Ohio State typically enrolls 3,600 international students, and it looks like we will be moving closer to 4,000 by the time the final count has been tallied in mid-October.

Much of the increase in international freshman can be attributed to a concerted effort by University Admissions and First Year Experience to visit other countries and actively recruit students from abroad to attend Ohio State.

More international students at Ohio State means increased diversity and a more global university. It is becoming critically important to the campus environment to have a growing international student population. International students bring a new perspective to the campus and provide an opportunity for the cross cultural education for all students.

They also help us establish enduring links to other countries through the life-shaping experience of going to college in the United States, and in particular at Ohio State. The quality of their experience will greatly influence international graduates in their professional careers in their home country.

At the Office of International Affairs we have been working hard to check-in and welcome all of our new international students as they began arriving on September 2. Part of our responsibilities is to provide international students with an orientation to help them better understand immigration rules and regulations and the resources and opportunities available at Ohio State.

We want our newest international students to know they are important to us and we are glad they are here. The Office of International Affairs, along with First Year Experience, Student Life and the Wexner Center for the Arts, has partnered to plan a number of activities for international students that will undoubtedly provide them a warm and memorable Buckeye welcome. We hope you will have an opportunity to meet some of our international students during your travels across campus and do the same.