

# Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

January 13, 2012

## A Note from Christy

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Hi, Everyone! Welcome all new students! Welcome back, returning students! I look forward to spending time with each and every one of you this semester. Feel free to visit ISS and the Student Diversity Center any time. Please join us for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesdays. Be sure to read our newsletter every week to keep up to date on our events and immigration notices. This newsletter is for YOU! If you have something you would like us to publish in it, please let us know. I hope to see you soon! Christy

## Coming Events & Activities

Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center. Free refreshments!

Every Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00pm - T.E.A. Time (Thursday English Afternoons). Join us in the Writing Center (LA200) to practice your English skills.

January 17<sup>th</sup> - Classes begin

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 4:30pm – International Festival Committee Meeting, in the Student Diversity Center *(please see details below)*

January 30<sup>th</sup> - **SHIP waiver deadline**. If you plan to waive the University Health Insurance Plan, you must do so by this date.

January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am - 4:00pm – **MANDATORY** Spring Semester Immigration Check-in for returning students *(more details later)*

## Be Part of the ISA Festival Committee!!

Would you like to promote your country and culture at BSU? Would you like to challenge yourself to organize a big event? The chance is NOW. Come join the Festival Committee meeting where we will discuss and prepare for this year's

### International Food, Song and Dance Festival.

The agenda includes (1) introduce ourselves, (2) determine the best time to meet, (3) assign some positions. We will meet in the Student Diversity Center, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to help, please send an email to Danh Nguyen, Festival Coordinator ([danhnguyen@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:danhnguyen@u.boisestate.edu)) to discuss about your availability.

## ☪ In Memoriam ☪

ISS was saddened by the recent news that we lost an international student during the winter break. Aziz Fakieh, a student from Saudi Arabia, was killed in a boating accident while on vacation in his home country. The Saudi students at Boise State are discussing how they plan to honor Aziz.

Please see their Facebook page if you wish to be a part of that discussion.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/SaudiStudentsatBSU>



**Curricular Practical Training (CPT)**, also called an Internship, allows a student to work off-campus for a specified amount of time in a position related to his/her field of study. If you plan to do an internship as part of your academic program, you need to attend a CPT Workshop.

**January 27, 4:00 to 5:00pm**  
**February 2, 12:00 to 1:00pm**

**Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.** Workshops will be held in the Student Diversity Center.

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

**February 6, 3:00 to 5:00pm, in the Chief Joseph Room**  
**February 9, 3:00 to 5:00pm, in the Student Diversity Center**  
**February 10, 10:00am to noon, in the Student Diversity Center**

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 \$380.00 payable to CIS. **Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.**

### Winter Welcome

Boise State has planned a special welcome for new students and their families. Come and be welcomed, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 6:00pm. All events will take place on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Bring your children and get to know your Boise State Community! Even students without children can enjoy this event!  
Please see the flyer on page 3 for more details.

**BOISE STATE STUDENTS NEEDED TO ACT** in a Street Action to help "awaken" others to the Human Rights violations currently happening in Alabama, and Arizona. Our main issue is the deportation and separation of families by the US Government. With Martin Luther King Day right around the corner, this is a perfect time for us to keep this issue in the limelight.

We need actors!! We need 15-20 people for both days, Jan. 25th & 26th from 11-2. Weather permitting we will be 1 day on the Quad and 1 day in the SUB. The scene will be 5-10 minutes in length. For questions or to participate, email Sara Church at [Sarachurch-cowart@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:Sarachurch-cowart@u.boisestate.edu)

**Every Friday, 12:15-1:45pm**

**“Go” meeting.**

**Come to the Student Diversity Center lounge  
and learn about the most ancient board game, Go (Weiqi, Baduk)**

**The Chinese Club** at Boise State will host the annual China Night on Thursday, Jan. 26, to welcome the “Year of the Dragon.” The event is from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. Admission donation is \$2 for students and \$3 general.

Dinner and dessert will be served. Entertainment includes Chinese traditional dances, presentation of modern Chinese songs, a kung-fu exhibition and musical performances with traditional Chinese ethnic instruments. In addition, Boise State Chinese and Japanese language students will present songs and group dances.

The annual event celebrating Chinese culture is open to students, faculty, staff and the general public.

**International Student Services partners with International Students, Inc. to offer these opportunities:**

**Talk Time:** Weekly conversation and fun, starting this Saturday night!

We meet every Saturday night at 7:30pm for dessert, discussion groups, and games. Come enjoy time with international students and Americans, too!

**Where:** The Center, 1025 Belmont St. (Just off Broadway, 1 block south of Bronco Stadium)

If you meet us in the SUB lobby at 7pm, we can walk over together at 7:15pm!

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**Free Dinner for International Students**

Food, conversation, and fun! We meet once each month for dinner, and invite you to join us any time!

First dinner: January 18th at 5:30pm.

Walk over from the Student Union Building (SUB) lobby with us at 5:15, or meet us at The Center (same location as Talk Time).



For accommodations please contact Lenore Weller at (208) 426-1223.

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