Becoming an Ambassador

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Define Yourself

- An international student in a foreign country
  - Different culture
  - Different language
  - Different life system
  - So far away from home
- So you should be very proud of what you have accomplished so far
- However, all of the above requires you to behave as an ambassador
Why an Ambassador?

- Like real ambassadors in foreign countries, you represent your:
  - Country
  - Culture
  - Religion
  - Family
  - Government (if a sponsored student!)
Leave a Positive Impression

- As a student
- As a friend
- As a customer
- As a human being, etc.
How to Become an Ambassador

- As a student
  - Maintain your grades and academic standing
  - Comply with the university rules and regulations, e.g. NO smoking on campus!
  - Academic integrity and plagiarism
- As a member of the university family
  - Get involved in: student organizations and clubs, cultural events, Homecoming, sport tournaments, school trips, voluntary activities, etc.
How to Become an Ambassador

- Behave as a representative of your country
- Respect the rules and laws of the host country
- Reach out to others
- Make friends
The Duty Lasts

- American academic institution graduates
- OSU Alumni
  - Spread the great values that you have learned here in your countries
  - Build bridges between your countries and the United States
  - Keep in touch with your friends in the United States and around the world
- Educate others
- Tell stories
- Spread peace, love, and education
Questions?