Friends of International Students & Scholars

Become a Host Friend!

- Do you want to have an international experience right here in Houston?
- Would you like to learn about another culture and share your own?
- Do you want to help an international student or scholar learn about life in the U.S.?

What is FISS?

The Friends of International Students and Scholars Program (FISS) is a friendship program that pairs Houstonians with international students at Rice University.

FISS has many benefits:
- Gain new perspectives on the world through an exchange of ideas and cultures;
- Get involved in your community;
- Students become better acquainted with Houston and American culture thanks to your guidance and expertise;
- Get to know new people and make new friends!

FISS is a flexible program with few set activities or time commitments. Once a Host Friend and Student are matched, they can decide what they would like to do together - go to the movies, meet for dinner, or attend a concert, etc.

All community members are encouraged to participate: single individuals, couples, and families. If you are interested in international friendships or exchanges, please get involved or tell your interested friends and family!

Orientation Sessions for Host Friends:

- **July 28, 2015** 5:15 to 6:30pm at Rice University
- **July 29, 2015** 12:00 to 1:00pm at Rice University
- **August 5, 2015** 5:15 to 6:30pm at Rice University
- **August 6, 2015** 12:00 to 1:00pm at Rice University
- **August 27, 2015** 5:30 to 6:45pm at IIE
- **September 16, 2015** Pot Luck/Matching Event at Rice University from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

RSVP to fiss@iie.org

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