### **BSU** International Insider

News for International Students

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International Student Services

#### News and Notes

Lindsey Matson - An Advocate for International Students

Lindsey Matson is a newly appointed member of the Associated Students of Boise State University's executive staff team. As the Secretary of Equity and Conservation she hopes to help connect international students with domestic students at BSU, as well as be available as a resource to any students who would like to know more about how to get involved on campus and access campus programs. If you'd like to meet with her or invite her to club meetings, feel free to contact her at lindseymatson@u.boisestate.edu

To learn more about ASBSU, check out their website: http://sites.google.com/site/wikiasbsu/

#### **Coming Events & Activities**

#### Friday, September 10, 9:30am - 4:30pm - final check-in session

**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.

Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm: Tea-time in the Women's Center (see details on page 3)

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-7:00 pm: International Student potluck in the Cultural Center lounge. Put it on your calendar!!

#### Student Highlights

Have you seen THE article in The Arbiter? International graduate student, Adil Bentahar, submitted an article that gives insight into the practice and significance of Ramadan to our Muslim neighbors and students. The article appears in today's edition of the Boise State Student newspaper. Adil's writing helps non-Muslims to gain an understanding of the importance of this annual time of fasting. Thank you for sharing your beliefs with all of us, Adil. Well done.

#### **Immigration Updates**

The last scheduled day for **Immigration Check-in is** tomorrow, Sept 10th, between 9:30am & 4:30pm. If you are a returning F1 or J1 visa student and have NOT come for check-in you must come on Friday. If you miss this opportunity, your Bronco Account will be charged a \$50.00 late fee and you risk having your I-20 terminated for being out of status. Make the time. come to the SUB, 2nd floor, the Cultural Center and GET IT DONE!

The
Saudi Students' Club
would like to invite
everyone to attend the
Eid Celebration in
Municipal Park
500 S. Walnut Street
Boise, Idaho
Saturday
September 11th,
From 3:00 to
8:00pm

Submit your stories and articles to the Boise State Student Newspaper, the Arbiter.

The Arbiter would love to have international students submit stories about their experiences in the US and at Boise State to the school paper. If you would like to write a story and see it published in the Arbiter, you can do so by emailing your story to <u>culture@stumedia.boisestate.edu</u>

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a one-year work permit that allows international students to work in their field of study after graduation. <u>If you are graduating this semester and are interested in applying for OPT, you must attend an OPT Workshop.</u>

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 page 1 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.

SIGN UP FOR A BOISE STATE "BUDDY"! We have a new program this year to partner international students with other Boise State students. It's also a great opportunity to make a new friend! The program will partner you with a mentor.

Mentors are students who have been here for a while. Your mentor can show you fun places on campus and in Boise, help you with your questions about your classes, listen to your concerns and help you with any difficulties that may arise during the semester. We will provide social events for you and your mentor to participate in.

If you are interested in signing up as a "mentee," please fill out the application on pages 4 and 5. You can email it to Christy or you can come to the Cultural Center or International Student Services to turn it in. We have some great individuals who have signed up to be mentors. They are excited to meet you!

For more information call 208-426-5950 OR 208-426-3652. You may also visit us at the Cultural Center during office hours.

The Islamic Center of Boise will hold Eid Prayer in the Simplot Ballroom
Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00am
Please see ICB website for more details: <a href="https://www.boisemuslims.org/site/html/index.php?mc=hom&c=eid">www.boisemuslims.org/site/html/index.php?mc=hom&c=eid</a>

The BSU International Insider is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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## WOMEN'S CENTER EVENTS

# Tea Time

Friday,
September 17
4 pm
Women's Center
Lounge



# All Students Welcome!

International and domestic students are invited to an afternoon with tea and conversation at the Women's Center.

This event will give you the opportunity to meet new people and engage in conversation in a relaxing environment. Staff from both the Women's Center and International Student Services will be there to join you.

