What is CultureConnect?
Every semester, a new group of international students arrives at USF. These students will face all of the same challenges as a student from the US, as well as facing the challenges to dealing with life in a new country.

Through CultureConnect, USF student mentors will help to welcome and ease the transition for incoming international students. The program will create opportunities for international and internationally-aware American students at USF to connect on a more personal level. Our hope is that this program will help foster greater global awareness for the entire USF community and that international students will be able to create a genuine friendship with their CultureConnect mentor throughout their first year at USF.

Do you want to be a CultureConnect Mentor?
The International Programs Office accepts applications continually for CultureConnect mentors. Students selected to serve as mentors will be able to move into the residence halls early, and will be invited to attend the welcome party for international students at the beginning of the semester.

Expectations
- Be available to help your buddy get situated and comfortable on the day of their arrival and take them to lunch (or dinner, depending on the time of their arrival) in the cafeteria on their first day on campus
- Maintain at least weekly contact with your buddy throughout the year
- Attend at least two university-sponsored events with your buddy each semester
- Once a month you will complete a CultureConnect Update Form and return it to the International Programs Office

Acceptance Process
- Complete and return the CultureConnect Mentor Application by November 28, 2012
- Mentors will be notified of acceptance into the program by December 3, 2012
- All Mentors are required to attend CultureConnect Mentor Orientation (TBA)

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