**Devil’s Lake and Treinen Farm Field Trip**

On a brisk Saturday afternoon, BRIDGE participants traveled to Devil’s Lake and gained an introduction to fun and exploration. Some students chose to play a game of American football after learning the rules from Brett and Adam. Others participated in hiking and discovering the natural beauty of the area.

**Follow-up Field Trip**

Following Devil’s Lake, students went to Treinen Family Farm to pick pumpkins from their pumpkin patch. In order to travel from the farm to the patch, students got to take a hay ride on a horse drawn wagon. Many students used this opportunity to learn about the history of the farm as well. As a result of the day, every student got to take home the perfect pumpkin—it was a day to remember. Not just for the chilly weather, but for the fun times that we had with each other.

**Dodgeball Tournament**

Yesterday afternoon, BRIDGE teams faced off in the first ever BRIDGE Dodgeball Affairment. International students had the honor of being the American sport and get to enjoy many rounds of competitive play. During the breaks, snacks and drinks were provided by Vanity Quartes. While there was no clear cut winner, everyone had a great time learning to dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge with the rest of their friends.

**Mentor-hosted Pumpkin Carving Event**

Mentor Cindy Finkdick hosted a fun and festive pumpkin carving event! BRIDGE team members painted or carved pumpkins on CSU. Students shared stories of family Halloween traditions with the members, which resulted in a large discussion about Halloween traditions around the world.

**Mentor-hosted Cookout**

Mentor Eric Lackey graciously opened his home to his BRIDGE team for a cookout and potluck. People were asked to bring a side dish or dessert from their own home country as a supplement to the meat cooked by Eric. Prepared ribs, salads, homemade sausages, corn on the cob, and a kale salad. We had a rich collection of desserts representing Denmark, France, and Norway. Learning about different ways to enjoy dessert was a great experience for everyone and led to discussion of food and culture in connection to our using habits.

**Around the World with BRIDGE**

We are thrilled to have such wonderful BRIDGE mentors this semester. Each mentor has shown a genuine interest in getting to know the members of their assigned BRIDGE team and has taken initiative to plan a mentor-sponsored event to facilitate another opportunity for their team members to get to know each other better. Below is the list of our current BRIDGE mentors:

- Cindy Finkdick, CASL Director for Prospective Student Services
- David Multera, Wisconsin School of Business, Career Advisor for the BBA program
- David Montgomery, International Student Program, Program Coordinator
- Brett Adam, Visiting International Student Program, Program Coordinator
- Brett Erikson, Counseling Psychology, Master’s Student
- Brett Fink, Visiting International Student Program, Program Coordinator
- Amanda Novak, International Studies, Advisor
- Alexander Blas, Engineering Physics, Teaching Assistant
- Tim McCarty, Division of International Studies, Financial/ Administrative Specialist
- Ruben Mota, McBurney Disability Resource Center, Assistant Director
- Jordan Saurwein, University Housing, Residence Life Coordinator for Kronsage Hall
- Amy Free, McBurney Disability Resource Center, Sign Language Interpreter
- Anna Seidel-Quast, Visiting International Student Program, Program Coordinator
- Eric Luckey, Peace Corps, UW-Madison Recruiter
- Aaron Stumpf, Counseling Psychology, Master’s Student
- Josh Juedes, Visiting International Student Program, Sponsored Groups Coordinator
- Alexander Blas, Engineering Physics, Teaching Assistant

**Event Reminders**

**MURDER MURDER**

**DINNER**

Wednesday, October 29

Place: Ogg Hall Lounge, 635 W. Dayton Street

Time: 7-10pm

Come join us for a mysterious night of fun as we work in teams and explore new people to answer who the murderer is. Spooky snacks will be provided.

**Save the Date!**

- Fajana Dance Party
  Saturday, November 8th
  BRIDGE on the Field
  Saturday, November 22nd

**More Field Trip Highlights**

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