

Message Sent to International Scholars (TUINTLSCH) on January 27, 2017

All Temple International Students and Scholars,

On behalf of the Office of International Affairs, I write to wish you all Happy New Year, both for 2017 and for the Year of the Rooster.

As you settle in to the new year and the new semester, I want to let you know how grateful we are at Temple University to have you, students and scholars from all over world, with us. Watch and listen to the video message of Temple faculty, staff and students who want you to know that "You are welcome here." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z18emnMYQSM>

To some of you this video will seem familiar, but what's new is how our campaign to welcome international students and scholars to the United States has taken off. We are happy to have sparked other universities to join us. Read more about this exciting campaign at <https://thepinews.com/news/us-heis-tell-intl-students-youarewelcomehere/>.

In addition, we want to let you know that we have heard from many of you recently regarding concerns about the immigration changes that have been reported widely in the media. We don't yet have answers for many of your questions, but ISSS is very closely monitoring the situation and will work with our campus colleagues and immigration attorneys to ensure that we distribute as soon as we can information based on official actions by federal offices and agencies. And we encourage you to distinguish carefully between what is official and what is merely speculation and rumor.

In closing, the Office of International Affairs wants to highlight our committed support for all international students and scholars at Temple University, as well as our appreciation for the value and diversity you bring to our communities.

Thank you for being a part of Temple's international community.

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