

Carl Albert State College
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International Club Making a Difference

Photo attached – International Club Picnic at Robbers Cave

The International Club of Carl Albert State College is one that is growing in numbers with an increase of 100 percent membership. When visiting with Terri Carroll, a co-advisor for the organization, she stated the purpose of the International Club is to provide a setting where students of various nationalities can meet and develop friendships, and get an understanding of each other's ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Jacky Lam, International Club President stated, "The group is a politically and socially neutral meeting ground and encompasses students of all nationalities, ethnic backgrounds and academic fields. The club is open to international and American students alike and we expect this interaction to help international students get acquainted with American culture. In turn, Americans can also enrich their cultural experiences at CASC and in the community through friendships with international students."

Lam went on to say, "The International Club members volunteer in the local community by working at the Balloonfest and participating in a citywide trash pickup. Club members also routinely make a 'country of the month' presentation to share about their home countries. In addition, club members have participated in various class activities, including a religious exploration trip with the College World Religion Class to Fort Smith."

Dr. Brandon Webb, Carl Albert State College President, stated he is very pleased to see the growth of the International Club and the commitment the club members are making to the College and the community. President Webb added, "I appreciate the work of this organization in bringing students with diverse backgrounds together to add to the overall college experience on our campus."

2010-2011 International Club Officers are: President, Jacky Lam; Vice President, Nguyen Do; Historian, Slim Siu; Secretary, Brittany Carroll; Secretary of Fundraising, Cord Carter; and Reporter, Tam Tran. Club advisors are Terri Carroll and Shalom Staats.