**BRIDGE/VISP Fall and Halloween Party**

Team 19 and team 15 decided to have a bonfire and s’more night. Unfortunately, it had rained the night before and all the wood was wet. Fortunately, the team members were incredibly resourceful and they ended up finding a broken rocking chair in the dumpster. They chopped it up with an axe for the fire.

Participants from BRIDGE and the VISP program came together for a night of Halloween frights and fun. The evening contained Halloween games, food (including a Madison favorite: Ian’s Pizza), lots of candy, and a costume contest that showcased the talent and creativity of our students. Pictures of the costume contest winners are shown to the left below.

**Combined Team Bonfire and S’more Night**

Mentor-hosted “Dogs on Call” Event

Mentors Ruben Mota and Amy Free hosted a fun-filled evening of pizzas and dogs. Members of Team 10 had a great time hanging out with a couple of furry friends. After trying several interesting variations of Ian’s Pizza, such as Mac & Cheese and Cheesy Pepperoni with Ranch, Team 19 got to meet some special guests. The Dogs On Call service brought two dogs to bond and play with students. Meeting the dogs served as a great stress reliever after midterm exams. Members shared stories of their own pets at home, and had a great time bonding with the dogs.

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Around the World with BRIDGE

BRIDGE members from various teams got together for an international potluck. Diverse dishes from Japan, Italy, China, Chile, Peru, Taiwan and Korea were sampled and enjoyed by all.

**Diversity Dialogues**

You are invited to join a Diversity Dialogue hosted by the BRIDGE on Wednesday, November 19th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in the On Wisconsin Room of the Red Gym.

Diversity Dialogues are 90-minute discussions in small groups of approximately 8-10 students. These dialogues are facilitated by trained graduate students. The goal of the dialogue is to increase students’ awareness and skills around cross-cultural and ethnic diversity and provide an opportunity for students andChapter 12: Diversity Dialogues and events about diversity with other students. Discussions are usually analytic forms of academic engagement focused on sharing of ideas. In contrast, dialogue events are usually analytic forms of engagement focused on sharing of personal perspectives and experiences and encourage some sense of community.

This is a unique opportunity for U.S. and international students to engage in open and honest dialogue together.

If you would like to attend, please sign up by sending an email to jharmatys@studentlife.wisc.edu by Sunday, November 16th. Space is limited to 30 participants.

**Around the World with BRIDGE**

Hey! My name is Lauren and I am a member of team one. I am here in Madison on a year-long exchange to study Law. I am originally from Liverpool however, for the past two years I’ve studied at the University of Sheffield, which is about 2 hours away from my hometown. I picked to come to Wisconsin as I have always been interested in the American way of life. Although on the surface it seems very similar to life in the UK, living here has taught me things about the country. I got to the chance to travel around America with BRIDGE while I’m here. I’m currently writing this from my hotel room in Las Vegas! I’m excited to see what winter is truly like in Madison, even if I am not completely prepared for it and excited to see even more UW traditions. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the semester with BRIDGE!