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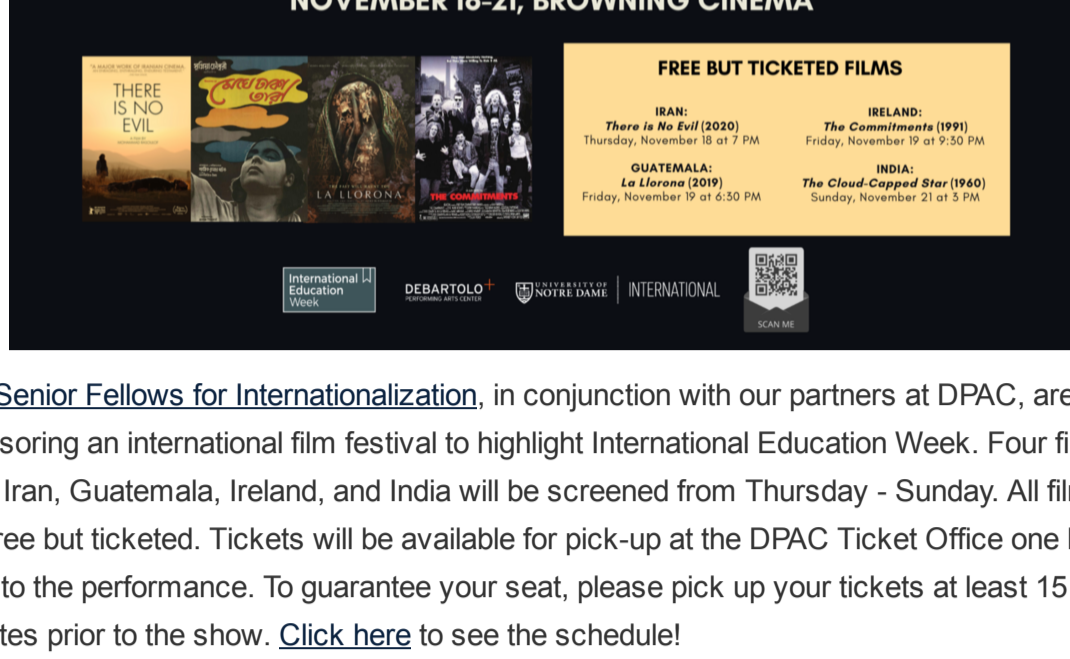
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# International Education Week

## Engaged • Resilient • Global

**International Education Week (IEW)**, November 15 - 19, 2021, is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the [U.S. Department of State](#) and the U.S. Department of Education is an effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences.

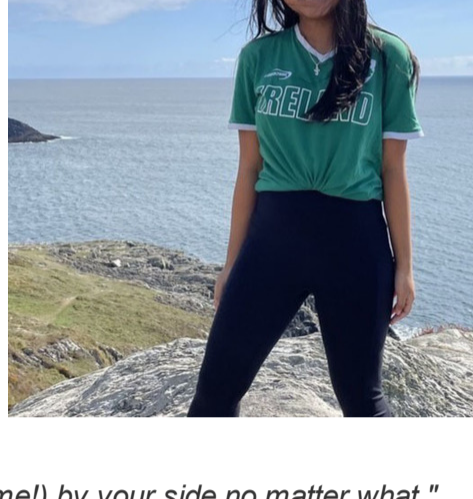
Join Notre Dame International as we celebrate International Education Week (IEW). [Click here](#) for a list of scheduled events!



The [Senior Fellows for Internationalization](#), in conjunction with our partners at DPAC, are sponsoring an international film festival to highlight International Education Week. Four films from Iran, Guatemala, Ireland, and India will be screened from Thursday - Sunday. All films are free but ticketed. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the DPAC Ticket Office one hour prior to the performance. To guarantee your seat, please pick up your tickets at least 15 minutes prior to the show. [Click here](#) to see the schedule!



Join NDI Study Abroad in celebrating first-generation college students! **November 8th** is the National Celebration of first-gen students, a term that refers to any student who is the first in their family to pursue a four-year degree. Take a moment to celebrate any first-generation students you know. If you are a first-generation student studying abroad or thinking about going abroad, be sure to check out our [First Generation Student Identity Abroad](#) page.

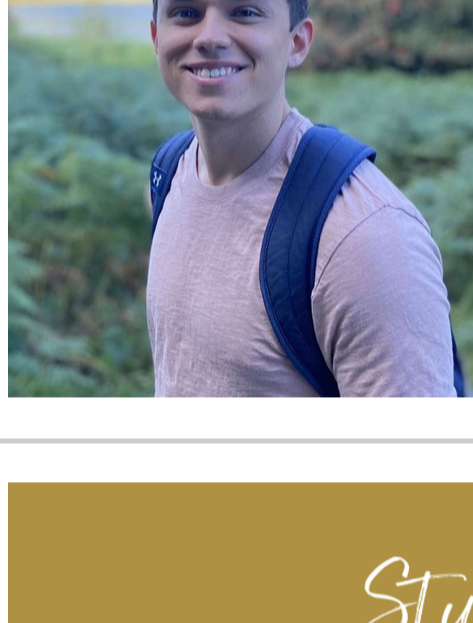


### Bianca Widjaja - Galway, Ireland

*"Being a first-generation college student is a part of me, it is not a barrier. I had more to learn about academics, travel, and finances, but my background as a person of color also provided me with increased intercultural competency that greatly benefited me in being able to communicate with others of different backgrounds. Feeling scared and clueless about the study abroad process is normal. However, being a first-generation student means that I am resilient and have the capabilities to problem solve. If you need a little extra help or someone to talk to, remember that you have the support of the ND community (including me!) by your side no matter what."*

### Crystal DiBiase - Puebla, Mexico

*"Coming from a first-generation, low-income background, although I dreamed of studying abroad, I never thought it would be financially possible for me. My dream became a reality through the help of the financial aid office at Notre Dame and the scholarship I received through Fighting Irish Scholars (FIS). Now, I am currently living out my dream in Puebla, Mexico! I want to make sure that everyone from a first-generation or low-income background has the knowledge that studying abroad and increasing your cultural awareness is possible, no matter what your background."*



### Sean Ford - Dublin, Ireland

*"I am a first-generation student and I had no experience in study abroad and had no clue what I was walking into. If you think that something might hinder you from going abroad, I promise it is 100% manageable and people are always willing to support you through it."*

## Study Abroad & Accessibility and Student Support

If you are a student who receives accommodation from Sara Bea Services, the study abroad team is here to help you get the accommodations you need for your accommodation abroad. Local perceptions and laws concerning physical mobility, mental illness, and chronic conditions can vary significantly from one location to another, and it is crucial that these factors be explored before you commit to any study abroad program.

Prior to application and departure, it will be important to research your destination, consult with the [Sara Bea Accessibility Services](#) and request appropriate accommodations and verify the legality and availability of any medications you take. In addition, there are many resources for students who are considering studying abroad. See below for a list of additional resources.

- [Mobility International](#)
- [Study Abroad Identities](#)
- [Diversity Abroad](#)
- [BeyoND Study Abroad Podcast](#)
- [Inclusive Mobility](#)
- [Education USA](#)



Join NDI in celebrating [Native American Heritage Month](#)! This observance commemorates the history, heritage, and celebrates the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives. It is during this month we acknowledge the vast achievements of America's indigenous people. We encourage you to learn more about the traditions and contributions of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives in education, art, literature, government, sports, science, and technology past and present.

Learn more on campus by checking out the Native American Heritage Month Virtual Lunch & Learn on Thursday, November 11 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. More information can be [found here](#).

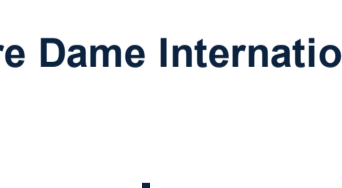


**KU Leuven** is one of the oldest universities in Europe making it rich in history and tradition and is characterized by its beautiful architecture. Leuven's student dorms, lecture halls, and academic buildings are integrated into the city and interspersed with cozy restaurants or vibrant student hotspots. Centrally located in Belgium, Leuven is a prime example of the country's surprising contrasts. Leuven also offers a cosmopolitan lifestyle, great sports facilities, libraries, bookshops, restaurants, cafes, and a dynamic international and cultural scene. The exchange program at KU Leuven is open to students in the College of Science and offers an outstanding academic experience at one of the top 100 universities in the world. Learn more about the study abroad program in Leuven, Belgium [here](#).

## Study Abroad Photo Contest

Calling all photographers! Notre Dame International is looking for photos that tell a story and provide a glimpse into the study abroad experience. This photo contest is a great opportunity to provide the Notre Dame community with a visual glimpse into your experience, so be as creative as you'd like! [Click here](#) to see the fall 2021 photo contest submission information.

The submission deadline for all the photos is January 31, 2022!

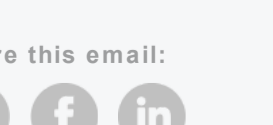


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### Gateways and Centers

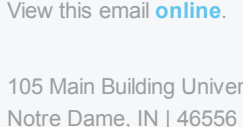
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