

ELC Welcomes New Cohort





August 30, 2022

The ELC is thrilled to announce the arrival of our newest cohort of language training students for the Fall Semester of 2022. This diverse group includes both independent students and participants from Hosei University in Japan.

These students are here to enhance their English skills and to immerse themselves in the American college experience. The fall semester at MSU contains exciting events and traditions that our students can look forward to, such as the energetic football games highlighting our spirited community and competitive sports culture of American colleges. Students celebrate the Homecoming weekend, an event filled with alumni gatherings, parades, and plenty of Spartan spirit. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to experience the uniquely American holiday of Thanksgiving, where they can enjoy traditional foods and give thanks alongside their new friends and host families.

We are excited to see how our students from Japan and around the world dive into these rich cultural experiences, enhancing their language skills and making unforgettable memories along the way.

Leadership Visit with ELC



September 7, 2022

ELC Director, Dustin De Felice, and External Programs Coordinator, Mark Albee, were invited by the College of Education to speak with several visiting scholars from Pakistan taking part in a US Department of State leadership program at MSU. They discussed their roles at their respective institutions and opportunities for collaboration in applied linguistics and ESL teacher training.

Andy McCullough Presents at Fall Extension Conference

September 20, 2022

Our very own Andy McCullough will lead a workshop at this year's Fall Extension Conference. His fully booked workshop on public speaking will run on Thursday, September 23rd from 1:15pm to 3:15pm.

Brushing up Our Presentation Skills: We Sing the Body Electric!

Description: Explore your strengths and cast aside your trepidations of speaking in public, making presentations, leading classes and groups. You only need two elements to succeed - the rest lies in preparation. Come discover what those elements are at this two hour workshop discussion.

While the in person events are fully booked, this Fall Extension Conference includes multiple online resources and session available to the public, including Ed Talks and full recordings from all sessions in 2022.



Butterfly Garden Project



September 14, 2022

The ELC will participate with the Japanese Studies Program on the Butterfly Garden Project, a joint project by the MSU AgeAlive in the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Asian Studies Center Japan Council.

The Japan Council holds several events every March as part of Japan Month and AgeAlive, featuring Zahrah Resh, their Artist-in-Residence, who organizes large paper flowers and Butterfly Gardens to promote wellbeing, community engagement in meaningful activity and an appreciation for unity through diversity and inclusion.

March 2023 marks the third anniversary of the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic in the MSU community. We want to fill the atrium of the MSU International Center with thousands of origami butterflies made by MSU students, staff, faculty, and community members as a way to reflect on the pandemic. We hope this project will have a cathartic effect on those who make the butterflies and those who see the exhibition. The project will lighten our sadness and frustration caused by the pandemic, reaffirm our appreciation of being alive, and strengthen our hope and commitment to the future.

New Scholarships Available for ELC Students

The Dr. Wu-Yi So Scholarship, presented after the fall semester, is awarded to select international students who are provisionally admitted to a degree program at Michigan State University and enrolled in the English Language Center Intensive English Program in the fall and spring semesters of that academic year. Students from China, Taiwan, or Hong Kong are given preference in the selection process.

For more information, visit the ELC's Student Scholarship page.