WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT DCISS...

ANDREAS, Germany
Ever since I stepped into UCLA, the Dashew Center has been an invaluable resource for me. The visa services, travel bug trips at the free coffee events, the Dashew Center has enriched my college experience and helped me make countless friends from around the world! We international students are truly lucky to have such organized and passionate people take care of us!

GUIDO, Italy
"Now I'm studying back at my home university, and I miss UCLA so much! Last year was completely unforgettable. I have no other words to describe it. And you guys from Dashew are an important part of it. Thank you!"

NEDA, USA
"Because I was in nursing school, I didn't have opportunities to travel outside the US. But being a part of the Dashew programs, especially the Travel Bug trips, gave me the chance to learn about other people's cultural experiences beyond my "domestic" bubble. DCISS gave me the international experience I wanted without actually leaving the country!"

DUNCAN, Greece
"Very few things had as strong an impact in my life as Dashew Center and its programming. My relationship with them was so meaningful that the center's staff is now family to me! I would not be the same person without them. Thank you for everything!"

SIDDARTH, India
"DCISS creates a community that has been built through the uniting efforts of the staff. I wouldn't have seen half of the amazing things America has to offer or made so many friends from different cultures if it wasn't for the engaging events that the Dashew Center hosts. The personal care that the staff takes in organizing them makes sure that you are going to have a great time."

MAURICIO, Mexico
"The trip to Yosemite National Park was by far the best experience I had at UCLA! Not only did I have an amazing time, but also the staff integrated everyone to really become a close family group. The Dashew Center is transforming our UCLA experience in a very positive way!"

ALEJANDRA, Mexico
Thanks to the Dashew Center my experience as an international student wasn’t so scary. In their events I made some of my current best friends, including all the roommates that I’ve had while studying at UCLA!

MASAKI, Japan
"Dashew has given me wonderful opportunities to make friends from all over the world. It has made my life at UCLA much better. Many of my best friends are the ones from Dashew trip! I have joined the trip six times already, and will never miss the coming once! Dashew center is the best entertainment in Los Angeles!"

XUN, China
"The Dashew trips were the my best experiences of my life, not only had a lot of fun from the activities on the trip, but also have learned about different cultures and people from diverse backgrounds. This made me more confident to communicate and a better person who respects differences.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF STANLEY A. DASHEW (1916 - 2013)
The Dashew Center community will always remember Mr. Dashew’s commitment to the international students and scholars at UCLA. Without his generosity, none of these programs would be possible.

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ISTART@UCLA

ISTART@UCLA is an international student transition program that is designed to help students learn about visa regulations, how to get started in LA and at UCLA, get involved on campus and make friends as soon as they arrive in the U.S. This program applies only to new incoming international students, but we are always looking for volunteers to help at ISTART events on campus before school starts.

AMERICAN CULTURE & CONVERSATION (AC&C)

The American Culture & Conversation (AC&C) programs is designed to help international students learn about the American culture while also improving their conversation skills. Class topics range from slang and idioms to American sports to romantic relationships to UCLA traditions. Classes are FREE for UCLA registered students and are held every academic quarter during the school year.

GLOBAL SIBLINGS

Cross cultural exchange program between domestic and international students. Students become a part of a global family where they learn about one another’s culture, while engaging in a wide variety of social activities. Being a Global Sibling is a one academic year commitment and you are expected to meet with your sibling and attend Global Sibling family programs. Apply on our website!

WORLD CAFE

An international coffee hour program that occurs twice a quarter. Come relax on our patio and chat with friends while we serve you coffee and tea highlighting different regions of the world. All of the coffees and teas are FREE of charge and you are welcome to have as many as you like! We feature coffees from Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

CONVERSATION PARTNERS

This program gives you a chance to practice your language skills one-on-one, with a native speaker of the language you are learning. Simply write us an email and tell us your native language and your desired language and we’ll do our best to find a match for you. All languages and proficiency levels are welcome to apply.

TRAVEL*MATE TRIPS

Our very popular Travel*Mate Trips are quarterly opportunities for students to travel outside Los Angeles. Past locations include: Las Vegas, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco and other interesting places that are a part of the American landscape. These trips are an incredible way to make life-long friends from all over the world! Also, look out for our 2-day Mini Travel*Mate Trips for a shorter alternative!

DISCOVER L.A. TRIPS

A series of trips to local museums, theme parks, sporting events, theater performances, outdoor festivals, TV tapings, culinary and bus tours, and more! Examples of past trips are: Lakers Basketball games, Warner Brothers VIP Studio Tours, Cirque du Soleil “Iris”, Bus Tour of Los Angeles, Downtown L.A. Art Walk, Dodger’s Baseball games, Getty Center visits and Disneyland among others!

ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

There is so much you can do right here on campus and at the Dashew Center! Some of our on-campus programs include: Bruin in the Kitchen, Intramural Sports, International Speed Dating, Thanksgiving Potluck, International Cultural Showcase, Super Bowl Party, End-of-the-Year celebration and more! Make sure you check our website often for exciting upcoming events.

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

We know that international students may have a harder time getting involved in UCLA campus life merely due to cultural differences and unfamiliarity with U.S. procedures. Well, we are here to explain it all! We have workshops that range from how to get involved at UCLA, how to make friends in the U.S., how to file taxes, how to format your resume and prepare yourself for the American job search, and more!

SPOUSES’ CIRCLE

Spouses’ Circle is for anyone who is here on behalf of their partner. This is your opportunity to build a network of your own at UCLA and meet other spouses who can relate to what you’re experiencing. The group meets weekly and ALL are welcome (men, women & children)! If you want to join Spouses’ Circle please email intlspouses@saonet.ucla.edu to receive email notifications about upcoming events.

FIND OUT ABOUT ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS PLUS MANY MORE AT WWW.INTERNATIONALCENTER.UCLA.EDU