

The weekly newsletter of the Cranwell International Center.

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# The Cranwell Courier

November 12-19, 2015

Cranwell International Center stands in solidarity with all who embrace diversity and inclusivity on Virginia Tech's campus. We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and love that surrounded the events of the past week. With open hearts, *#WeStandTogether*. *#HokiesDontHate*.

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## Virginia Tech Events and Activities

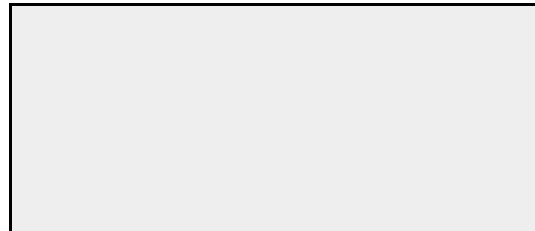


**International Hokies,  
want to share about your  
home country with future  
Study Abroad students?**

Are you from any of the following countries, OR have you studied abroad in any of these locations?



*The Cranwell International Center  
wishes everyone a happy and  
luminous Diwali!*



*Argentina, Australia, Chile, China, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Semester at Sea, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turks and Caicos Islands, United Kingdom*

The Global Education Office wants YOU to share your knowledge about living and traveling abroad in these countries at their upcoming Pre-Departure Session.

**What:** Part of the session is a break out in which outgoing study abroad students can meet other Hokies who have studied abroad in their location as well as international Hokies who are from the country they'll be visiting.

**When:** November 18, 2015, 7-9:30 pm (Breakout session times will vary, contact Global Education Office for more information).

**Where:** Surge Space Building, 400 Stanger St, Room 104B

For more information and to sign up, email Randy Penson at [rpenson@vt.edu](mailto:rpenson@vt.edu).



## **Stressed? Need a Study Break?**

VT Helping PAWS (Pet Assisted Wellness Service), an animal-assisted therapy program at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, will offer a **pet therapy study break** in the 2nd floor Commons area of the Virginia Tech Newman Library from 6-7 pm on Nov 19.



## **Submit to VT Dining Services' Home Sweet Home Recipe Contest!**

The Home Sweet Home Recipe Contest has become an annual tradition. Current Virginia Tech students, Alumni, family and friends are eligible to enter their favorite recipe from home to be included in the Home Sweet Home cookbook.

Recipes are judged by Dining Services' executive chefs, and the

## Bridges International Christmas Party

Bridges International, a nonprofit Christian organization, will be throwing a Christmas party for all international students on December 5th from 4:00-6:00 in Squires on the third floor in room 341.

Experience the traditions of Christmas like gingerbread house-making, tree decorating and more! You can hear about the Christmas story from the Bible and hear why it is one of the biggest holidays in the world. If you have any questions, search Facebook for the Bridges International at VT page!

## Local Events and Activities

**NRV VILLA KUNTERBUNT**  
Deutsche Spielgruppe



Was: Kindertreffen fuer deutschsprachige Familien  
Singen, Vorlesen und Basteln  
Wann: 14. 11. 2015 von 11 bis 12:30h  
Wo: Imaginations Toy Store, Blacksburg

### NRV Villa Kunterbunt

We are a German playgroup for families that speak German at home and are interested in speaking German with others. We will be meeting at Imaginations Toy Store on 11/14/2015 from 11-12:30 for

winning dishes will be served during brunch as part of Spring Family Weekend.

Winners will be selected from the following categories:

*Appetizers & Beverages*  
*Soups & Salads*  
*Vegetables & Side Dishes*  
*Main Dishes*  
*Breads & Rolls*  
*Desserts*  
*Cookies & Candy*  
*This & That*

Each contributor will receive a cookbook featuring all of the contest entries. Winning contributors will receive a behind-the-scenes tour of D2 at Dietrick Hall, a personalized cutting board, a personalized cookbook, and their student will receive \$50 in Dining Dollars. One grand-prize winner selected from among the category winners will receive two nights lodging at the Inn at Virginia Tech during Spring Family Weekend.

[Click here to submit!](#)

**Deadline for entries is January 19, 2016.**

### Islamic Student Assembly Presents *Discover Islam!*

Muslims come from almost every country in the world and speak almost every language. The Islamic Student Assembly (ISA) invites you to learn more about Islam from your Muslim colleagues: stop by, ask

circle time, singing, reading, and craft activities.

Interested in participating? Contact [nrvvillakunterbunt@gmail.com](mailto:nrvvillakunterbunt@gmail.com).

## Native Spanish Speakers Needed for Study

Justin Bland, a graduate student in Foreign Languages, Culture and Literatures is looking for native Spanish speakers for a study he is conducting. The main goal of his study is to examine the levels of language development that learners (non-native speakers of Spanish) go through as they learn Spanish, so your contribution to the study as a native speaker would be very important to provide a baseline against which to compare the learners.

The study involves a few short activities, including a story narration activity, a picture-word matching activity, a fill-in-the-blank activity, and a background questionnaire.

The story narration and picture matching activities will be recorded, and all recordings will be kept confidential. Your participation is voluntary and confidential and will take less than an hour.

If you are interested in participating in the study or if you have questions, please contact him at [jebland@vt.edu](mailto:jebland@vt.edu).

questions, get your free copy of Quran interpretation in English, view Islamic art from different countries, get your name written in Arabic, and enjoy tasty Arabian dates.

**When:** Tuesday, November 17, 12:00-2:00 pm

**Where:** 'Information Booth A' in front of Au Bon Pain, Squires Student Center

## World's Most Accurate Pie Chart



## Save the date... PIE DAY 2015!

Join Cranwell International Center and the VT Graduate School for our beloved annual pre-Thanksgiving event, PIE DAY! **All members of the Blacksburg international community are invited.** A hearty meal of soup and LOTS of varieties of pie will be provided.

**When:** Tuesday, November 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** Graduate Life Center Multipurpose Room

For more information, email us at [international@vt.edu](mailto:international@vt.edu).



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