On Wednesday, February 13th, the Hunter College International English Language Institute celebrated its first ever Valentine’s Day Pot Luck event. More than 23 countries were represented among the 120 students who attended. Dozens of home-cooked and store-bought treats covered lined our table from fresh fruit and cheese, to Turkish lentils and Italian pasta. Our festive room confirmed what everyone already knew: The IELI loves you!
My teacher and brother: Patrick Bouklee

- Graduated from Columbia University
- He works 2 jobs at the same time Programmer, Owner of the Thai restaurant in NYC called Galanga.
- He has been in the United States for almost 15 years

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Photography With my Brother

No Electricity in NYC

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Central Park After Sandy

My brother and I went to Central Park after the hurricane had left. We were so surprised that water in the river had changed to green by the storm. The picture was taken around 2-3 P.M. Camera: Nikon D800
Lens: Zeiss ZF .2 21MM
Settings: 1/250sec, F/8
Everything changed when I came to New York. I am a person who not always wants to try the other food from other countries. The first week I was excited to try many foods such as Korean food, Turkish food, Indian food and also American food.

After five weeks, I could not stand anymore it was so boring to eat that. I miss my Thai food that my family used to make for me, so I went to a Thai restaurant to eat the food, but the taste was not it same and it was not a good taste. These are the reasons why I began to cook.

I have been learning to make many Thai dishes on You Tube such as Pat Thai, Green curry, Red curry and Beef chili basil, but the most favorite Thai dish that I have made is Beef chili basil because it so easy to make. Besides, it doesn’t take too much time. If you would like to try this, you can follow my instructions!

First of all, slice your meat into one-inch strips.
Second, chop garlic with chili.
Third, put oil and heat your pan until you see few of smoke. Then, fry garlic, chili and your meat together, put some oyster oil, sugar, soy sauce.
Finally, turn off the fire, put some basil leafs. Now you are ready to eat it! Every time I make Thai food, I always feel Thailand come close to me.

My favorite food is ddukbokki since it helps me to reduce stress from my daily life if I eat it although I do not usually like spicy food. Ddukbokki is made of rice cakes, fish cakes, hot peppers, and hot pepper sauces.

For that reason, ddukbokki is good food for maintaining good health.

On the other hand, in hot peppers, there is an element called capsaicin. Capsaicin makes you cry if you consume a lot, and it is spicy. *

For that reason, I recommend that people eat ddukboekki when they break up with their boyfriends or girlfriends as it helps them to cry a lot, and lose sight of their last boyfriends or girlfriends as soon as possible.

*www.wisegEEK.com

Try eating DDUKBOKKI IF YOU BREAK UP WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND!
I’m Natalia Montoya. I’m an IELI student, my major is fashion design, and about the different kinds of styles at Hunter College. colorful, I like to use a lot of things that have vivid colors.

When we are growing up we are influenced by all the persons and things that surround us, and that is the way we start to choose our style.

IELI Girls

1. When you go to the mall, what is your favorite thing to buy? (accessories, lingerie, t-shirts, pants, skirts, and so on.)
2. How do you describe your style???
3. What do you think about when you are choosing your outfit??

1. I like shopping for dresses, shoes and bags.
2. I like to combine classic and modern styles, like vintage. That’s how I describe my style.
3. I think about the dress code of the place where am going.

1. The thing that I like most is to buy t-shirts.
2. My style is very casual, informal and in the same way classic.
3. In think about how I’m going to
Who is the most famous singer in your country?" If you meet some foreign friends, you are frequently asked this question.

I can say who is our most famous singer in Korea confidently. That is PSY. Actually I’m not a big fan of the singer but I want follow what’s happening with this world famous star because I’m Korean, too. I want to say I’m proud of him so I’d like to share some fun facts about PSY.

PSY released a lot of albums and is beloved by many people. Since last year, he has been able to expand his fame. Which means there are a lot of fans from all over the world who listen to his music and watch his very funny music videos especially on YouTube. He got the highest number of hits of all time. As of today he has exceeded 1 billion hits.

Even though K-pop is progressing to influence not only Asia but also other places there are a lot of people who don’t know K-pop well and are not so interested in K-pop. PSY’s huge successful accomplishment allows other musicians to get involved in working with different foreign artists. After he went viral, a lot of people want to get information about other aspects of Korean culture such as food, movies, drama, and fashion etc.

At the end of 2012, PSY performed in front of an international audience in Times Square in New York.

It’s really common for Korean singers to change the language of their songs when they become popular, but PSY does something unique and impressive. He sings “Gangnam Style” in Korean.

Let’s watch out for Psy’s Best

- Gangnam Style (2012)
- Father (2005)
- Champion (2002)
- Bird (2001)
My name is Nathacha Nilwan. I'm an IELI student from level 7. I'm in NYC for around 7 months and I find this place very interesting. NYC is a good place for studying, traveling and exploring yourself, to find what you are interested in. I found that this city has many kind of restaurants and I’m really enjoy trying different kind of foods in this delightful city. But, I’m still missing my country’s foods from Thailand. From now on I’m going to introduce a Thai restaurant. My cousin is the owner of this restaurant and last year I brought one of my Japanese friend from IELI to this restaurant, Spicy Shallot in Queens Woodside. She had a great time and enjoyed the food there.

One of the most famous Thai restaurants in NYC is Spicy Shallot, the authentic Thai restaurant. The cuisine presents a balance of flavors which is spicy, salty, sweet and sour. These flavors and aromas are seemingly inexhaustible. Imagine a plate of freshly-steamed jasmine rice, served with luscious spicy Tom Yum soup, creamy green or red curry. You will love the colorful and spicy papaya salad garnished with crisp vegetables on your right and a delectable dish of Pat Thai on your left. This restaurant offers a combination of modern Japanese food as well as authentic Thai cuisine, if you are a fan of Japanese fusion this place won’t let you down.

You will find different kinds of Thai food in this restaurant. These are their most popular dishes and drinks that you need to try! Spicy basil seafood soup - $7, Crispy duck - $18, Stir-fried rice noodle - $8, Shrimp red curry - $9 and Thai iced tea - $2.50

WWW.SPICYSHALLOT.COM
This is Hanjie, an IELI student, who attempts to introduce something about basketball.

Basketball: where amazing happens.

CURRENT SITUATION OF BASKETBALL

Basketball, as one of the most popular sports in Unite States, now is attracting an increasing number of people, especially among students. The reason for the appearance of such phenomenon is that basketball is not only competitive but fascinating. Admittedly, America has the best basketball team and league in the world because certain parts of Americans, namely African American, have an incredibly explosive power that can be released in a few seconds. Therefore, most of the basketball players are African American, while there are a few excellent white people also can play or even maneuver the basketball very well.

A survey once has been made in my class and according to the survey, the statistics indicates that most of the students, especially male students, in class prefer basketball than any other sports or even outdoor activities.

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BASKETBALL: WHERE AMAZING HAPPENS

YAO: THE PRIDE OF CHINESE BASKETBALL

Yao Ming is the most successful Chinese basketball player. When working for Houston Rocket, he played as a center in the team and is always regarded one of the most dominant centers in the first 10 years of the 21st century. Also, his competition with another dominant basketball player, Shaquille O'Neal, was one of the focuses of NBA. In addition, Yao is regarded as a great player not only for his emulation but for his charity to create Yao Ming Charity Foundation so that numerous students can solve their problems of study.

QUIZ TIME

What is the name of this character? (hint: from an anime)

SPORT
The Best Greek Restaurant in New York

Taverna Kyclades

**TAVERNA KYCLADES is the BEST RESTAURANT.**

When My friend and I had just moved to Astoria we did not have gas for five days. We just ate frozen food or bread. One day we were tired so, we decided to go out and find some good restaurant to eat dinner. We walked around for 5 minutes. We saw a crowded restaurant. The name seemed really strange but we wanted to try the food, because it smelled really nice. First we ordered fried calamari and Greek salad. While we were waiting for our dish we had some fantastic bread which has become my favorite bread in New York. Sometimes I go there just to eat bread. When the main dishes came out they looked like nothing special, but the taste was amazing. It was NOTHING like your typical fried dish. The portions were really huge for two of us. Also we had free dessert because, it was dinner time. AND WE JUST PAID 11 BUCKS EACH! I still love to go there and I will love going there forever.

**Fried Calamari**

33-07 Ditmars Blvd Astoria, NY

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**Friends’ Reviews**

- **Lin, Friend of IELI:** We went there by accident with my family it was really amazing. My family go there at least 2 times a month. It is our new tradition.

- **IELI student Giulia:** I am living in Manhattan, but I would love to go to TAVERNA KYCLADES with my friends to eat Broiled Scallops. That is my favorite and I want to recommend this for people who I know.

By SooHyun Ham

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