Bittersweet Banquet
BRIDGE participants gathered together at the University Club for our final event, an end-of-semester banquet where we reflected on our semester together and relished in the memories. To cherish all of the glory which was our semester, we put together a final slideshow and gave out awards as a token of our appreciation. These awards recognized some of the lasting friendships made, individual quirks that brought smiles to our faces, and other qualities that couldn’t be overlooked. With the participants we had this semester, we could have gone on giving awards all night; however, we wanted to share the stage with BRIDGE members who spoke of their partnerships and time spent in the program. It was truly rewarding to see some of the lasting friendships that grew from this semester. Ultimately, BRIDGE members showed that time, commitment, and care for one another is what makes this program wonderful. With the knowledge that we made lasting international connections and unforgettable memories, we all enjoyed one last slice of sweet before the bitter of goodbye, or as we prefer, “see you later.”

Positive Vibes to get us Through
Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday!

Even though the weather outside hasn’t been too frightful, our night at the Red Gym was still so delightful! BRIDGE members arrived bearing “white elephant” gifts wrapped in a way only appropriate for college students, in shoeboxes, magazines, and newspaper. In an effort to get in the holiday spirit, we drank sparkling juices and hot chocolate, decorated gingerbread houses, ate sugary treats, crafted, played games, and spread cheer. Our “white elephant” gift exchange kept us alert, but after much passing of gifts left and right, we all had ourselves a token from the evening. Our night was made extra festive when Tasnia brought out a sweet surprise; a birthday cake for her BRIDGE partner, Manvi.

So long, Farewell....

Thank you all for participating in BRIDGE this semester. It has been one crazy, but amazing adventure getting to know all of you. Through our intense tug-of-war matches to impromptu karaoke sessions, we have loved every single moment of our job when it involved all of BRIDGE. For those of you leaving us, we will miss you dearly. Always know that whether you are a U.S. or international student, somewhere in the world you have a friend waiting to visit and vice versa. That is the beauty of BRIDGE and we encourage you to continue to maintain the connections you’ve made and build new ones. Wherever you go, we’ll see you again. Take care friends. – Sabrine, Sara and Lindsey