



Reminder Check List:

***Registered for Spring 24 with your Advisor yet? Our advisors are the best guides to keep students on track to graduate soon as possible, while helping F1 visa students remain in compliance. Classes are filling soon-let's go!**

***Have you thought about joining our new MGA Pilot/Compass Club?**

-Scholarship opportunities- a few even for international students!- Email Jessica.Arnold1@mga.edu for more details.



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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RECRUITING SUCCESS!

International recruiter, Allison Garibello, along with Dian Michell flew down to the country of **Trinidad and Tobago** in November 2023 to visit several schools and events to recruit additional international students for Middle Georgia State University. Trinidad and Tobago are in the **Caribbean** region. The islands were colonized by European superpowers for a long period in the history of the country. In 1498, Christopher Columbus was the first European to arrive on the island of Trinidad. Ultimately, both the major islands came under British rule in 1802. In 1889, the islands unified. Following independence in 1962, Trinidad and Tobago became a single nation. The colonial history of Trinidad and Tobago significantly impacted the culture of the nation. Colonialism shaped the religious beliefs of the people in the region, predominantly Protestant Christian and Roman Catholic.

MGA's own Allie and Dian represented MGA and engaged with over 100 students to connect them to all benefits we offer. We hope many more will join our current 5 students from the Caribbean, in pursuit of a higher learning education. Thank you, Allie and Dian, for your effort to continue growing our international network.





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

Engagement, Adaptability

Learning, and Stewardship?

We want to hear from you!



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RESUME TIPS

Examples of interpersonal skills include:

- Active listening
- Teamwork
- Responsibility
- Dependability
- Leadership
- Motivation
- Flexibility
- Patience
- Empathy

In a work environment, strong interpersonal skills are an asset that can help you navigate complexity, change and day-to-day tasks. Don't be afraid to list these skills in addition to others.



Taylor Shields is a Senior majoring in Information Technology from the United Kingdom here at Middle Georgia State University. She has resided on the Cochran campus playing Soccer with our Lady Knights for multiple years. Spring 2024, Taylor will be taking all online classes to complete her program.

Ms. Shields is usually first to volunteer her valuable time to support whatever coach Vincent Gill or our ISS office needs. This passion to be involved demonstrates Taylor's clear value of "ENGAGEMENT."

This impressive young woman leverages SWORDS often to track academic progress, showing her "ADAPTABILITY." Speaking of progress... Taylor Shields 'Understood the Assignment.' Her passion for "LEARNING" is clear, as the athlete boasts an impressive 3.9 GPA so far in her program at MGA.

In December, Taylor and teammate Iqra Noor assisted Mr. Randy Thompson and local Cochran Firemen to prepare for the town Christmas parade. Awesome example of "STEWARDSHIP"!

ISS STAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH: TAYLOR SHIELDS

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



Congratulations Taylor Shields!
We appreciate you representing MGA as International Star Student of the Month January 2024

MGA HOLIDAY HOURS

MGA is closed for holiday break Dec 23rd, 2023- January 1st, 2024. We hope all our students, faculty and staff enjoy joyous time spent with family and friends to refresh yourselves. Good times to come, as we welcome everyone back for day 1 of classes January 10th, 2024!



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EDITION:

- *Did you know Trinidad and Tobago is the birthplace of steel drums?
- *The “Main Ridge Reserve in Tobago” is the oldest rainforest reserve in the Western Hemisphere.
- *It is home to the world’s hottest chili pepper.
- *Trinidad and Tobago is where to find the highest count of bird species per square mile-inclusive of 17 species of hummingbird.
- *The first ever crowned black woman to win Ms. Universe was from Trinidad and Tobago in 1977.
- *The Limbo dance was created in Trinidad and Tobago.

How Low Can You Go?



This Month's Q&A Technology Tips

Upgrade Your Notetaking

Things to consider when you want to take notes more efficiently: How you take the notes, and time needed to organize them.

Dragon Dictation—This software can dictate your notes to your computer.

DragonAnywhere mobile app—Good for people who aren't speedy typists.

Rocketbook—Lets users write notes by hand but access them online.



When your homework is a **PDF**, you don't have to worry that it might look different when it's opened by whoever is grading it , as PDFs look the same regardless of software used to view them. Export homework to PDF and tables, images, and other formatting styles remain the way you see them when the PDF is created. If it need not be edited, save and send as a PDF.



- **Fri Dec 8th-Jan 11th:**
Late SP24 Registration
- **Wed Jan 10th:** Classes Begin!
- **Fri Jan 12th 9a-12p :** (M)
International Student Check In
(Writing Center)
- **Mon Jan 15th :** University HOLIDAY
- **Thurs Jan 18th 3p-4p:**
Pilot/Compass Club (PCC) Kickoff
Teams meeting
- **Thurs Jan 18th 3p-4p:** DROP DAY
FOR NON-PAYMENT...get balances
paid before today!
- **Fri Jan 19th 9a-12p:** (C) International
Student Check In (Alderman Hall)

It is that time of year again...

Time for F1 International Students on all campuses to RSVP for MGA's International Student Check In Sessions.

Choose the more convenient of the two sessions, either:

*** Friday 1/12/24 in Macon's Writing Center from 9a-12pm or**

***Friday 1/19/24 in Cochran's Alderman Hall from 9a-12pm**

Click the link here to RSVP before 1/3/24:

www.mga.edu/orientation/international-orientations.php



Faculty Feature: Meet Dr. Kendra Russell



Dr. Kendra Russell wears many hats to support internationalizing our campuses. She is an accredited nursing professor at MGA, and top notch when it comes to teaching skills needed for future RN success. Additionally, Dr. Russell serves as Provost Fellow for International Education. She coordinates MGA's Study Abroad opportunities- like the upcoming trip to Ireland. She has over 20 years of experience with MGA, assisting hundreds of students through the process. This past year, she's taken on the additional role as one of our 4 DSOs in place to support International Student Services. Dr. Russell is especially knowledgeable on how to resolve international student needs regarding CPT, OPT and the Transfer process. Our international students often benefit from her assistance.

Dr. Kendra Russell partnered with Dr. David Jenks recently to fund the snacks and refreshments enjoyed by attendees at our International Student Expo to show support of our new, growing ISS department. Team ISS thanks you both! Much appreciation also, Dr. Russell, for assisting our international students when needed, along with our nursing students at Middle Georgia State University. We look forward to seeing you on many upcoming field trips, such as the one to the 2023 Greek Festival above.