Congratulations International Class of 2009!  You are a wonderful group of people who have grown so much during your college career.  I remember when many of you first became Bucknellians four years ago, seeing your faces as you arrived from so far away, not being sure you could make this place your home.  Then six of you joined the class two years ago as transfer students, bringing new perspectives, energy and spirit.  Now, you are about to commence a whole new chapter in your lives and bring your intellect and action to life in the world.  Each of your new communities will benefit from your presence and we will remember you and keep you in our hearts always.  Congratulations!

Paula Myers, Director International Students Services
It seems like yesterday when a group of ten students came to Bucknell from Washington DC through the new leadership program—POSSE Foundation that Bucknell partnered with. Now they are about to graduate. These students who come from diverse backgrounds and possess exceptional leadership abilities impacted the campus in many different ways throughout their four years at Bucknell.

They were involved in just about everything from culture arts to community service to fraternities while keeping up with their GPAs and some graduating with honors.

POSSE Foundation is a national college access and leadership program that identifies, recruits, and trains outstanding young leaders from public schools in urban areas. These students receive merit leadership scholarships from partner colleges across the country. The program has a simple idea of sending a group of students to college together to act as a support system for one another was a driving force for a program that today has become one of the most comprehensive college access programs in the United States.

As a part of the program, the scholars are mentored by a faculty or administrative member at the university who would guide them through their academics as well as personal issues they might have. Elaine Hopkins, Associate dean of Arts & Sciences has mentored POSSE 1 through their four years. Along the way the students created strong emotional bonds with their mentor.

"It’s very hard to say everything I feel in a few words," said Dean Hopkins. "I love each and every member of Posse 1 and they know it. I will keep them in my heart always and I hope they will do the same. They have grown so much over the four years and I am so proud of the people they have become. They have surely impacted the campus by their participation in a wide variety of organizations and events and by their belief in the possibility of individual and collective change through education."

“They have been leaders both inside and outside the classroom. They are great role models for all students, not just Posse Scholars. Like many first-year students, some had early doubts about whether Bucknell was the right place for them, but they took advantage of the great educational opportunities the university offers and Bucknell has left its imprint on all of them. Graduation will be bittersweet for me this year. I will watch with joy as they cross the stage because it means they have successfully completed their education and are ready for the next phase of their life. But I will miss them terribly.”

—Loretta Miller, Odi Anyanwu & May Naldo.

—POSSE DC 1

Remember you are always welcome back “home” in Lewisburg and be proud of your selves for all of the hard work that you have put in as a Bucknellian! Ray Bucknell!”

-Jess Hess, Director Multicultural Student Services

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The Burmese Water Festival Dinner was full of exciting and interesting events. The event started at around 6:10 with Toki Baw, the president of Burmese Cultural Organization (BCO), and Jasna Rodulfa, the social chair, welcoming all the guests. Jasna briefly introduced the purpose of Burmese Water Festival Dinner while Toki talked about the Burma-Bucknell connection that has lasted for 151 years. He then stated the importance of this event for the Bucknell community, as it symbolizes the strong connection between Bucknell and Burma and Bucknell’s commitment in diversity.

After the welcome address, we started serving food to the guests who were already waiting eagerly to try Burmese cuisine. Once we had served all the guests, I introduced the background of the Thingyan Aka or Water Festival Dance. Kyaw Zin concluded the event by giving a special thank to Paula Myers, the director of International students services, Professor Griffin, the former advisor of BCO and all the people who came to support the event. The Burmese Water Festival Dinner was a great success and we really look forward to holding next year’s Water Festival Dinner. BCO would like to wish everyone a HAPPY BURMESE NEW YEAR!
Highlights: Graduating Seniors

Jessi Shui, Biology Major & May Naldo, Women

Odinakachi Anyanwu, Economics Major

Michele Gay, Psychology, Tejal Raichura, Psychology & Religion, Kelly Frazier, Classics & Religion

Yabei Chen, East Asian Studies

Enche Tjin, Management Major

Zumra Balihodzic, Political Science

Megan Vodzak, Neuroscience

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