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Year: Senior
Majors: International Studies & Spanish
Hometown: Racine, Wisconsin

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Name: Mona Sawan
Year: Senior
Majors: Linguistics & Spanish
Hometown: Alexandria, Egypt

When I think back to my years spent in Alexandria, I trace my fondest memories to Smooha Sporting Club. Those were the summers when I discovered my passion for singing and dancing and really developed those skills. It was also when I had my first experience dabbling in French. My memories of my daily fall on the knee running to greet my mom and making my way home with the same scraped, bloody knee are still engraved in my head. I look forward to the day when I revisit Smooha and get that oh-so-refreshing vanilla soft serve from McDonald’s that I always longed for after an exhausting day of running track and playing keyboard.

Around the World with BRIDGE

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Take a break with BRIDGE at the Global Cafes! Global Cafes is a new monthly informal gathering of in- ternational and study abroad students over coffee, tea and snacks. Drop by at any time for casual conversation about topics of your choice.

Name: Jessica Chen
Year: Sophomore
Majors: Finance, Investment and Banking & Risk Man- agement
Hometown: Nanjing, China

Hi everyone, welcome to BRIDGE! I’m confident that this semester will be an unforgettable experience for you all. I was an international participant in BRIDGE one year ago, and I volunteered to help BRIDGE with events, field trips and recruiting last semester. From my experience, BRIDGE offers the opportunity to meet with people across the globe. I’m still in touch with previous BRIDGE participants that went back to their home countries. Take this opportunity to explore yourself, to develop everlasting friendships, and to meet the world!

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