. I used my own body as a pattern to make it so it only fits me. For the dress on the right, I made that my senior year. The dress itself took 10 hours to make over a few weeks. For this dress I also used my own body as a pattern. Even though these are prom dresses I do enjoy making other types of clothing as well.”

Shraddha M.  
Self-taught Graphic Designer
COOLEST ROOMS

by Sheong Hon Lee
Dr. John Galuska
Director Office: Room 028
Ye Wang & Jonathan Larson

Ground Floor: Room 024
Adam Mwaniki & Aaron Hancock

Ground Floor: Room 012
Yinzi Shuai & Amber Kish

First Floor: Room 111
Raphael Wang

Second Floor: Room 226
Foster International FASHION
by Amber Kish
Kelaiah Awoyemi is a FIN resident on the first all female floor. In this photo she is sporting a cropped fuschia sweater with black chinos. She accessorizes with a black bow in her hair, a pair of pearl earrings and pink eye shadow. Kelaiah keeps her style on point as she always color-coordinates her make-up with her clothing.

Krystle Appiah is pictured wearing a black long sleeve, paired with a black pleated skirt and black tights. She is also sporting a classic black banded watch and stud earrings. This perfectly compliments her overall style. Krystle can always be spotted wearing something chic and professional.
Be Unique

JD Alvarado is a FIN resident on the all-male ground floor. He can always be found sporting his favorite soccer jersey or Polo brand v-neck. In this particular photo JD is wearing a Ralph Lauren Polo hoodie with a graphic tee. He is also rocking some fitted dark wash jeans and Vans.

Stand Out

Evangeline Sun is a RA on the all-female first floor. Her fashion choices are always original and unique. Here, Eva is photographed wearing bright salmon colored Hunter rain boots with a chiffon and lace tank top. She paired her outfit with a tan hooded peacoat with decorative loop buttons.
Be (F)Individual

Phai Tulyathan is wearing a hip and chic outfit in this photo. She has paired a simple grey t-shirt with a faded blue jean long sleeve blouse. Her black combat boots are a perfect match with black leggings. Phai is a resident with a great variety of looks, from sporty to chic Phai works it!

Mix & Match

Lakenvia Ledford is a senior and an experienced fashionista. In this picture, you can find her wearing a leopard skirt from Body Central, a blue jean shirt from Hollister, and a black belt from Charlott Russe. Lakenvia can always be found with a bold fashion style, where she pairs together unique patterns and bold colors to make a statement; this girl always looks good.
Fashion International

Raphael Wang is our community mentor and also often finds much success in experimenting with this fashion. In this photo, he is wearing some bold pants and a jacket from Urban Outfitters, and shoes from CAT. The most important thing he is wearing in this photo is his Foster International bracelet, as he reps his IU home from all the way from his spring break travels in Ecuador.

“Only Got $20 In My Pocket”

Shraddha Maharjan is the second floor RA and shops at second hand stores for her fashion goodies. In this photo, she is not only holding Eva’s bichon frise but she is also wearing a summery dress and Dr. Scholl’s wedges she found on half-off day at Goodwill, along with a cardigan from the sixth grade. The key to ‘working it,’ Shraddha believes, is to not acknowledge what you are wearing.
DIY...Literally

Beth Maben is a FIN resident on the coed floor who makes a lot of her own clothes because she's so cool. She is always seen wearing clothing that she has sewn herself. Here she is wearing a floral dress made out of a bedding sheet, with matching turquoise shoes.
QUOTES
words of wisdom from FIN residents
by sarah hines
“You have to go through the depths of Hell occasionally to appreciate the glimpse of Heaven that’s put in front of you.” - Ville Valo

“The most dangerous risk of all is the risk of not doing what you want on the bet that you can buy yourself the freedom to do it later.” - Randy Komiser

“Oops, I did it again.” - Britney Spears
“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”
- Maria Robinson

“I see now that the circumstances of one’s birth are irrelevant. It is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are.”
- MewTwo

“I’m drowning in the brew!”
- Olan Rogers

“I’m drowning in the Dew!”
- Joshua Pursley
Leo Fresnais - Most Musical
Nicha Homewong - Most Likely to Brighten Your Day
Krystle Appiah - Best Accent
Dr. Cgaluska - Biggest Party Animal
Phai Tulyathan - Best Hair
JC Chapman - Best Eyes
David Guttsch
Most Athletic

Gary Lei
Coolest Resident

Melissa Ko
Most Studious

Shraddha Mahajan
Most Fashionable
Meet the Staff
special, special thanks to your yearbook staff

Sarah Hines
Nicha Homewong
Zareen Hussain
Amber Kish

Hon Lee
Shraddha Maharjan
Phaisaka Tulyathan
Raphael Wang

Ye Wang
Dr. John Galuska
Triet Pham
World Arts Co.

Sarah Hines is a freshman majoring in Elementary Education with a concentration in Teaching English as a New Language. This year she has enjoyed working on the FIN Yearbook Committee and participating in the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship program here on campus, as well as continuing her involvement in a dance company back in her hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Next year Sarah plans to stay in FIN to learn more about other cultures and languages and to prepare her for encounters with her future international students.

Nicha Homewong is a freshman majoring in Management at the IU Kelley School of Business. She grew up in Bangkok, Thailand. Making and seeing people’s smiles is what makes her happy, and this motivates her to care for everyone she comes into contact with. Nicha is inloved with Kappa Gamma Delta and the Thai Student Association. Next year, she is looking forward to staying in FIN next year, hoping to work in an organization that values a close relationship between co-workers.

Zareen Hussain has lived in four countries and traveled to sixteen. She aspires to graduate with a degree in Finance from the Kelley School of Business. Zareen loves to watch movies, socialize with friends and work out. She plans to return to Foster International next year in order to experience the FIN community a second time as a community mentor.
Hon Lee is a FIN resident studying business entrepreneurship and international business. He is originally from Hong Kong but went to school in Virginia. Hon was a part of an award-winning yearbook committee in high school and naturally joined the FIN yearbook staff at his RA’s persistence.

Shraddha Maharjan is a FIN RA who grew up in Greenwood, Indiana. Both of her parents immigrated from Nepal, so she has strong ties to the country. Shraddha has enjoyed her time being an RA in FIN and hopes to stay connected with international student first year experiences in the future.

Phaisakha Tulyathan is a freshman majoring in Telecommunications, who came to the U.S. when she was 15. She has lived in Iowa and California before moving to Indiana for college. Living in three different states in addition to FIN has introduced her to many different aspects of culture and has shaped her to be the person she is today. She is a member of the Thai Student Association.

Raphael Wang is a returning FIN student. He plans to study abroad in Brazil next semester and has enjoyed working on the FIN Yearbook Staff for two years now.

Ye Wang is majoring in Interior Design. He enjoys photography and being a part of the FIN Yearbook Committee.

Amber Kish is a freshman FIN resident. She is a Speech-Language Pathology major. Amber has worked at the Foster Center Desk all year, and has also been a member of the IU Women’s Club Volleyball team. She was recently inducted into the NRHH as an official member in addition to joining the FIN Yearbook Staff. Next year, Amber will be an RA in Foster Residence Center.
THANK YOU ALL
SO, SO, SO, MUCH FOR A
FANTASTIC YEAR