

## International Taste of Columbus in Review



It's hard to believe, but the 42nd Annual International Taste of Columbus is over! This year's event was one of our best yet, with the help of tremendous support from our sponsors, volunteers, guests and donors! We were so happy to share an evening with friends, new and old, and hope that everyone else had as much fun as we did.

We would like to give a special shout out to our wonderful hosts, Anand and Doris Saha. Without their accommodation, we would not have been able to have yet another successful event. Additionally, Anand and Doris champion a great cause called The Young Mozart Scholars Fund. This fund was created to provide musical education to children who otherwise may not receive this vital and enriching experience. If you are interested in reading more about this cause, please follow the link to their [website](#).

Finally, please check out the rest of the wonderful pictures from this event [here](#).

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## Farewell to our August Delegations

### *Rule of Law*

Before our last Rule of Law Delegation left, we got to sit down and discuss the program with participants Alexander Mugenzangabo and Miteo ‘Thierry’ Kabeya, getting their vital feedback on programming, host families and what they felt was most beneficial to them in their time here.

They both very much enjoyed their visit, Thierry stated, “The whole program was interesting for me. The most interesting was visiting the Supreme Court. I learned about the composition when they are sitting a case, and the structure of the supreme court was amazing for me. I saw big differences from my country and that information was very interesting.”



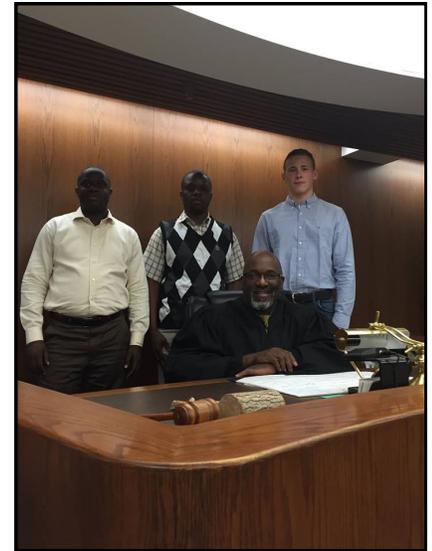
*Alex receiving his certificate of completion.*

In addition to the programming, both also had great experiences with their host families. Alex stayed with CIP Board member, Charles Rutonesha, who introduced him to CIP. Thierry stayed with three hosts, Victor Wu, Mark and Nancy Poeppelman, and Mikalene Guiser and Tim Skinner. He spent the most time with Mikalene and Tim, of this he said, “They were wonderful.

Good people, welcoming and I felt at home. I had a good time with them and I appreciate them. I hope I stay with them, again, next time.”

When asked about how they plan to use what they learned here in the future, both had already thought of responses.

Alex asserted that he plans to, “...expand my law firm and put it on an international level,” stating, “what I learned here will help me to do that.” Thierry also plans to improve his business with the knowledge he gained here, and plans to spread information about CIP in his home country, “I want to talk about CIP to other people in my country. That way I can be helpful to others. I will transmit all that I learned here to other people,” he explained. In the future, Alex plans to bring a delegation with him back to Columbus through our programs. Thierry also plans to return, and has decided to become a member of CIP.



*Participants with Judge Green at the Franklin County Municipal Court.*

### *Financial Planning*

We also said our goodbyes to Anu Khadka this past month, who came to us from Nepal. Anu spent her three weeks here learning how to improve the small business cooperative she works for in Nepal. She visited several organizations to learn about financial planning, and spent the bulk of her visit at the Central Ohio Minority Business Association. We would like to thank Genevieve Szuba for being such a great host to Anu.



## CIP Staff Transitions

### *Goodbye to Interns Ishrat Sanjida and Ha Jin Kim*

As the summer comes to an end, we have to say our goodbyes to two excellent interns in Ishrat Sanjida and Ha Jin Kim. We have truly enjoyed the work each of them have done all summer. As the school year starts, both will be back at The Ohio State University. We wish them both the best of luck in all of their future endeavors, and hope to see them at CIP events in the future!

### *Communications: Farewell to Marcus Andrews and Welcome to Eleni Connors*

CIP is sad to say goodbye to Marcus Andrews after over a year of incredible service as an intern and our Communications Coordinator. We all wish him the best on his Spanish adventure and cannot wait to hear all about it. Below is a letter of farewell from Marcus.

*Dear Friends,*

*I am writing today to say a bittersweet farewell after a wonderful 15 months as an intern and Communications Coordinator for CIP. I was born and raised in Columbus, but I can sincerely say that in my time with CIP I learned to love my hometown more than in any of the previous 21 years. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know many of our members, partners, board members, and IPRs, and the strong community support for CIP will never cease to amaze and inspire me. I can honestly say that the vibrant international community that I have come to know here is making it very difficult to say goodbye. Still, I am excited to begin a new chapter as an English teaching assistant in Madrid, Spain, and I will be sure to bring the adventurous spirit of CIP with me abroad. And if you're planning a trip to Spain or anywhere else in Europe in the next year, please get in touch with me via email at [marcus@cipcolumbus.org](mailto:marcus@cipcolumbus.org) – I'd love to show any friend of CIP around my new home!*

*I am now pleased to introduce CIP's new Communications Coordinator, Eleni Connors. Eleni is a student at The Ohio State University, and spent this past summer as an intern for CIP. Many of you have probably even met Eleni at our Asian Festival booth in May, or at our recent Taste of Columbus! Eleni has done an excellent job this summer, and I'm sure she will continue to shine as she takes over CIP's communications. I am looking forward to seeing the fresh perspective Eleni brings to CIP as she continues to tell our story in Columbus and around the world.*

*I thank Mark, Kathy, the Board, and all of our members and supporters for an unforgettable experience!*



*Marcus with previous IPR, Melis Kahraman*



*Registration at the International Taste of Columbus.*

## Events and Announcements

### Rental Space Available at CIP

CIP is currently seeking renters to sublet our additional office space. This space is a closed office, right off of our main conference room. Access to our conference room will also be available upon request. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact [kathy@cipcolumbus.org](mailto:kathy@cipcolumbus.org)

### CIP on Craigslist

Recently, CIP has put a few items for sale on Craigslist.com, consisting of two matching hanging display boards that can be seen [here](#), and a large wooden entertainment center that can be seen [here](#). If you are interested, please check out our links! Be on the lookout for future online offers from CIP.

### Internship Positions Available

We are still looking for interns for the fall semester. Please contact [mark@cipcolumbus.org](mailto:mark@cipcolumbus.org) if interested.

### Running Water Race

The Ohio Peace Collaborative is hosting an exciting event in October! They have partnered with packH2O, a non-profit based in Columbus that has developed an incredibly useful tool for people in water-stressed regions to carry water in. Participants can choose to run a 5k or a 10k in support of their mission.

Date: Sunday, October 2, 2016

Location: Ohio State University RPAC

Registration: 7am, Race: 8am.

