Members of the alumni community who volunteer their time and expertise to serving the University had an opportunity to engage in the inaugural Chicago Leadership Caucus on Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17. A group of about 140 volunteers attended the two-day event at International House, which featured tours, talks on current University initiatives and supportive workshops on leadership development.

“The caucus provides us an opportunity to develop ideas into a consistent set of messages.” These attending the event were alumni, alumni club volunteers; current and former members of the Alumni Board of Governors; members of the Visiting Committee; chairs of the Alumni Schools Committee; Reunion volunteers; CAPS volunteers; and volunteers from the Law School, the School of Social Service Administration, the Biological Sciences Division, the Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies and the Laboratory Schools.

“These volunteers are very important to us. They are our ambassadors to the larger community and they keep alive the important values we share about the University,” said Singer. “They provide us important support in many ways, and this event is a way of recognizing their service as well,” she added.

The event began with tours of Hyde Park and the Smart Museum of Art, followed by a lunch with James Crown, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and then a brief presentation in the Assembly Hall by deans and directors who shared their personal views of the University’s academic programs.

Before breaking for dinner, Crown led a panel discussion with other University Trustees and the participants, and the event concluded with workshop sessions on fund-raising, organizing reunions and volunteering for College admissions.

The University of Chicago Board of Trustees held its meeting of October 27, 2005 at International House. I-House Director William McCartney, updated the Board on renovations and staff reorganization and gave Board members tours of the newly refurbished residential areas.

President Don M. Randel is preparing to depart the University on July 1, 2006, to take on his next challenge as President of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. During his tenure he has substantially broadened the range of interactions that the University has with the City of Chicago, particularly through the cultivation of cultural projects with organizations throughout the city. His visible support of International House and its mission of promoting cross-cultural understanding has underscored his administration’s commitment to increase diversity at the University of Chicago.
From the Desk of the Director—December, 2005

It has been an interesting and challenging Autumn Quarter for us at International House. We are again open after a brief period of closure this past summer for the initial phase of the room restoration project. We moved back into I-House just days before the start of the fall term in the midst of final work being completed on the West Wing residential rooms and final touches on the rewiring and sprinkler installation for office spaces on the first and second floors.

Currently 173 residents occupy the 171 rooms that make up the West Wing of the building. We have residents from 40 countries living together and sharing the truly unique experience that sets International House apart from all of the other living opportunities in the Hyde Park area.

Work continues on the East Wing with restoration running slightly ahead of schedule—something that is almost unheard of in construction circles these days! We expect to install new furniture on the East Wing and have additional residents occupying some of these spaces by January 1, 2006.

One of our many improvements to the building is the creation of a hotel-style floor on the East Wing. The 8th floor now serves as a permanent short-term guest floor. Rooms have been carpeted and furnished with queen-sized beds, TVs, alarm clocks, telephone service and access to the internet. They rent for the very reasonable rate of $62 for a single or $67 for a double with discounted weekly rates also available.

On your next visit to Chicago come and be a part of the revitalized home that we are making for today's students.

William L. McCartney, Director

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International House Receives Program Grant from the Illinois Arts Council

International House recently received a Presenters Development Program Grant of over $18,000 from the Illinois Arts Council. Established in 1963, the Illinois Arts Council is committed to the cultural, educational and economic growth of the diverse people and communities through support and encouragement of artists and the arts. This grant will be used to support the International House Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Program which includes the Global Voices Artists in Residence Project and the Community Partners in Arts Program—ing Series in addition to several internships for area students enrolled in theatre/stage management programs.

The University of Chicago Women’s Board

Each year the University of Chicago Women’s Board makes grants in the areas of academic research, education, student life and community outreach. The Women’s Board is committed to providing increased funding to the university community each year and seeks especially to fund worthwhile endeavors that could not go forward without their support. This year the Women’s Board has awarded a grant of $30,000 to International House to renovate the English Language Institute classroom. Funds will be used to develop a modern classroom/laboratory space with state of the art technology. A resource library of English-as-a-Second-Language materials including books and tapes will also be established. The English Language Institute is co-sponsored by International House and the Office of Graduate Affairs. It offers international graduate students at the University of Chicago a variety of opportunities to study English through a stimulating academic program of classes, specialized workshops, the Tutoring Program and the intensive Summer English Language Institute. In previous years, the Women’s Board has generously supported the restoration of the 1931 Steinway grand piano in the Assembly Hall as well as the newly refurbished resident computer lab facility.

Susana Baca: A Trajectory of Poetry in Afro-Peruvian Music

On November 19th, the Music Department, The Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, the International House Global Voices Program, the Project Towards a New Americas Studies and the Center for Latin American Studies presented Susana Baca, internationally known singer-pole-intellectual and her work on Afro-Peruvian music.

Susana Baca is one of the greatest divas of world music, a tireless researcher who is largely responsible for the revival of many forms of Afro-Peruvian folklore. Baca and her sociologist/manager husband Ricardo Pereira established the Instituto Negrocontinuo (the Black Continuum Institute) in 1992. The institute aims to preserve and celebrate Peru’s black heritage, and has been credited with facilitating the resurgent interest in Afro-Peruvian music. Baca herself is best known for her song “Maria Lando,” included on David Byrne’s 1995 compilation, The Soul of Black Peru. She won a 2002 Latin Grammy Award for her album Poesia y canos Negros.

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Keep up to date on International House renovation progress and find information about our programs and activities on our Web site.
Global Voices Performing Arts

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

The Global Voices Program provides a showcase for all performing arts at the University of Chicago’s International House. The International House Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series has established a vibrant exchange with a wide range of Chicago-area cultural institutions, arts organizations, dance companies, ethnic and folk arts groups, and music and theater groups. Upcoming events include:

Performer's Image

Ali and Kuniko: A Concert of Contemporary Traditional Japanese Music January 25, 2006 Co-sponsored with the Japan Information Center, Consulate General of Japan and the Japan Foundation

The Chicago Ensemble

The critically acclaimed Chicago Ensemble is a Chicago-based performance ensemble dedicated to the small group chamber music repertoire. Join the Chicago Ensemble on one of the next performances at International House on the following dates: Sunday, February 5 at 7 pm, Sunday, April 9 at 7 pm and Sunday, May 21 at 7 pm. Program and ticket information can be found at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

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Annual Law School Musical February 10–12, 2006 Even law students can have a good time, and the Law School Musical proves that. Original lyrics to familiar tunes supply the structure for a satirical take on life in the Law School. No one is immune from parody, and no one leaves without a roll in the aisles. In past years, the musical has proved to be the humorous highlight of the Winter Quarter, drawing sold out crowds on Opening Night.

Carnival of the African Diaspora February 26, 2006 Learn about the cultural expressions of the African Diaspora (Brazil, Haiti, Jamaica...) Presented by the Brazilian Cultural Center of Chicago, Chicago Carifete, The Consulate General of the Republic of Haiti in Chicago and International House at the University of Chicago.

Kalypso Dance Festival: Along the Gypsy Trail May 5–7, 2006 Hear the music and see the dance influenced by gypsies throughout history, including the dance of Western India, Flamenco dance of Spain, a Check of the Balkans and Eastern Europe and a folk dance of North Africa. Pranita Jain, Kalypso Dance, Michelle Nestorovitch, Flamenco trees, and The Ensemble Balkanski (Bg) and Oplad are the featured choreographers/dancers.

International House Festival of Nations May 7, 2005 Each spring, International House sponsors a series of cultural festivals, and the colorful finale is the Festival of Nations. Balkanske Igre and Djalaal are the featured choreographers/dancers.

Along the Gypsy Trail May 5–7, 2006

Kalypso Dance Festival:
Along the Gypsy Trail

Kelapa Festival:
A Carnaval of the African Diaspora

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SUNDAY SUPPER

June 4, 2006

Join us for the traditional Sunday Supper held at the end of each year to celebrate the friendship and cross-cultural understanding gained throughout the year. Sunday Supper is a festive event featuring guests from the University, former residents, and performances by multitalented residents.

At this time, the Helen Puttkammer Resident of the Year Award is awarded to honor a resident who has been an outstanding member of the International House community. The award is presented by Helen Puttkammer’s daughter, Lorna Strouse, Lab’85, SM’86, PhD’98, who is the University of Chicago Professor Emeritus of Organizational Biology and Anatomy in the Biological Sciences Collegiate Division, former Dean of Students in the College, and University Marshal.

The Sunday Supper concludes with the traditional candle lighting ceremony and the reciting of the pledge, “As light begets light, so love, friendship and goodwill are passed from one to another. We who have come from many nations to live in one fellowship at International House promise one another to pass the light wherever we go.”

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China and the Future of the World: A Spring Colloquium
Friday, April 28–Saturday, April 29, 2005.
This two-day conference features academics, journalists, writers, and politicians from the United States and China. Topics will include the political and social challenges facing the People’s Republic of China, China’s increasingly confident involvement in international affairs, and the implications of China’s economic liberalization both for the Chinese people and for the rest of the world. The conference is presented by Chicago Society along with the Center for East Asian Studies, the Center for International Studies, the Department of History, the Department of Economics, and the Department of Political Science.

We are All Suspects: Untold Stories from Immigrant Communities after 9/11
with Tram Nguyen, executive editor of Colorlines Magazine;
A Brief History of Neoliberalism
with David Harvey, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center;
Water Resources in the Middle East
with Olcay Unver, former head of the Southeastern Anatolia Project and Founder of the Euphrates-Tigris Initiative for Cooperation, and Leila Harris, Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Wisconsin;
Contemporary Issues in Human Rights
with Ken Roth, Director of Human Rights Watch.
Alumni News

The 2005–06 Fellowship Recipients are:

- Samina Asghar, Pakistan/Public Policy
- Francis Soya, Netherlands/Social Science
- Therese Andre, France/Economics
- Francesco Belviso, Italy/Public Policy
- Mark Grier, USA/Diversity/Student Life
- Omar Cheta, Egypt/Middle Eastern Studies
- Yanni Hao (Chen Fellow), China/Sociology
- Yukichi Mano, Japan/Economics
- Amin Sadr, Iran/Modern Middle Eastern Studies
- Su-Kyoung Hwang, Republic of Korea/History
- Lamia Moghnieh, Lebanon/Social Science
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The International House Residential Fellowship Program

The Residential Fellowship Program was inspired by the desire to have equal representation of American and International students in the House. Begun in the early 1980’s with an award of one Fellowship, the program has greatly increased the number of fellowship awards, thanks to contributions by former residents and friends of the House along with annual fund-raising events. This year, 25 qualified residents have been awarded academic-year Residential Fellowships, including the Chen Fellowship and the Watkins Fellowship. The Chen Fellowship is made possible by the generous support of Min-sun and Anita Beltran Chen who are former residents of International House. The Watkins Fellowship is made possible by the generous support of Mr. & Mrs. George and Catherine Watkins who served as Board members for International House.

Over 50 percent of the residents now come from countries outside of the United States, partly as a result of this successful program. Residential Fellowships are offered throughout the academic year. Inquiries should be directed to Alumni Relations in the Office of Programs and External Relations.

The 2005–06 Fellowship Recipients are:

- Allison L. Weiss, Canada/Adler School of Psychology
- Camilla Kukus, Pakistan/Graduate School of Business
- Cameron Cross, USA/Humanities
- Oscar Bhatia, USA/Modern Middle Eastern Studies
- Fraser Blythe, India/Sociology
- Amin Sadr, Iran/Modern Middle Eastern Studies
- Lamia Moghnieh, Lebanon/Social Science
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Planning Your Gift

As International House looks to the future, planning giving will be important to our growth as a home away from home for our residents. For more information about how a planned gift can help the International House, please contact Heather McLean, Associate Director of Gift Planning at 773.834.2177 or hmclean@development.uchicago.edu

IN MEMORIAM

Gertrude (Trudy) Trogdon
1912–2005

Gertrude “Trudy” Trogdon, inspired by her travels around the world and her love of entertaining guests in her home, founded the International Thanksgiving Fellowship Program based on her “grassroots philosophy” of promoting international understanding one family at a time. Thanksgiving was chosen for its tradition of bringing friends and families together. This unique American holiday gives international students and their families an opportunity to experience American family life outside of Chicago and gives host families the occasion to learn about the cultures and ideas of their international guests.

During the first year of the program in 1956, 141 students and their families representing 35 countries were guests in 90 Paris, Illinois homes. Administered through International House at the University of Chicago, the program has spread across the state to include the communities of Morrison, Geneseo, Prophetstown, Rockford, and Sterling–Rock Falls who now invite international students to join their families in celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Trudy’s legacy lives on through the thousands of friendships the program has inspired over 49 years. A fund has been established in Trudy’s memory to support the Thanksgiving Fellowship Program. Contributions as well as any stories and photos that you would like to share should be sent to the Office of Programs and External Relations at International House.
Noteworthy

Programs and External Relations

The International House Office of Programs and Special Events has expanded its activities and has been renamed the Office of Programs and External Relations. This will allow us to expand our alumni connections making our intellectual programming central to our alumni activities. Programs such as our Global Voices Lecture Series and Performing Arts Programs will engage our alumni and friends in a new relationship allowing them to be in touch with our current students while enjoying a variety of stimulating programs and services.

Renovation Update

Work on the West Wing rooms was completed in time for the opening of the academic year with 173 residents occupying the 171 newly designed and refurbished rooms. The new furniture for the Main Lounge has been installed and the new furniture for the Library will arrive at the first of the year. Work on the East Wing of International House is progressing on schedule with furniture for the 6th floor scheduled to arrive on December 15th. The lower floors will be completed in early January and many rooms will be opened for occupancy. New windows for the entire building arrive in mid-December so that installation can begin during the break between Autumn and Winter Quarters. Whether you're just in the neighborhood and want to drop in to see the changes, or you're planning a trip to Chicago and want to enjoy the new amenities of the permanent short-term guest floor, we welcome you to International House!

Where We Come From

This year’s resident population includes:

- 173 residents
- Gender: Female (78) Male (95)
- North America (71) 41%
- Latin America (6) 3%
- Africa (5) 3%
- Middle East (8) 5%
- Asia (47) 27%
- Oceana (3) 2%
- Europe (33) 19%