



# Madison Friends of International Students

## Continuing to Engage!



### Message from the President,

~In the midst of our country's turmoil, suffering and confusion, MFIS continues to stand with the international students and scholars in Madison. Although the times are different, our mission remains the same.

~The very nature of our programming invites students into our world face to face. However, that is not possible in our current climate and a number of our programs are on hold. Global Friends, an active program, provides a safe and meaningful opportunity for both the student and the volunteer. Please stay connected, stay safe and stay engaged with our international community.

~Your MFIS Board has been active during this time by working on a new website, streamlining our processes, looking at new student opportunities and being ready to go on day 1 when we are all in a better place.

We remain committed to our students and volunteers and look to a brighter future.

Thank you for your commitment and support of MFIS.

Maria Hanson



## COVID19 Update

Our highest priority is the health and safety of our international students and volunteers. As our community continues to wrestle with the uncertainty and difficulty of dealing with Covid-19, MFIS is committed to our mission.

We continue to monitor the situation and hope that you stay connected with us as we face these challenges.



Courtesy of Madison

Our mission is to connect UW-Madison students to foster  
**cultural exchange**, and to support students around the world.

Donate

# New MFIS Website! [mfismadison.org](http://mfismadison.org)

## Check it out!

Explore all the programs MFIS offers.  
Learn about the history of MFIS.  
Read testimonials from students and volunteers.  
Donate.  
And more!





## Global Friends!

Although there have been many challenges these last few months, Global Friends connected community volunteers with international students to spark long-lasting and meaningful friendships.

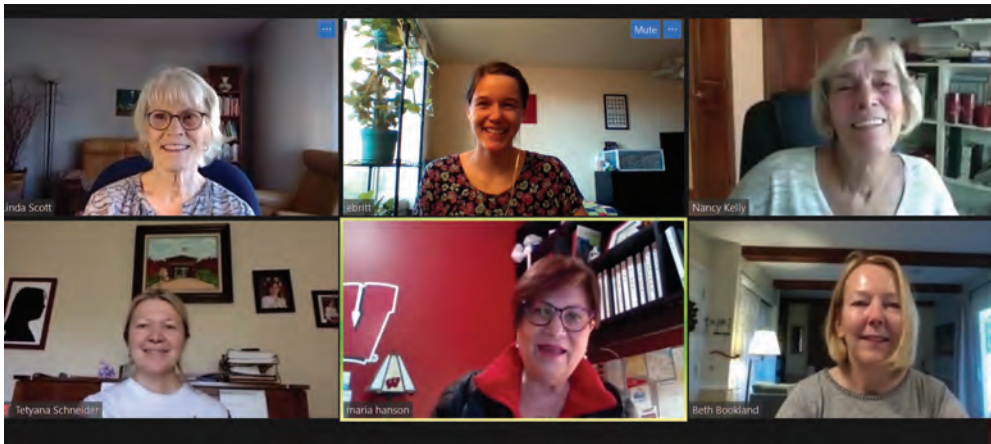


## Save the Date

# #GivingTuesday is December 1st

In the season of generosity please remember MFIS

# Meet the Board



Pictured above top left: Linda Scott (Treasurer), Emily Britt, Nancy Kelly, Tetyana Schneider (Secretary), Maria Hanson (President), Beth Bookland

The MFIS Board is still hard at work this Fall. Each member of the board is developing and executing strategic goals to improve MFIS for the future. Various projects include financial stability, student engagement, volunteer engagement, and policy and procedure updates.

# Meet Leadership



Dineen Grow  
English Classes  
Coordinator



Anne Altstatt  
Database  
Manager



Mike vonS  
Furniture Program  
Coordinator



Kristin Weber Nick  
Media  
Manager



Kylie McGinn  
Global Friends  
Coordinator



Roland DeVore  
Admin/Tech



Diane Boddicker  
Office  
Assistant



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Support

**MFIS NEEDS YOU!  
JOIN OUR MFIS  
TEAM OF LEADERS**

Send an email to the  
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