

Quoi de neuf chez les francophiles à ISU ?

LE PETIT JOURNAL FRANÇAIS : L'ÉDITION DE COVID-19



Pi Delta Phi Executive Board

Want to be more involved with the Pi Delta Phi here at Illinois State University? Join our Executive Board! We would love to have you be part of our group that makes our community so special. We sent out an email earlier this week to potential candidates, please make sure to respond. If you did not receive an email but are interested in being on the exec board, email us at isupideltaphi@gmail.com by Friday, May 1st!

Bonne Chance!!!

Junior Members of Pi Delta Phi: C'est quoi?

We recently sent out an email talking about Junior Members of Pi Delta Phi, but what is that exactly?

Junior Members of Pi Delta Phi are either currently in French 116 or in a 200/300-level French course and have not yet been initiated. If you are in a 200/300-level French class, you may meet all the requirements to become a member!

Since we were unable to host initiation this semester, we would like to extend the opportunity for Junior Members to apply to be a part of our Executive Board!

Follow us for more updates!

Hey everyone! With all the craziness happening right now, the best way to stay up to date with us is to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

We post pictures of l'heure de conversation, important updates, and of course, funny and cool French posts that we find!

Follow us on Insta and FB!

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INITIATION TO PI DELTA PHI:

It is with great sadness that we had to officially cancel our Spring 2020 Initiation due to COVID-19. We were really looking forward to welcoming our new members. Never fear though! We plan on holding an Initiation in the Fall! Here are the requirements below!

*3.0 GPA in French

*Completed/are in the process of completing a 200-level French course

Un aperçu de nos études!

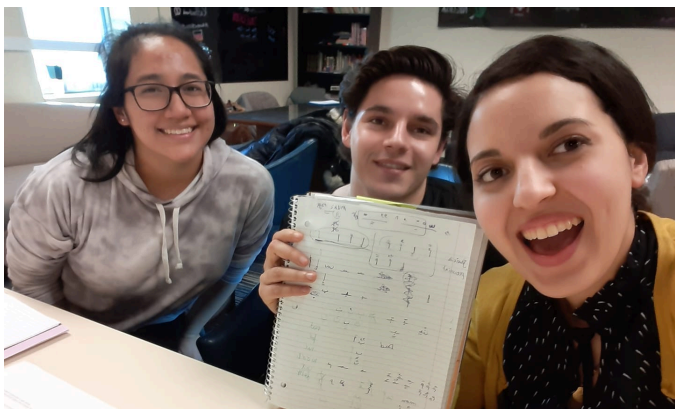
FRE 305: History of French Civilisation: (Erin Jessup)

In FRE 305, History of French Civilisation, we've been learning about the history of France from its very beginnings (when it wasn't quite France yet) to modern history. When we were in the classroom pre-COVID-19, we were able to have presentations on a topic in French history that we hadn't already discussed in class. I decided to present on food in medieval France, and I baked a recipe for medieval bread to share with the class! Throughout the semester, we've also watched films about the historical events that we've been studying and discussed the way that the events have been represented. With the class being online now, we've been having our lectures on Zoom.



Bienvenue Nada!

Students and faculty in French have been very fortunate to have Nada El-Maliki accept a position as French tutor this past semester. Nada is a graduate student in Training and Development and has experience teaching languages (Arabic & French) for literacy purposes in Morocco as well as in seated and online settings abroad. She has joined our conversation hour many times and has even graciously taught several interested students some rudimentary Arabic.





L'Heure de conversation ce semestre (Jaurica-Lyn Belidesz)

In spring 2020, our French club organized two events before COVID-19 changed everything about daily life.

We first coordinated Valentine's Day activities making a poster/mural with hearts expressing goodwill, love and other similar topics in French which bled into a spring theme with cute bees and those hearts becoming flowers as well.

We then celebrated Mardi Gras with a king cake made by our president Erin Jessup (which was superbly baked and decorated) finding a plastic baby as is tradition in it and creating homemade masks out of markers, scissors and construction paper. Unfortunately, we weren't able to do more together because of remote learning BUT we were able to move into an online platform, Zoom, which really kept our spirits up in this difficult time.

These past weeks we have transformed our previously scheduled Tuesday evening meetings into Zoom conversation hours and a good number of students and professors have attended. It is, of course, different getting together online, but there are silver linings such as it is also interesting to see each other's homes, join as some are preparing dinner, or we can see each other's cats/dogs, et It has certainly been uplifting to have a social outlet despite not being on campus.

Mes expériences d'étudier à l'étranger: Angers!

Étudier à l'étranger pendant une pandémie (Savanna Wilder)

This semester I have been given the awesome opportunity to study abroad in Angers, France! The first few months in France were filled with traveling to places such as Mont St. Michel, Nantes, St. Malo, and more! I was also getting acclimated to French culture, going to classes, meeting people from all around the world, and LEARNING! Whether it was in or out of the classroom, I was learning so much about the French culture and language. And then gradually we started hearing more and more about the coronavirus, until finally mid-March the president Emmanuel Macron announced that we would be in confinement for an indefinite period. My routine changed very quickly, just like everyone else back home. While it could have been easy to complain and be pessimistic, I decided to try to make the most out of the time I had left in France! With only being able to go outside with a signed «attestation» for certain activities, I spend a lot of time watching French sitcoms with my host family, doing homework, giving English lessons to my host sister, and jogging!



While my time here hasn't been what I expected, it still is a learning experience. I now understand the French health care system more and have seen the steps they and the French government take to confront a situation like this. Most importantly, I've been able to see the hearts of French people and how they stand in solidarity with each other during this period, which is especially true when we clap at 8pm each night. For the moment, the end of the confinement period is May 11, and the first thing I will do is go to le Café Cardinal, have a coffee, and be glad for this time that allowed me to experience France in a way I didn't expect but I am grateful for nevertheless.

