

# CCDC MONTHLY

Official Newsletter of Columbia College (CCDC)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**01**

### **Open House at Tysons campus**

March 11&12 at 11am ~ 6pm

**02**

### **Open House at Centreville campus**

March 14 at 5pm ~ 7pm

**03**

### **Open House at Silver Spring campus**

March 14 at 4pm ~ 7pm

## SHARING IS CARING

**BY JONG HYUN KIM, ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE**

Diversity is strength. This expression seemingly describes what students experience here at Columbia College. With a student body consisting of individuals from approximately 40 different countries and all walks of life, diversity is the main pillar of Columbia College. It is also through this that we are able to continually grow and learn. What separates Columbia College from most of other schools is that there is no dominant demographic that is significantly noticeable. The students are equally diverse, and this makes it an even better of a learning opportunity for everyone.

This past February, as the East Asian students were celebrating the Lunar New Year's Day, it was not just about that portion of the student body that joined in on the celebrations. All the students from diverse backgrounds, ranging from the Middle East to Latin America, took some time out of their day to come together to celebrate. Special New Year's Day foods from Korea, Japan, China and Vietnam were shared, and the students partook in the traditional New Year's Day games that are actually played in those East Asian countries. All in all, the celebrations could have gone on with just the specific demographics, but it turned out to be even better with everybody chipping in and sharing.



# VALENTINE'S DAY

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February is always the shortest month of the year. However, the shortness of the duration is not always a good indicator of how special a month is. From celebrating African American history to watching the Super Bowl, Grammy's and NBA All Star Game, there is no shortage of excitement in the month of February. One day particular that stands out from the rest and does a great job of warming our hearts in the mist of the final cold breeze of the winter is the Valentine's Day. Whether you are single and looking for love or have been married for a few decades, it always feels special when you are surprised with a single rose or a box of chocolates.

Love is one of the strongest emotions that could be felt by a human being. When we usually think of love and Valentine's Day, we cling to the images of two lovers or a couple in love. It is natural that we are inclined to think that way. After all, love and romance go hand in hand, and we have been exposed to these symbolisms through the mass media as well. However, love is ubiquitous in all forms, and no single form is rather stronger than the other. Valentine's Day fell on a Thursday this past February, and at Columbia College, love was surely felt in the building amongst everyone from students to teachers and staff. That certainly seems like love at its finest.

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