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You
know
you're a
Third Culture Kid
when . . .

- . . . you have friends from 29 different countries.
- . . . you flew before you could walk.
- . . . "and then we went to . . ." is a repeated phrase in your life story.
- . . . you realize that it really is a small world after all.

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Selamat datang
Üdvözöljük
欢迎
Bienvenue
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Merhaba
Bienvenidos
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A home away from home

With our international focus and highly supportive community, Lewis & Clark provides a comfortable and familiar environment for TCKs. Recognizing the specific needs of TCKs, Lewis & Clark established the TCK Group in 1992. The group promotes diversity on campus and supports TCKs through career workshops, special activities, and social events. These include an International Career Fair, workshops on writing resumes and cover letters, orientation for TCKs, a Multicultural Fair, biweekly TCK gatherings at a campus café, and TCK outings. We also provide a strong network for experiencing the culture of the Pacific Northwest.



An international and supportive environment

Lewis & Clark strongly supports international diversity. Our student body represents more than 40 countries. We offer over 20 overseas study programs, a multicultural residence hall with an international theme floor, and an annual International Fair.

TCKs bring something special to our campus. The experiences, talents, and global perspectives of the more than 130 TCKs currently enrolled at Lewis & Clark enrich the classroom and the entire community.

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Who are TCKs and global nomads?

TCKs (third culture kids) are individuals who have grown up in two or more cultures. Sometimes called global nomads, they have spent significant parts of their childhoods outside their home countries, usually because of a parent's work. Examples include the American who has lived in India and Bangladesh because her mother works for CARE, or the Korean citizen who has lived in Japan and Nepal because his parents are diplomats.

TCKs are known by various names, including "biz kids" (those whose parents work for international businesses), "diplomatic kids" (those whose parents serve with the foreign service), "missionary kids" or "MKs", (those whose parents work abroad as missionaries), and "army brats" (those whose parents serve abroad with the military).

Common TCK qualities*

- Self-reliance
- Open-mindedness
- Adaptability
- Keen powers of observation
- An ability to mediate
- An appreciation for a variety of cultures

Learn more about TCKs at Lewis & Clark

Learn more about what life at Lewis & Clark is like for TCKs by e-mailing tck@lclark.edu. A currently enrolled TCK will answer any question you may have. You can also view schedules of TCK Group events and read more TCK profiles at go.lclark.edu/third_culture_kids.

Ksenia Girsova

I was born in Russia, and my family moved to Hong Kong when I was six, then to South Korea four years later. Now my life is filled with random cravings for Russian *pirozhki* and Korean noodles. As a TCK, it is a strange feeling going to Russia and being mistaken for a tourist, but it is also exciting seeing the faces of Korean market ladies light up when you greet them in Korean. At Lewis & Clark it is very comforting to meet people with similar experiences.



Anna Grosse

When people ask me why I decided to become an international affairs major, I answer, "my childhood." I am from Germany, but I also have lived in Nepal, Ethiopia, India, China, Bulgaria, and the United States. Moving around so often has led to my interest in international politics. There

are numerous countries I hope to live in. Portland, and especially Lewis & Clark with its renowned international affairs department, is the perfect place to start this journey.



Oliver Heinke

I am a world citizen with German blood and a Latin heart. I grew up in a small town where the Ecuadorian highlands merge with the Amazon. I studied at a local school until the age of 16. Through a scholarship, I completed my last two years of high school at the United World College in Costa Rica (UWCCR). My two years in Costa Rica were devoted to academics, community service, and promoting the UWCCR's pillars of multiculturalism, peace, and environmentalism. I am currently a junior studying international affairs.



Matthew Rugamba

I was born in London, raised in Uganda, educated in Kenya and Swaziland, and currently I am in the United States. Right now my family is based in Rwanda, so I consider that to be home. It is refreshing to be in a school like Lewis & Clark where everyone wants to explore the world. I am an international affairs major, and I am looking forward to learning more about the world—and getting more stamps in my passport—during my time at Lewis & Clark.

Nikhil Mahapatra

I was born in Bombay, India, now known as Mumbai, and lived there until I was 12. Shortly after, I moved to Singapore, where my family still lives. Spending the formative years of my life abroad has made me look at things differently. I'm thinking of majoring in psychology and theatre. I chose Lewis & Clark for many reasons, but the one most important to me is that there are strong international student programs on campus. These make a new and unfamiliar environment that much more comfortable.



Kathleen Burckhardt

I was born in Zürich to an American mother and a Swiss father. I lived there until I was 8, when I moved to County Clare, Ireland, for two years. Then my family moved to Washington state before moving on to British Columbia, Canada, where I have been living for the past six years. I was drawn to Lewis & Clark because of its small size and the international and TCK presence on campus. It is wonderful to have others around who have had similar experiences or who enjoy hearing about your upbringing.

Programs for TCKs

- New Student Orientation
- TCK Tuesdays (biweekly social gatherings)
- Ethnic Dinner Trips
- College Outdoors Trips
- Special Career Workshops
- Multicultural Fair
- International Fair

Resources for TCKs

- LINCS Mentorship Program
- TCK Advisory Board
- Office of International Students and Scholars
- Akin Multicultural Residence Hall
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Center for Career and Community Engagement

International and Cultural Organizations

- Asian Student Union, Chinese Club, French Club, German Club, Hawai'i Club, International Affairs Symposium, International Student Government (ISLC), Japanese Club, *Meridian* (an international and cross-cultural perspectives journal), MOSAIC, *Polyglot* (a foreign languages journal), Russian Club, Spanish Club, Ray Warren Multicultural Symposium

Websites for TCKs

- TCKid: www.tckid.com
- TCK World: www.tckworld.com
- Denizen: www.denizen-mag.com
- Interaction International: www.interactionintl.org

Books for TCKs

- The Global Nomad's Guide to University Transition* by Tina L. Quick
- Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds* by David Pollock and Ruth E. Van Reken
- Home Keeps Moving* by Heidi Sand-Hart
- Unrooted Childhoods* by Faith Eidse and Nina Sichel

*Adapted from *Third Culture Kids: The Experience Growing Up Among Worlds* by David Pollock and Ruth E. Van Reken.