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◆Greetings

• From the Vice President

The spring semester has finished at MIC, and everyone is ready to take a summer vacation before the fall semester begins. The first-year students have just completed their first semester of college. Of course, they have to study very hard. Like all of the students at MIC, they must study every academic subject in English. It was not easy at first, but by thinking and communicating in English every day, they are becoming more knowledgeable and confident.

The second-year students are now departing for a semester of study abroad. After studying for three semesters at MIC, they are ready to use their skills and knowledge in a foreign country. Their experiences will help them to develop further as global citizens, and they will make new friends and memories abroad. Bon voyage!

Third- and fourth-year students are also ready for the summer vacation. Third-year students have just chosen their senior thesis topics and advisors. During the summer, they will begin researching their topics. The senior thesis is a way for each of them to contribute to the intellectual life of the college. The fourth-year students have been working on their senior theses, taking classes, and job-hunting. They probably deserve a summer vacation more than any of us. Happy summer vacation, everyone!

Vice President Benjamin Peters
August 1, 2016



• From the Dean of Faculty



Welcome to the latest newsletter from Miyazaki International College. A lot of things have been happening here as you can see - and we expect that a lot more things will be happening in the near future. Miyazaki International College (MIC) has been here for more than twenty years. We were the first in the field of International Liberal Arts in Japan and we continue to strive to improve on our performance. We are proud of our achievements and of who we are. We are even more confident about who we will be. Our program continues to improve, and our students continue to find good jobs in which they can put what they have learned at MIC into action. Please feel free to contact our admissions staff or anyone else you read about (including me) concerning MIC and how we can be the college for your future. I hope that you can share it with us.

Dean Micheal Thompson
August 1, 2016

◆ Topics

• Career Education

The timing of the beginning of the job-hunting season in Japan changed this year. In 2016, recruiting activities started on June 1st. Now the fourth-year students are working hard to pass job recruitment examinations. In recent years, one of MIC's strengths has been successful job placement with global or famous companies. MIC has also received high evaluations for its high employment rate. Contributing factors to our success are the early career education we provide to help students develop occupational and work perspectives, the lessons they received from invited speakers from top companies, and participation in volunteer activities and internships for first- and second-year students. Already, one student after another has received job offers from airline companies, foreign or famous companies, banks and the like. It should be noted that **the abilities which global companies currently seek are business acumen, communication competence, a can-do spirit, and self-branding.** Our liberal arts education develops these skills in our graduates. This is the secret of their success!



President Masateru Nagata
August 1, 2016

◆ Meet the Faculty



My name is James Furse.

I am a freshwater ecologist, and I teach Natural and Life Sciences, Introduction to Information and Communication Technology and Introduction to Liberal Arts at MIC. I was born in New Zealand, but I lived in England for 6 years and, more recently, the sunny Gold Coast of Australia where I studied, worked and lived for 21 years.

My area of research is Freshwater Crayfish (Zarigani) and I have been studying these animals for 18 years.

I came to Japan to work at MIC and only arrived here in March 2016. Miyazaki International College is a fantastic place to work and study. My colleagues here are fantastic, as are my students. My student's English skills are really impressive. One of the best parts of my job is teaching my classes in English and seeing my students practicing and developing their English communications skills so quickly. I look forward to seeing you at MIC sometime soon.

STUDY
LIBERAL ARTS IN
ENGLISH

GRADUATES
EMPLOYED
ALL OVER THE
WORLD

NO.1
STUDENT TO
INTERNATIONAL
FACULTY RATIO

16 WEEKS
STUDY ABROAD
REQUIRED

• CONGRATULATIONS!



2nd Year student Daichi Kagawa (Hiroshima Municipal Funairi High School) receives [Scholarship for Academic Excellence!](#)

“When I was in high school I couldn’t decide what I wanted to study or why I should study. I graduated without applying to university. I became “Ronin”, and I found myself alone with time to think about myself and my future. I eventually decided to apply to Miyazaki International College (MIC) to develop a “broad general education” and improve my English skills. “

Daichi said he had never heard of MIC before. His parents did not support his decision to apply, and he himself harbored a great deal of anxiety about coming to MIC.

Daichi’s fears were washed away as soon as he entered MIC. In every class he discovered that he needed to ask questions such as *“What is the problem?”*, *“What do you have to do to find a solution”*, *“What means do you employ to solve the problem?”*, and that he needs to consider each problem systematically. He learned that by focusing on issues with an awareness of such questions, he was able to develop his critical thinking skills (the ability to view a problem and find solutions from different perspectives) while studying a variety of subjects. Within a year he raised his TOEIC score by about 300 points.

Daichi’s scholarship is the result of hard work. *“I work hard for myself and for my future!”* says Daichi. We look forward to seeing his further growth after study abroad this fall!

**UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOURSELF
THE MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE
DISCOVER MIC, DISCOVER YOUR HORIZONS
THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS**

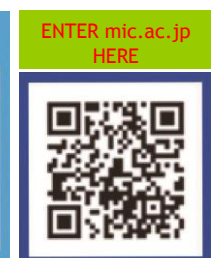
◆ Upcoming Events

AUGUST 21 OPEN CAMPUS SCHEDULE

09:15~	Registration
9:40~9:55	Welcome Concert
10:00~10:50	Opening ● MIC Greetings ● MIC Explanation ● Student Presentations
11:00~12:10	● Class Observations ● Parents' Explanation Session (11:00~11:45)
12:10~13:00	Lunch in MIC Cafeteria (Free of Charge)
13:00~13:55	Communication Café (Free participation) ● The Joy of Study Abroad! (SILA) ● Tea and International Sweets Party (SILA) ● Wakuwaku Kyoiku no Mori (SEDU)
14:05~15:00	AO/Recommended Admissions Test Seminar (Same-day signup) SILA: English Interview Workshop SEDU: Essay-writing Workshop

Come visit us at one of our upcoming OPEN CAMPUS events!!

2nd	August 21, 2016 (Sunday)	10:00~15:00 ● Welcome Concert ● College Introduction ● Alumni and Student Presentations ● Model Classes ● Admissions Guidance ● AO Admissions Explanation ● Lunch ※ Recommended/AO English Interview Skills Seminar
3rd	March 18, 2017 (Saturday)	10:00~12:30 ● Welcome Concert ● College Introduction ● Alumni and Student Presentations ● Model Classes ● Individual Guidance ● Exchange Café



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