



USC International Academy News

Spring Closing Ceremonies

The USC International Academy celebrated a successful spring semester with closing ceremonies taking place in late April. Many of our students in the Undergraduate Preparation and Master's Preparation Programs are matriculating to undergraduate and graduate programs this summer and upcoming fall. These schools include the USC Gould School of Law, the USC Davis School of Gerontology, Columbia University, Purdue University, the University of Arizona, the University of California Davis, and the University of Miami.



Outstanding Pre-Master's Student Somieh Khanjani Jafroodi delivering the spring student address at closing ceremonies.

This summer and upcoming fall semester Pre-Master's Program students will matriculate to the following USC graduate schools including the USC Annenberg School of Communication, the USC Davis School of Gerontology, the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, the Keck School of Medicine of USC, the USC Marshall School of Business, the USC Rossier School of Education, the USC School of Architecture, the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, and the USC Viterbi School of Engineering.

[See a complete list of where USC International Prep Program Students have been accepted.](#)

“This Spring we invited former USC International Academy Students currently enrolled at USC to return to the Academy and speak with students about their experience. USC International Academy Alumni said they felt better prepared for their research papers and projects due to their courses and experiences at the Academy and specifically the Research Focus Skills course.”

- Valerie Pierce, Associate Academic Director, USC International Academy

Outstanding Student Award Recipients

At the end of each semester, the USC International Academy Faculty select students with the top academic performances to receive the Outstanding Student Award and honor of being the Student Speaker.

Intensive English Program

Shuyao Li – China - This summer, Li enrolled in the USC International Academy Master's Preparation Program.

Mizuki Saito – Japan - Saito returned to Soka University in Tokyo to continue her studies in International Liberal Arts.

Undergraduate Preparation Program

Maaryam F KHJ Alanzi - Kuwait - This fall, Alanzi will start the Bachelor of Architecture program at the University of Miami.

Pre-Master's Program

Somieh Khanjani Jafroodi - Iran - The USC International Academy Faculty unanimously selected Jafroodi as the Student Speaker and Outstanding Award recipient.

Miao He - China - This summer, He returns to the USC International Academy and is expected to matriculate to the USC School of Architecture in the summer of 2017.

International Academy Alumnus Continues His Success at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering

Yoosung Lee was our Pre-Master's Program Outstanding Student in the Fall of 2015 and continues to succeed at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. In Yoosung's first semester, he was awarded the Dean's Scholarship for the upcoming fall 2016 semester. Yoosung is originally from Seoul, Korea and studied with the USC International Academy for two semesters before matriculating into the Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering program at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. "It was very helpful for me to take two semesters at the International Academy. It made it much easier for me to communicate with professors in my graduate program."



Yoosung also wanted to pass some advice on to current students studying at the International Academy, "Don't hesitate to ask professors questions or to visit professors or TAs during office hours. Communication is very important." Yoosung plans to graduate from the Viterbi School of Engineering in December of 2017.

"Fight On & enjoy your studies at the USC International Academy!"

- Yoosung Lee '17 MS Aerospace Engineering, USC Viterbi School of Engineering

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