

Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

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International Student Services

Christy wants to know why so many of you have not yet "liked" the International Student Services at Boise State Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=149283508429687>

♥ News and Notes ♥

Every February 14th, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, for St. Valentine's Day. Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages (written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400). The oldest known Valentine card is on display at the British Museum. The first commercial Valentine's Day greeting cards produced in the U.S. were created in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland. Howland, known as the Mother of the Valentine, made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Just a little cultural trivia for you. ♥

Coming Events & Activities

Friday, February 11, 9:00-11:00am: Final Optional Practical Training (OPT) workshop for this semester. Please call ISS office to reserve your spot. 425-3642.

Friday, February 11, 3:00pm: Festival Planning meeting in the Student Diversity Center. Working on performance arrangements at this session.

Saturday, February 12, 2:00pm: Festival Food Tasting event. Please see "Food Tasting Party" in the next column for more details.

Monday, February 14, 6:00pm: Presentation of the film Paper Clips, in Room 110 of the Engineering Building. Please see "Paper Clips" in the next column for more details.

Monday, February 21: Presidents' Day. Classes will not meet and University offices will be closed.

Paper Clips

You are cordially invited to a diversity event that will change your life. The movie is entitled Paper Clips. The movie is about a group of kids who set out to understand what the number 6 million means when they are told that 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust. In order to understand the sheer magnitude of this number, they decide to collect 6 million paper clips. This surprising and moving story tells of their journey and how it changed the lives of everyone in their community and all over the world.

The screening will be on the main BSU campus in the Engineering building, Rm. 110 on Monday the 14th. We will start promptly at 6:00pm. The movie will be followed by a discussion about community, tolerance, and empathy with our own surprise ending. To reserve a seat, please email tessapartridge@q.com

Important Tax Information

All international students who worked in the US during the year of 2010 will need to file US tax return forms.

There are several ways to get assistance with this. We at Boise State are not authorized to give tax advice, but I know some other ways you can get the help you need.

1. The University of Texas has an awesome website that will walk you step by step through the process.

Use the link <http://www.utexas.edu/international/taxes/>

2. Visit "The Coalition for Economic Improvement" VITA site at 2717 S Vista Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm - 8pm and Saturday 10-4. Last year Jon or Betty were the volunteers who were certified in the Foreign Student issues. I have not heard if they are back again this year.

3. See the flyer on page 3. For \$50 you can get your taxes prepared by a local accountant, who is a former international student at Boise State who now owns her own accounting firm. \$50 is a great price!

Food Tasting Party!!!

We are looking for volunteers to present their national cuisine for the International Food, Song and Dance Festival, which will be held on March 19. For those of you who would like to offer some delicious ideas, we are having a Food Tasting Party. Please plan a dish that is relatively easy-to-make and relatively inexpensive. Bring your dish to the Student Diversity Center at 2:00pm on Saturday, February 12th!! We will have some fun time tasting and deciding what food to present on the Festival!

For more information, please contact our meal coordinator Polina Kotina (polinakotina@u.boisestate.edu, 208-319-6927)

Get Help with Papers at the Writing Center

The Writing Center is a free service where all students, staff, and faculty at Boise State can find support for their work on any writing project. Writing Center consultants are carefully chosen and highly trained and are able to work with you at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming to revising.

To make an appointment, visit the Writing Center website, <http://www.boisestate.edu/wcenter/>, call 426-1298, or walk in to Room 200 of the Liberal Arts Building.

Hours of operation this semester are:

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

E-mail consultations also are available for writers working off campus. Please see the website for more information on this service. <http://www.boisestate.edu/wcenter/email.html>



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One More Reminder!!!

If you miss the check-in sessions last week, you can still check in by Friday to maintain your status, but your Bronco account will be charged a \$50.00 late fee. Our office must register your arrival with SEVIS before February 17th. After that date, anyone who has not notified ISS of their arrival will be out of status.

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

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As a friend of Christy Babcock and a former international student at BSU, I would like to support current international students by offering a discount on tax preparation. Please call to set up an appointment. I look forward to working with you soon. ~Joey Schoettger



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