

BSU International Insider

News for International Students

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International Student Services

Welcome new students!!!

Welcome back returning students!!!

International Student Services has a new home!

As many of you know, the International Programs Office was re-organized this spring. As a result, there is no longer an IPO at Boise State. Instead, the different services that were offered at the IPO have been divided between various divisions across campus. International Student Services (ISS) is now a part of the Student Diversity and Inclusion unit under the Student Affairs Division. ISS is located adjacent to the Cultural Center on the 2nd floor of the SUB!

ISS will continue to support international students in every possible way, including responding to immigration and cross-cultural questions and planning events and activities. The ISS staff includes:

Christy Babcock, Associate Director, cbabcoc@boisestate.edu

Merrilou Burris, Management Assistant, merrilouburris@boisestate.edu

Kumi Takashima & Sharon Kahuha, Student Assistants, internationalinfo@boisestate.edu

You can learn more about Student Diversity and Inclusion by checking this site:

<http://sdi.boisestate.edu/>

The ISS webpage is currently being developed. Until it is completed, we will continue to use our IPO website. <http://international.edu/> If you have suggestions for our new website, please share them with the ISS staff.

We hope you will visit us often!

Coming Events & Activities

August 27th, 7:00pm - 10:00pm: Square Dancing at the home of Bob & Belva Lawton. *(see pg 3 for details)*

Date: TBA ISS Open House. Watch for an invitation to our upcoming official open house when we will invite students, faculty and staff to celebrate our new home with us. A date has not yet been decided upon.

OPT Workshops *(see page 2 for details)*

Tuesday, September 14, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm, in the Cultural Center lounge.

Wednesday, September 15, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, in the Cultural Center lounge.

Monday, September 20, 10:00 am - 12:00pm, in the Cultural Center lounge.

Immigration Updates

IMPORTANT: The official check-in sessions for returning international students will be held **Sept. 7-10**, in the Cultural Center, from 9:30am to 4:00pm daily. Check-in is critical to maintaining your status as an international student.

ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN CHECK-IN EACH SEMESTER.*

**If you do not come for check-in during the assigned time you will be charged a \$50.00 late fee, which will be billed to your Bronco account.*

If you are a new international student and attended the orientation on August 18th & 19th, you do not need to come for check-in until Spring Semester.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a one-year work permit that allows students to work in their field of study after graduation. You must attend an OPT Workshop if you are interested in applying for OPT.

When attending the workshop, you must bring your I-20, visa, passport and I-94 card, plus 2 passport-size photos (head positioned directly facing the camera) and a Money Order for \$340.00 payable to CIS. See "Coming Events & Activities" on the page one for dates and times. Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.

NEW POLICY, NEW FEE!! Boise State has a new policy that you need to be aware of. If you drop a class after the first week of classes, you will be charged a \$10 fee for every class that you drop.

The drop deadline for this semester is August 29. If you drop a class after midnight on August 29, you will be charged \$10 for each class that you drop.

What are you looking for?

Apartment for Rent: There are listings of several housing/apartment opportunities on our website, <http://international.edu>, under International Student Services, Advertisements.

Stuff for Sale: There are also listings of goods for sale at the website listed above.

If you have an apartment, room or house to rent, or if you have household goods, cars, bicycles, etc. to sell, please email the information to merrilouburris@boisestate.edu. We will include it in the next issue of the Boise State University International Insider AND post it on our website. Be sure to include a brief description, price and your contact information. Thank you.

Student Highlights

Have you received a scholarship? Are you involved in a special project? Did you take a great vacation? These are the kinds of things we want to feature in our Student Highlights. **Let us know what's going on in your life so we can share your successes with your international family!!** Just send Christy or Merrilou an email telling us all about it.

“TALK TIME” KICK-OFF EVENT

JOIN US FOR A...

SQUARE DANCE

(Instruction given)

August 27 FRIDAY
7-10PM

LOCATION: Home of Bob and Belva
4601 S Ramona St
Meridian, ID 83642

E-mail us at blawton.lawton@gmail.com to RSVP
and for transportation

The [BSU International Insider](#) is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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