



### New! Make Yourself Marketable: Resume Expert Tips:

- 1) Tailor your resume to EVERY company you apply to. Use their company verbiage (found in the job description and on their website) to describe your strengths.
- 2) Ensure you include both hard skills (Like "Excel Expert") and soft skills (Like "Flexible and welcomes change that improves company results")
- 3) When listing "Studied Abroad": List what you *learned* from the experience; skills you gained (IE: Ability to quickly establish rapport, Ability to overcome obstacles.)



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## ISSA /ATW Club Meetings:

### New Officers Elected – Big Things in Store...



*Catalina "Cat" Grimaldos- ISSA President*



*Kole Buffington - ISSA Vice President*

It was an awesome turnout at the first three ISSA/ATW club meetings this fall. Dr. Eric Sun-Associate Dean School of Health and Natural Sciences, Dr. Charlotte Miller-Associate Professor Department of History, Dr. Sabrina Wengier-Associate Professor of French/Coordinator of Modern Languages Department and Mrs. Marina Spears-Associate Professor of English/Reading, together lead a group of over twenty students in learning to embrace diversity and alternative cultures in addition to their own around the world. During meetings the group strategizes on how to best internationalize our Middle Georgia State University campus, while practicing speaking key phrases in several different languages to expand their learning.

The club recently elected Ms. Catalina "Cat" Grimaldos as the Club President. She is supported by Mr. Kole Buffington and Ms. Stena Mathison as Vice Presidents, and Ms. Shifa Santhebennur Khazi as Secretary.

The ISSA/ATW Club is eager to attend the upcoming field trip to the Macon Greek Festival on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Fun times are sure to be had by all as groups from both Cochran and Macon campuses meet at the festival to celebrate international culture, food and dance from the local Greek Orthodox community.

**Via Mas!!! ("Cheers to Us")!!!**

Do you know a fellow international student who should be our November Star Student of the Month who exhibits all four of our university values?

Engagement  
Adaptability  
Learning  
and  
Stewardship?

We want to hear from you!



Faculty/Staff and Students: Please Email nominations by October 22, with your recommended international student's name, if they are involved in any clubs, sports or other fun organization here at MGA, and how they reflect all four of our values to:

[Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu](mailto:Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu)

Or

[ISS@mga.edu](mailto:ISS@mga.edu)



Shifa Santhebennur Khazi is a freshman with us at Middle Georgia State University.

Shifa can be seen often out and about around our Macon campus; as she is passionate about getting involved with student events, showing her high “**Engagement**”.

From day one of Fall semester 2023; Ms. Santhebennur Khazi has always had a smile on her face, willing to assist anyone around her. She reflects our “**Stewardship**” value often, by volunteering for services and tasks as requested by faculty and staff. She supports our student body and community by volunteering/acting as Secretary of the for the Macon Campus ISSA/ATW Club. Additionally, Shifa has volunteered her time to represent her home country of India during our upcoming

International

Student Expo

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

5pm-6pm

Macon Student Life  
Center

This Expo will be the highlight of our International Education Week (November 13-17, 2023).

All students, faculty and staff across all campuses and local community members are encouraged to attend to experience the worldwide culture we share; presented by our international students and international education support groups: Office of Diversity, Student Life, ISSA/ATW and International Faculty and Staff here at Middle Georgia State University.

## ISS STAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

**Shifa**

**Santhebennur Khazi**

*We select an international student each month who has clearly demonstrated our four MGA values of Engagement, Adaptability, Learning and Stewardship.*

Shifa has contributed many ideas to enhance the event. Attending events being her passion, Shifa's eagerness to embrace and leverage sites and apps available like Presence. Io and our campus “Rave” app to keep informed and to keep her safe shows her passion to “**Learn**”, and “**Adaptability**” to assimilate quickly to our MGA culture. Speaking of the Rave app, she listened intently and captured Officer Toya Coleman's presentation on video during our International Student Check-In to ensure she didn't miss a moment of valuable information. She has been recognized by Officer Coleman for her engaging positive attitude, among other staff and faculty.

**Congratulations**

**Shifa**

**Santhebennur Khazi!**

We appreciate you representing our core values at MGA as our

“International Star Student of the Month October 2023”.

How Can Start I Working on Campus?  
How Can I Start Working after Graduation?

EMAIL [KENDRA.RUSSELL@MGA.EDU](mailto:KENDRA.RUSSELL@MGA.EDU) OR [JESSICA.ARNOLD1@MGA.EDU](mailto:JESSICA.ARNOLD1@MGA.EDU)

TO RSVP TO ATTEND OUR UPCOMING

## OPT/CPT WORKSHOPS:

10/6/23 FRIDAY FROM 9A-11A (MACON) CAREER CENTER

10/13/23 FRIDAY FROM 9A-11A (COCHRAN) SANFORD HALL

# Central Georgia Greek Festival



## Q&A Technology Tips

Q: What's are key Windows program shortcuts to save you time?

A: **CTRL+HOME**-moves cursor to the beginning of a document

\***CTRL+END**-moves the cursor to the end of a document

\***CTRL+Backspace**-deletes entire words at a time vs. letters

\***CTRL+SHIFT+V**-pastes everything you copied without formatting it as plain text.

**ALT+Tab**-Switch between open apps

**CTRL+W**-Close program

**CTRL+Z** Undoes any change

Q: What's one of the fastest growing Tech career fields in 2023?

A: CYBERSECURITY

Used in industries such as finance, healthcare, and logistics; skillset in this key field enables companies to protect networks, systems and data from cyber attacks and comply with regulations. Good thing we offer IT as a major here at MGA with a certification offering in Cybersecurity!



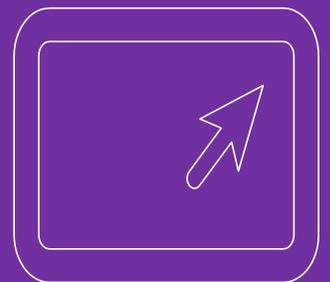
## FUN INTERNATIONAL FACTS:

\*International Students contribute to \$45 Billion to the U.S. Economy!

\*Though China is the top country to send students to the U.S. to study overall; here at MGA our largest international student population is from India, followed by Nigeria.

\*Out of world leaders, 62 were enrolled in US universities.

\*In the U.S. average tuition is \$48,510 per year...Thankfully our TOP NOTCH higher education comes at the BEST VALUE of \$20k on average- inclusive of out of state tuition fees.



## Upcoming Events

- **Mon 10/2/23 6:30p:** KPOP and Korean Culture Celebration (M) Math Auditorium
- **Tues 10/3/23 12p:** Hispanic Heritage Salsa Party and Info Session (C)
- **Wed 10/4/23 12p:** Desserts and Music from Around the World ( E ) Flight lobby
- **Wed 10/4/23 5p:** Teams Webinar “All the Trouble in the World” Visit this link <https://bit.ly/3rgA8Ee> conversation hosted by Poli-Sci
- **Fri 10/6/23 9a :** International OPT/CPT Career Workshop (M) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor SLC Career Center
- **Sat 10/7/23 1p:** MGA SOCCER GAME (C) Nesmith field WEAR PURPLE TO SUPPORT OUR KNIGHTS!
- **Mon 10/9/23 8a:** Registration for Spring Classes opens!
- **Mon 10/9/23 2p:** Discussion “Overcoming Anxiety Learning a Language” (M) SOAL #110
- **Fri 10/13/23 9a :** International OPT/CPT Career Workshop (C) Sanford Hall #112
- **Fri 10/20/23 11a :** Field Trip to the Macon Greek Festival (C ) (M) Bus leaves Cochran 11a, Macon 11:30a and leaves the festival at 2p. Free T-shirts, transportation and fun! Bring lunch/souvenir \$...Macon bus is FULL-wait list started. Cochran: 7 seats remaining- Email [Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu](mailto:Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu) to RSVP.
- **Sat 10/21/23 1:30p:** MGA SOCCER GAME (C) Nesmith field WEAR PURPLE TO SUPPORT OUR KNIGHTS!
- **Tues 10/24/23 6:30p:** TRUNK OR TREAT (M) Outside SLC Fill out this form to participate: <https://forms.office.com/r/gyyGmgBTYG>
- **Sat 10/28/23 7p:** MGA SOCCER GAME (C) Nesmith field WEAR PURPLE TO SUPPORT OUR KNIGHTS!
- **Tues 10/31/23 :** Happy Halloween from MGA’s International Student Services!



**NATIONAL  
HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH**

**SALSA PARTY & Information Session  
WITH PROFESSOR TRINO**

Open to Students, Staff, & Faculty

October 3, 2023 | Time: 12:00PM | Presidential Dining Room  
Cochran Campus

**Middle Georgia  
State University**  
OFFICE OF CAMPUS CULTURE & COMMUNITY

### Meet our Director of Academic Advising:

Sandy Little-Herring is quick to support ISS and our international students by overseeing Advising services. Students are reaching out to Advisors now to plan what classes they will be registered for when registration opens soon. During her 16 years here at MGA, her positions have all been in Academic Advising. Ms. Little-Herring’s positions include Academic Advisor, Academic Transfer Specialist, Coordinator of Academic Advising, and Director of Academic Advising. She wanted to share what International Students here with us at Middle Georgia State University mean to her:

*“I love hearing about our students’ home countries, customs, and culture. Working with the international student population offers a unique and multifaceted experience that often leads to personal and professional growth. It’s an opportunity to foster a more inclusive and globally aware educational environment, while building lasting connections with students from around the world.”*

Thank you, Ms. Sandy Little-Herring, for supporting our Advisors as they assist our F1 Visa Students to Register for Spring Oct 9th-especially the way they work hard keeping our students in compliance with 9 hours required in person each semester.

### Staff Spotlight on Sandy Little-Herring

