International Student Spotlight
Charles Oseal’ Dania, graduate student, Counseling, College Student Personnel Track.

Since it is Charles’s first time in the United States, we thought it would be a good idea to get to know him via a brief question and answer session.

Q: Tell us where you’re from (City, Country), and briefly describe your hometown.

A: I am from Benin-City, Edo State, Nigeria. My home town is called Erhunun in Akoko Edo LGA. It’s a small town that has a lot of history. They are well known for their communal way of life as well as their hard work, strength and courage.

Q: Tell us why you chose to come to the United States to study, and more specifically, why did you choose Shippensburg University?

A: I chose to Study in the United State because I wanted to experience a different culture in a different continent. I had professors during my undergraduate studies who impressed me so well and they had their studies in America. I had friends too who always told me about the uniqueness of the American system of Education. These few reasons made me decide to study in America. And specifically Shippensburg because a friend of mine told me how great its Counseling program was.

Q: What is your favorite thing about the United States so far, and what is your least favorite thing about the U.S. so far?

A: As a person who loves different cultures, it has been wonderful so far getting used to the American culture and identifying the differences and similarities in my culture. I have also met so many wonderful people who have made my adjustment smooth. The least favorite thing so far is the tendency to at sometimes, miss family and friends back home which I guess is a normal phase of adjustment.

Q: What do you miss the most from home?

A: I miss my family.

Q: What do you hope to do after you graduate from Shippensburg University?

A: After here [Ship], I might want to explore whatever options are open up for me. This could be proceeding for a doctorate degree or going back home to give back to my community. You just never know what the future holds.

We are sure glad that Charles chose Shippensburg University. Wherever he does end up, he will be successful due to his bright, worldly, and friendly personality. Welcome to Ship, Charles!
International Student Trips

On Saturday September 6, the International Programs department sponsored a trip to Hershey, PA. The day consisted of shopping at the Tanger Outlets in Hershey, and then a trip to Hershey’s Chocolate World to taste chocolate and browse the endless amount of chocolate products that Hershey sells. Eighteen students participated in the trip. Many articles of clothing were bought at the outlets, as the prices were much lower than that of stores in some of the countries represented. For lunch, many of our students took advantage of the nearby Wendy’s! After experiencing how chocolate was made via the interactive ride through a mock chocolate factory, free candy was given out. Some of our students were even lucky enough to be asked to participate in a chocolate sampling activity!

The next trip will be to the King of Prussia Mall in Valley Forge, PA. King of Prussia is the second largest mall in the United States, and students will be able to experience many cafés, restaurants, and shops that represent American culture as well as those that are representative of other cultures. The mall has a wide variety of shops, and many of them are not found in many other shopping centers. The date of the trip is forthcoming, so students should look for emails about the details of the trip in their e-mail boxes soon! We are looking forward to another great trip!
Saudi Arabian Recipe

From Wesam Alharbi

Wesam Alharbi is an international student from Saudi Arabia who is studying in the Counseling and College Student Personnel Department here at Shippensburg University. She was kind enough to share a traditional Saudi Arabian meal that is possible for cooks of every ability level!

Chicken and Rice

Ingredients:

- 1 large chopped onion
- 1 cup of Tomato juice
- 2 spoons of tomato paste
- 2 cups of rice
- Chicken (clean chicken with water, salt, and lemon juice)
- Salt
- Black Pepper
- Cumin
- Cardamom
- Cloves
- A little bit of cinnamon
- 2 cups of hot water

Preparation

- Oil a pot and sautéed the onion until it becomes light brown
- Add the tomato juice, paste, and the spices and let simmer for a few minutes
- Add the chicken and hot water and let baste for 20 minutes
- Add the rice and let simmer until the rice is cooked.
Upcoming Events

• Interested in Study Abroad? Come to a Study Abroad 101 session to learn more about how to make your trip a reality!
  o Tuesday October 7 @ 3:30 CUB 226
  o Tuesday October 21 @ 3:30 CUB 105
  o Tuesday October 28 @ 3:30 CUB 226
  o Tuesday November 4 @ 3:30 CUB 226
  o Tuesday November 11 @ 3:30 CUB 226
  o Tuesday November 18 @ 3:30 CUB 103
  o Tuesday December 2 @ 3:30 CUB 226

• Be sure to check out the Short-Term Study Abroad Programs that will be offered this summer! Some destinations include:
  o China
  o France
  o Spain
  o Europe (many countries in one trip)

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• Have a great remainder of the semester!