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Upcoming event
Mentor-hosted Thanksgiving potluck
Thursday, December 4th
Place: Great Dane at Hilldale Mall- 357 Price Place, Madison
Time: 6pm-8pm
RSVP via Facebook or email!

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Winter Wonderland Prom
On Saturday, November 22nd, BRIDGE hosted its biannual prom, organized by Team 6. The theme was Winter Wonderland, and more than 100 guests dressed in their best to attend the event which featured a free photo booth decked out with crazy props as well as a lively three-course dinner. The dinner was concluded with the coronation of a prom king and queen. Karol Zawadzki from Poland won prom king and Danielle Young from Denmark won prom queen. After the formal dinner of the prom king and queen, the dance floor was open for everyone to dance the night away.

International Pajama Dance Party
The International Pajama Dance Party took place in the Ogg Hall lounge, which made for a great dance floor! BRIDGE members came dressed in pajamas ranging from their favorite country means to unique ones. A variety of popular music from around the world was played, and members had fun showing off their different dance moves. Participants also enjoyed fun slumber party games, such as Twister. Everyone had a great time chatting, laughing, and dancing the night away!

Mentor-hosted Thanksgiving potluck
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Around the World with BRIDGE
Hello BRIDGErs! I am glad I got a chance to introduce myself and my country to everyone. I was born in Germany and then moved to the eastern coast of Korea, but I moved to Seoul in 2009 and have lived there ever since. Seoul is the capital of South Korea with a population of 10 million. It has all the fun places such as Gangnam, Apgujeong, and Hongdae. I am graduating next semester from Yonsei University, which I dare to say is the best university in Seoul! To be very honest, I chose UW-Madison because it is so highly ranked for its Econ grad-school. However, I was surprised at how nice it is! I was also lucky to become partners with Sean who shares very similar interests with me and is nice enough to introduce everything American to me! I believe I have participated in most of the BRIDGE events and was able to make a lot of new friends. Looking back, I think I would have even half the number of friends here if it had not been for this program. I was exceptionally lucky to be assigned in Team 7, which has the most fun and warm people too! I am so lucky!

Although I have only been here for only 5 months, I have traveled to quite a few places and experienced the most out of the American culture. Even though I lived in the States for two years during my childhood, I had a stereotyped view towards the US. This is because one only hears parts of what is happening in foreign countries, and most of them are political issues, which are usually negative. However, Sean and my many other American friends here proved my view wrong and now I have my own perspective towards this country, rather than one based on what I have heard through the media.

I hope you guys will visit Korea! If you facebook me, I will try my best to help you out and I am looking forward to thanksgiving and winter break in Florida. Thanks a lot for the great experience BRIDGE and BRIDGErs!!

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