

To: Participants in the International Friendship Program

From: Ron Cushing, Director
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Dear Participant:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the International Friendship Program. Your friendship will help our new international students as they face the challenges of studying in the United States and adapting to a new culture.

As a friend to an international student, you will serve as someone with whom the student can visit, enjoy an occasional meal, celebrate a holiday, participate in community sports and/or cultural events, or just relax in conversation from time to time. Please refer to the enclosed International Friendship Program brochure for suggestions that may be helpful to you. In addition, you will also find enclosed a "CultureGram," which contains useful information about your student's home country and culture.

At this time we are providing you with a copy of your international friend's application, which includes his or her name and some combination of address, phone number and email address. This is our most current contact information.

It is up to you to make the initial contact. We suggest that you contact your student immediately since international students are usually in need of friends most upon their arrival in Cincinnati.

If you experience any problems making contact with your new friend, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact our office by phone at 556-4278 or by email at international.students@uc.edu.

Thank you again for being a part of the International Friendship Program. We sincerely hope that your experience in this program will be a rewarding one.