This month, SJS students stayed busy with class, small group activities, workshops, and social events!

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons, SJS staff and GAs implemented one-on-one advisement meetings with both new and old SJS students. These meetings deepened our understandings of each student’s characteristics, personalities, strengths, and needs; thus, inspired us to provide more culturally responsive and personally related services to better meet their expectations.

On 2/1, the SJS family celebrated the Chinese New Year together. We combined traditional Chinese festival celebrations with learning of significant American cultural symbols. In the joyful atmosphere, students made red envelopes by themselves and at the same time, learned to recognize American coins, cultural symbols represented by these coins, and famous U.S. presidents and historical events related to these coins.

On 2/2’s workshop, new SJS students acquired some knowledge regarding the glorious history and unique customs of the state of Oklahoma as well as the University of Oklahoma.

On 2/8, new SJS students were super creative and excited in designing and making their own Valentine’s cards. Of course, they had a lot of fun!

Since several students expressed their interest of looking for a job on campus, in 2/9’s workshop, SJS staff and GAs organized a workshop focusing on resume building and on-campus job searching. We invited several guest speakers from OU’s International Advisory Committee to share with SJS students about how to get involved in international students affairs.

On 2/15, new SJS students toured the OU Sam Noble Museum of Natural History with the SJS GAs, which expanded their horizon and enriched their campus life. Check out the picture with the gigantic dinosaur skeleton!

In 2/22’s small group activity, our new SJS students learned an American idiom “stand in someone’s shoes” and actually practiced to think, feel and understand from other people’s perspectives.
ALUMN OF THE MONTH: YUAN “CLAIRE” FANG

Claire is a sophomore in Petroleum Engineering. She is involved with the International Advisory Commitee. She first came to SJS in Spring 2015 and has since blossomed into an active and devoted member of the University of Oklahoma family. You’ll probably spot her on her green bike, rushing to go to class or to some social event!

“Theyir activities are always helpful in the lives of international students. They took us to places we don’t normally go and new places to explore.”

Upcoming Events
- March 22
  K-Night OU Korean Student Association
- March 23
  Visit the National Weather Center
- March 29
  Small Group Meeting on Positive Thoughts
- March 30
  Innovation Hub Workshop
- March 31
  Medieval Fair with SJS

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Smile Day

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