We also share with them information that will make them feel more at home. We provide them with a calendar of special events that include trips to nearby restaurants and grocery stores. We give them a tour of our magnificent new library and our campus. We teach them how to take the COTA bus so they can easily see the sites of Columbus, and we provide them with opportunities to get to know one another and make new friends.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome a group of students coming from all over the world and know that you are providing a service that will help them succeed at Ohio State.

We are also in the midst of accepting applications for our two faculty grant competitions: the Office of International Affairs Grant and the Gateway Grants. The Gateway countries are those locations in which Ohio State is exploring the idea of opening multifaceted centers in different regions across the globe as a way to provide additional support for faculty teaching and research, university partnerships, alumni, study abroad programs, international students and Ohio businesses.

The OIA grants seek applications for projects that explore the languages, cultures, arts, politics, economy, or socio-demographic aspects of a foreign region. Proposals addressing global issues are also eligible if these issues are explored in a regional context. Preference is given to proposals concerning the regions represented by Ohio State’s Area Studies Centers: Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Russia, Middle East, Central Asia, and East Asia.

New grant opportunities in the Gateway countries are being offered through the Offices of Research, Undergraduate Education and OIA. These grants encourage faculty to develop research proposals, interactive course modules and study abroad programs in the Gateway countries of China (including Hong Kong and Taiwan), India and Brazil.

The excitement of bringing new international students to our campus, sending students to study abroad and encouraging faculty to develop research and educational activities with international themes is the mainstay of what makes Ohio State a truly global university.