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\*Current F1 VISA Students: please email [Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu](mailto:Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu) your current US mailing address **by 2/9/24.**

\*Graduating May '24 or Summer 24? Have you applied for graduation yet? Click this link for all the best info: [Graduation: Middle Georgia State University \(mga.edu\)](https://www.gsa.edu/graduation)



Check out our February Star International Student in action, inquiring about Greek Culture during our 2023 International Student Expo. We love to see an expression of our MGA value of "Learning"!

**SPRING 24 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECK IN SUCCESS!**

A passion to learn was in the air as MGA F1 VISA students connected with supporting services experts at the Spring '24 International Student Check-Ins. Thanks to all who assisted International Student Services at the mid-January sessions. The events were held both in Cochran's Alderman Hall Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, and in Macon's Writing Center January 26<sup>th</sup>. Shout outs to Student Life and Aladdin for catering the delicious fresh breakfast treats for the students.

Over 40 attendees eagerly filed into the events hosted by ISS, featuring engaging presenters welcoming and offering their services. This doubles SP'23 attendees, and we packed out the session in the Macon campus's Writing Center, courtesy of Dr. Sharon E. Colley's support. Presentations would not be near as engaging without key ISS partners like Macon's Precinct Commander, Lt. Toya Coleman, and Dr. Michael Stewart from our SHIP/Student Affairs office.

Upon arrival, international recruiter Alli Garibello scanned in attendee VISAs and Passports to complete records. Many took advantage of the multiple DSOs available, getting I-20s signed to comply when traveling outside the US this year. A major win was the connection made by our Awesome Advisement team- sharing importance of registering for Fall '24 classes when registration opens here soon this March. We close by thanking Tricia, Champoine, Colby, Ashley and the team!





WARNER ROBINS, Ga.-

“Warner Robins is hoping to live up to their nickname. The [International City Experience](#) is coming to Perkins Field in Warner Robins on March 2. They're still looking for food vendors, dancers, bands, or vendors to represent the diversity within the community.

### Potwah's Kitchen

is the newest Jamaican restaurant on the block.

Click for more info:

[International Festival coming to Warner Robins | 13wmaz.com](#)



## FEBRUARY 2024 ISS STAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH: CANG VU

We recognize an international student monthly who has been observed demonstrating Knight all four of our MGA Knight Values: Engagement, Adaptability, Stewardship and Learning.

Cang Vu is with us from Vietnam, on his F1 Student VISA studying Psychology. Many appreciate this bright student’s participation in several ISS/ISSA events; demonstrating his personal value to “Learn,” especially learning about international cultures at local festivals.

It is clear how very “plugged-in” to student life Cang is. Ask anyone in ISS department about his consistent attendance of sponsored events. His consistent respect for peers, professors, and advisors alike, a reflection of high “Engagement.”

The rising MGA sophomore eagerly pursued membership with our newest university club , The “PCC” (Pilot/Compass Club) The club meets monthly via Teams to discuss community service opportunity to elevate the well-being and mental health – specifically for our youth and seniors. This “Stewardship” demonstration is refreshing to see, and inspiring to those around him. Cang mentioned he looks forward to assisting with Pilot/Compass Club’s upcoming field trip to gain community service experience, by helping others.

The new club (Advised by ISC/DSO Jessica Arnold and Dr. Melinda Robinson-Moffett plans to take students by bus from our Cochran campus Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to serve at our local clean-up project) When asked how he was “Adapting” at MGA he said,

“My self-confidence and other capabilities have improved while here at MGA. My ability to engage in conversation with people, learning about American culture, and trying to attend many events to get myself into conversations with others are all things are all I wouldn’t have imagined doing prior to attending Middle Georgia State University.”

CONGRATULATIONS CANG VU- WE ARE HAPPY YOU’RE HERE AT MGA.

## FEBRUARY RESUME RECOMMENDATIONS:

**93% of Employers seek out these soft skills on resumes....**

- 1.) **Effective Communication:** Use Keywords “Presented” “Negotiated” and “Facilitated”; Ex: “Negotiated vendor contracts, while maintaining integrity and quality”.
- 2.) **High Level Customer Service:** Use Keywords, “Assisted” “Responded” “Resolved”;  
Ex: “Responded promptly to phone and email”
- 3.) **Successful Project Management:** Use Keywords, “Launched” “Evaluated” “Achieved”,  
Ex: “Collaborated with team to launch the relevant and engaging social media plans.”
- 4.) **Highly Flexible:** Use Keywords, “Improvised” “Adapted” “Persuaded”  
Ex: “Persuaded C-level executives to adopt new program technology.”

 **KNIGHTS  
TABLE**

  
**WE HAVE  
MOVED**

Come see our bigger location!

**NEW  
LOCATION**

Student Life Center  
SECOND FLOOR  
ROOM 282

Contact Info

(478) 757-2264  
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**BABY BOOMERS**

(1946-1960)



**Generation X**

(1961-1980)



**Generation Y**

(1981-1995)



**GENERATION Z**

(Born after 1995)



### GEN Z ...Quirks and Fast Facts

“Gen Z (“Zoomers” for short currently ages 7-22) are amazing ... I asked one to bring me 50 pieces of blank copy paper one day. Instead of thumbing through them to count out 50, the genius decided to send 50 blank pages to the printer, so she didn’t have to count them!”  
~@SundaeDivine

Did you know that Zoomers prefer instant availability, growing up with 24/7 connectivity online and fast communication. Being used to having everything available “now” makes Gen Z less tolerant of slower processes (manual document filing for ex).

(51%) of Gen Z name TECH as the top industry in which they’d like to work; followed by careers in education (41%) and healthcare (37%).

Gen Z is more independent, requiring less “handholding” at work. **(43% of Gen Z learners prefer fully self-directed and independent approaches to learning.**

53% of Gen Z-ers have been diagnosed with a mental illness. If this is you, know that we have exciting tips coming in our March issue to help you “Be Well,” and our counseling services can be found if needed to help at: [BeWell@MGA](mailto:BeWell@MGA): Middle Georgia State University.  
(Source: <https://slidemodel.com/generation-z/>)

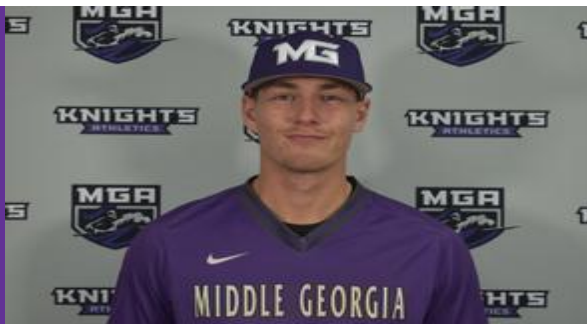




<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Virtual	<b>Internship Series:</b>	3:30p-4:30p	<a href="mailto:Heather.McIntosh@mga.edu">Heather.McIntosh@mga.edu</a>
<i>A recruiter discusses Summer '23 MGMT major internship positions. Could lead to your future career opportunity?</i>				
<b>Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Virtual	<b>Internship Series</b>	3:30p-4:30p	<a href="mailto:Heather.McIntosh@mga.edu">Heather.McIntosh@mga.edu</a>
<i>ATTN: Engineering, Math, Science, Computing etc...Rising JRs/SRs-Learn of GA Tech's Summer Scholars program.</i>				
<b>Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Macon	<b>Knights B-ball Game</b>	5:30p-9:30p	<a href="mailto:Ethan.Money@mga.edu">Ethan.Money@mga.edu</a>
<i>Come support the basketball team in our Morris Gym as they take on U of Mobile. GO KNIGHTS!</i>				
<b>Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Macon	<b>French Crepe Party</b>	3:30p-5:30p	<a href="mailto:Sabrina.Wengier@mga.edu">Sabrina.Wengier@mga.edu</a>
<i>SOAL Room#110: Join SOAL+ISSA Club celebrating 'La Chandeleur', by sampling crepes &amp; learning of French culture</i>				
<b>Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	WR/C/E	<b>Fiesta Flamenca!</b>	<i>See flyer last pg</i> <a href="mailto:Aleece.Bustamante@mga.edu">Aleece.Bustamante@mga.edu</a>	
<i>Walker Auditorium: Join SOAL for an electrifying performance by Berdole Flamenco!</i>				
<b>Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Macon	<b>Career Ctr Session</b>	12:30p-1:30p	<a href="mailto:Mary.Roberts3@mga.edu">Mary.Roberts3@mga.edu</a>
<i>SLC #261: Learn secrets to landing internships with your dream company.</i>				
<b>Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Cochran	<b>Nursing Career Fair</b>	10a-1p	<a href="mailto:Heather.McIntosh@mga.edu">Heather.McIntosh@mga.edu</a>
<i>Dillard Hall: Many healthcare employers will be seeking to meet nursing students and alumni to connect.</i>				
<b>Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Macon	<b>Knights B-ball Game</b>	5:30p-9:30p	<a href="mailto:Ethan.Money@mga.edu">Ethan.Money@mga.edu</a>
<i>Come support the basketball team in our Morris Gym as they take on Point University. GO KNIGHTS!</i>				
<b>Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Macon	<b>Mock Interviews</b>	1p-2p	<a href="mailto:Mary.Roberts3@mga.edu">Mary.Roberts3@mga.edu</a>
<i>For students interested in practicing interview skills with real employers</i>				

**When is the last time you enjoyed an MGA Knights Baseball game?...**

Come support International Graduate Student Daniel Vos and our Knights team!



**MGA** **Sports** **Inside Athletics** **Facilities**

**Baseball**



Feb 3 (Sat) / 1:00 PM EST

**vs** **Brewton-Parker College**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 3 (Sat) / 4:00 PM EST

**vs** **Brewton-Parker College**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 9 (Fri) / 2:00 PM EST

**vs** **Milligan University**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 9 (Fri) / 5:00 PM EST

**vs** **Milligan University**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 10 (Sat) / 1:00 PM EST

**vs** **Milligan University**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 13 (Tue) / 2:00 PM EST

**vs** **Brewton-Parker College**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 16 (Fri) / 2:00 PM EST

**vs** **#18 University of Mobile (Ala.)**

**SSAC**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 16 (Fri) / 5:00 PM EST

**vs** **#18 University of Mobile (Ala.)**

**SSAC**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 17 (Sat) / 1:00 PM EST

**vs** **#18 University of Mobile (Ala.)**

**SSAC**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 20 (Tue) / 3:00 PM EST

**at** **University of South Carolina Beaufort**

Bluffton, SC



Feb 23 (Fri) / 3:00 PM EST

**vs** **#4 William Carey University (Miss.)**

**SSAC**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



Feb 24 (Sat) / 1:00 PM EST

**vs** **#4 William Carey University (Miss.)**

**SSAC**

Cochran, GA / Stuckey Field



## **Staff Feature:**

### **MGA Bursar's Office's Shonda Crew**

**When you think of a Bursar's office, does anxiety come to mind? If so, you should let this kind woman help you get what you need sorted out on your SWORDS account. You can find her at our Cochran Campus Bursar's office window and her name is Ms. Shonda Crew.**

**Shonda is an expert at most things financial regarding student SWORDS accounts; and a valuable resource consistently pleasant to chat with every day of the week. Ms. Crew has been with the MGA Bursar's office team for the last 8 years!**

**One of the first people to jump to support our ISS department, Shonda has assisted an infinite number of international students to do everything from setting up a payment plan if needed, getting to the root of why a charge may or may not be visible on the account, and familiarizing students with the payment deadlines and academic calendars to support.**

**Thank you, Shonda for being such an asset to our MGA Cochran campus students and ISS department.**



## **JOIN OUR NEW MGA COMPASS CLUB by the 2/9/24 Deadline!**

- **Advisors Jessica Arnold and Dr. Melinda Robinson-Moffett**
- **Virtual meetings Thursdays 3:30p-4:30p (monthly via Teams)**
- **Several scholarships \$\$\$ available for international students to apply for!**
- **Field Trip (tentative) to clean up on of our local areas and help out with a meal and games with a local nursing home. Excellent volunteer opportunities to beef up your resume!**
- **Our organizational mission is to work within our community to better the mental health and the environment around us, particularly focused in youth and senior assistance.**
- **Special cord for graduation for participating members**
- **Commemorative lapel pin (while supplies last) for event participation.**
- **Email [Jessica.Arnold@mga.edu](mailto:Jessica.Arnold@mga.edu) and express your interest.**
- **Note: Dues of \$40 per student...but are completely covered by Pilot International... so it's FREE to join currently!**



# COMPASS INTERNATIONAL

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS DIVISION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL

COMPASS INTERNATIONAL IS THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL DIVISION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL. A COMPASS CLUB IS A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OR YOUNG ADULTS UP TO THE AGE OF 26 (JAPAN DISTRICT - AGE OF 28). IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND ADVANCE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS.

MGA'S SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS PRESENTS



BERDOLÉ'S  
**¡FIESTA  
FLAMENCA!**  
ACROSS MIDDLE GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

11:30 AM.....WARNER ROBINS CAMPUS | WALKER AUDITORIUM

2:30 PM.....COCHRAN CAMPUS | RUSSELL HALL THEATRE

5:30 PM.....EASTMAN CAMPUS | CITY OF EASTMAN ROOM

This event is made possible by the support of the Georgia Council for the Arts, MGA Student Affairs, and MGA's School of Arts & Letters.



**THE  
LOVERS  
BALL**

VALENTINE'S DAY  
DANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY  
12TH, 2024

ALDERMAN HALL  
7PM