

Got ISAN?!

By Nikita Sharma'01

Hello there! A very warm welcome to you from the International Student Alumni Network (ISAN). We are a group of international alumni who have banded together to share our 'real world' knowledge with you. The Leadership Team of ISAN comprises of Christabel Dadzie'04, Nikita Sharma'01, Sohil Parekh'99, Anant Padmanabhan'99 and Q' Imam'91. Spread across the country, and involved in diverse educational and professional pursuits, our firm belief in the high quality of the Wooster education coupled with a desire to see Wooster international graduates achieve professional success, has brought us together. Wooster alums have gone on to work for world class companies and study in Ivy League graduate schools; and you can definitely follow suite. No matter your class year, our goal is to enhance your knowledge about ways to achieve similar success.

Having been down this road before, we recognize that international students have unique needs on campus and after graduation. We believe that international alumni are in a unique position to understand student concerns, brainstorm potential solutions, and possibly even mobilize resources to help meet their needs. Thus, ISAN has focused its efforts around three initiatives: Admissions, Retention and Career Development. This past summer we worked with Jon Edwards and the Admissions Office to encourage international alums to communicate with prospective students. We have also mobilized international alums to donate generously to the Woman's Advisory Board Hardship Fund for International Students. In early August we launched a pilot program called the ISAN Alumni Mentorship Program. Under this program we hope to match a current student with international alum who would potentially serve as the student's very own informal career mentor. Look out for an email with details on how to join. During the course of the year we will be visiting campus and also encouraging other alumni to visit in order to share their successes (and failure) with you in person.

We realize that the Office of Career services already offers a wealth of knowledge and we encourage check out their website or visit their office frequently! (<http://www.wooster.edu/career/students/gettingstarted.htm>). Our ultimate goal is to empower you with knowledge that will help you make the most of your four years at Wooster and catapult you to great success beyond. So get moving. JOIN ISAN TODAY! Start Networking. Get your resume in place. Think about what you want to do with your life; and look out for "Got ISAN?!" in every issue of COSMOS.

To learn more or join ISAN go to www.wooster.edu/alumni/isan

Alumni Speak

"Think long-term. Ask yourself where you'd like to be 5 years from now, and start working towards it." – Sohil Parekh'99

“Branch out NOW! Expand your horizons, it's great for your resume, and even better for your self development.” – Christabel Dadzie '04

“Seek out Wooster alumni. They have faced similar challenges, dilemmas and questions. Build on their experiences and make educated choices. You'll be surprised at how many questions get answered.” –Anant Padmanabhan'99

“Job search and IS should be parallel efforts. Don't wait till IS Monday to start sending out resumes” – Nikita Sharma'01

“Wooster maybe smaller than you thought but it opens up the world to you.” - Hussain Bandukwala'03

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