

International College Newsletter



Welcome IBA & SSE Class of 2020!

On September 7th, Tunghai's International College (IC) held their opening ceremony to welcome in our programs' freshman class. This year marks the third year of our International Business Administration (IBA) program and the first year of our new Sustainability Sciences and Engineering (SSE) program. We were very excited to welcome in the 89 new IC students, 51 in the IBA program, and 38 in the SSE program.

For the opening ceremony, IBA Director Dr. James Sims and SSE Director Dr. David Kuo spoke to the students about what is expected of them throughout the program, and advised the student on how to approach their studies and college life. The student were also formally

introduced to the program's mentors and many of their future professors. After opening remarks and introductions, current students of the IBA program discussed their personal Study Abroad and Internship experiences and encouraged students to seek out similar opportunities.

A highlight of the opening ceremony was the scavenger hunt activity organized by the mentors. The activity had the students splitting up into groups to find different special locations around campus and take photos together there. The photos submitted by the students were unique and hilarious, and the activity gave students a chance to become friends and acquaint themselves with the campus.

The day ended with student's receiving their student cards and registering for classes, marking them as official Tunghai students. We are very excited about the class of 2020 and we wish them the best of luck as they start their college career!



Students participating in the scavenger hunt

Meet the New Mentors

A new school year brings a new crew of mentors to the International College.

Rachel Gossett

Rachel is a recent graduate of Trinity University where she majored in International Economics and Chinese Studies. She enjoys playing with puppies, reading, and good alliterations. Rachel will be the mentor for the Freshman IBA class.



Ashton Baker

The only male mentor in the group, Ashton Baker, is a Trinity University graduate who majored in Chinese language. He enjoys reading borderline nihilistic literature such as *The Iceman Cometh*, and *Devil in the White City*. When asked for an interesting fact about himself he replied "I prefer to think of myself as a boring individual."



Karen Sims

Karen is a recent graduate of Davidson College, where she studied English Literature and participated in the international mentoring program. In her free time, Karen enjoys writing poetry and sending her friends weird and funny postcards. She is very excited to be mentoring for the Sustainability Science and Engineering program this year, but hopes to get to know all students in the International College.



Thank You Parents!

Over the weekend we invited the incoming Freshmen and their families to a meet and greet at the International College Office. The students and their parents got to meet one-on-one with the faculty and staff, which provided a great opportunity for everyone to familiarize themselves with our programs. There was a great turnout and we had an awesome time meeting with the new students and their families. Thank you parents for supporting your children as they settle into Tunghai and the International College!

Students with their families on Parent's Day



The Start of SSE

This year brings an exciting new program for Tunghai's International College

International College welcomes Dr. David Kuo as Director of the Sustainability Science and Engineering (SSE) program. Originally from Chiayi, Dr. Kuo earned his PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in the United States. Before joining the International college, Dr. Kuo worked for the Center for Water Sciences at Michigan State University and for the Academia Sinica Biotechnology Center in Southern Taiwan. He is also currently an associate professor for the department of Environmental

Science and Engineering here at Tunghai, where his research includes water quality, wastewater treatment, and turning waste into renewable biofuel. As director of the SSE department, Dr. Kuo hopes that the program will not only help students adapt to an all-English environment, but also "encourage them to create and involve practical projects related to sustainability issues." He hopes that in the long run, the program will "inspire students for future complex practice in environmental conservation and sustainable development." The International College looks forward to seeing what projects the SSE department comes up with, and wishes Dr. Kuo and the students the best of luck.

Welcome New Professors!

This year the International College is welcoming in four new teachers.
We are thrilled and excited to have them join our programs!



Ambassador Chu

Ambassador Chu has devoted 34 years toward working as a diplomat. She is the first female Chief of Protocol of Taiwan and has been devoted to the etiquette affairs for a long time including writing etiquette books, journals, and have also worked with an association to give the International Etiquette Certification in Taiwan, the only authenticated one so far. This semester she will be teaching Modern International Etiquette for the International College.

Ambassador Lu

Ambassador Lu is a highly regarded and respected Taiwanese diplomat who dedicated much of his career to representing Taiwan in France. In addition to his work as a diplomat, he is also skilled in the arts, photography, singing and theater. This semester he will be teaching Trends in Culture & the Arts for the International College.



Director Phillip Rice

Phillip Rice has been the Music Director of Tunghai's choir since 2013 and has 30 years of professional experience. He will be teaching the elective course *Western Classical Music Appreciation* this semester, a class designed to teach students the history and form of classical music

Dr. Cindy CS Shang

Dr. Cindy CS Shang has a great husband and three adorable children. She loves reading, hiking and singing. She got her BS, MS and PhD. in epidemiology, public health at National Taiwan University. This is her first semester in Tunghai, and she is going to give lectures on how global environmental changes impact humans.

