



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

March 22, 2012

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

Wednesday March 28th, 5:00pm – Spring Break Coffee & Conversation *(See pg 4 for details)*

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.

Every Friday, noon to 1:00pm - Wisdom Café in the Student Diversity Center. *(See below for details)*

March 27th, leaving 10:00am – Idaho City Trip *(See pg 2 for details)*

March 29th, leaving at noon – Gold Fork Hot Springs/Donnelly Trip *(See pg 2 for details)*

Festival a Huge Success!!!

Thanks to the efforts of the ISA officers and many volunteers, the annual International Food, Song and Dance Festival held last Saturday night was one of the most successful in its 33 year history! More than 600 people from the university and the greater Boise community gathered to enjoy excellent food prepared by our international students and wonderful entertainment. We have many talented cooks and performers in our international student population!!

Student Spotlight

By: Sindy Chiu

Zhu Yiyun (Ellen) is from China, which features a unique tradition in different ways including cuisine, food, etiquette, custom and etc. She is majoring in nursing and she came to BSU as a 3-month exchange student. It is a good chance for her to have the different sights of nursing between China and the United States.

She enjoys that Boise is full of friendly and warm-hearted people. In this experience in Boise, what she loves the most is freedom. People here can wear whatever appropriate; there is nobody telling them what they should do or not. She is glad that she can know more about America, and she would love to stay in Boise more than three months. She would say what she misses the most from her country is Chinese cuisine, especially the less sweet food and vegetables; however, she is eager to come back someday to explore more about the United States.



BRONCO SHOP MODEL SEARCH 2012

THE BRONCO SHOP IS ONCE AGAIN HOSTING A MODEL SEARCH THROUGH THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE, BEGINNING MARCH 20 AND RUNNING THROUGH APRIL 9. THEY WILL BE COLLECTING PHOTO SUBMISSIONS THROUGH EMAIL (THEBSUBOOKSTORE@GMAIL.COM) AND POSTING THEM TO A FACEBOOK GALLERY APP, WHERE ANYONE WHO "LIKES" THEIR PAGE GAINS ACCESS TO THE APP AND CAN VOTE FOR THE MODELS OF THEIR CHOICE. SUBMISSIONS ARE LIMITED TO BOISE STATE STUDENTS ONLY, AND FOUR (2 LADIES, 2 GENTS) WILL BE CHOSEN AS THE WINNERS. EACH WILL RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD AND WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR SEVERAL PHOTO SHOOTS (AND POSSIBLY VIDEO) THROUGH 2012. THESE WILL BE USED IN WEBSITE, SIGNAGE AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE FALL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THIS YOU CAN CONTACT REBECCA STICH AT REBECCASTICH1@BOISESTATE.EDU

Join us for Spring Break, 2012!!

ISS has planned two day-trips for Spring Break.

Tuesday, March 27th: we'll go to Idaho City (the original capital of Idaho) for a historical tour, a great lunch and a short hike. (There is still snow on the ground, so dress warmly and wear boots!)



Idaho City, 1887



Thursday, March 29th: we'll enjoy some rest and relaxation at Gold Fork Hot Springs. Later . . . dinner in Donnelly.

Space is limited, so sign up early at the ISS office. The cost is only \$5.00 per person, per trip. ISS will pay for admission and meals.

REMINDER: If you plan to leave the US during Spring Break, and if it has been at least 6 months since we last signed your I20, please get your I20 signed before your trip. Drop it off at ISS and we will have it ready for you within 48 hours. Do not wait for the last minute! If we signed your I20 for the winter break, you do not need it to be signed again at this time.

Staff Spotlight

By Cindy Fernandez

Kumi Takashima is one of ISS's student office assistants. Kumi was born in Kyoto, Japan. She speaks Japanese, conversational Chinese and elementary Spanish and Korean. She is pursuing a Masters in Counseling at Boise State University. She has been working for ISS since the Fall of 2008; back then it was on Euclid Ave. and it was called "International Programs Office". Besides Japan and the US, Kumi has also visited Australia. She would love to visit Europe in the future, especially Spain. She would also like to visit Taiwan and Korea. Among the many classes that Kumi is taking this semester, her favorite is Chinese! In Kumi's spare time she likes to hang out with her friends, talk to her Japanese friends on Skype, read Japanese books, snowboard and play with dogs. Kumi's favorite books are most of Yuka Murayama & Miyuki Miyabe's books, Keigo Higashino's books and Harry Potter. Kumi's favorite movies are Departures, Up, How to Train Your Dragon and My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Comedies are her favorite. When asked what her greatest achievement thus far was, she said it was a very tough question. She said that coming to the United States by herself without using any intermediary agents and hardly speaking any English at that time is one of them and another one is getting her Associate degree and two Bachelor's degrees. Kumi is a very accomplished young lady! In the next five years Kumi sees herself as already having her Master's degree and hopefully working at a school or a company where she enjoys doing her job. Kumi hopes that every student here at Boise State University is enjoying their stay!



IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!!!! Continuing International Student Scholarships

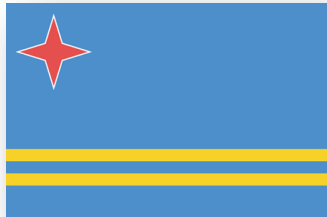
Continuing International Student Scholarships waive the entire non-resident portion of tuition and fees for continuing international students for up to one academic year. To be considered you must meet the following qualifications:

- You must have successfully completed (by the end of the current semester) one year (two semesters and a minimum of 24 credits) of full-time coursework at Boise State University. Courses that are repeated within the same academic year do not count towards meeting the credit completion requirement.
- You must be on an F-1 student visa.
- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.
- You must be making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree at Boise State.
- Recipients cannot major in over enrolled programs; these currently include nursing, pre-nursing, radiologic sciences or pre-radiologic sciences. Programs are subject to change.
- Self-supported online programs are also closed to nonresident tuition waiver eligibility.
- You must not have already been awarded a tuition fee waiver for the 2012-13 academic year.

Deadline to submit the [Continuing International Student Tuition Waiver Scholarship Application](#) is **April 15th, 2012**.
(Ctrl + click to follow the link)

TRIVIA TIME!

CAN YOU NAME THESE FLAGS?



SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO: INTERNATIONALINFO@BOISESTATE.EDU





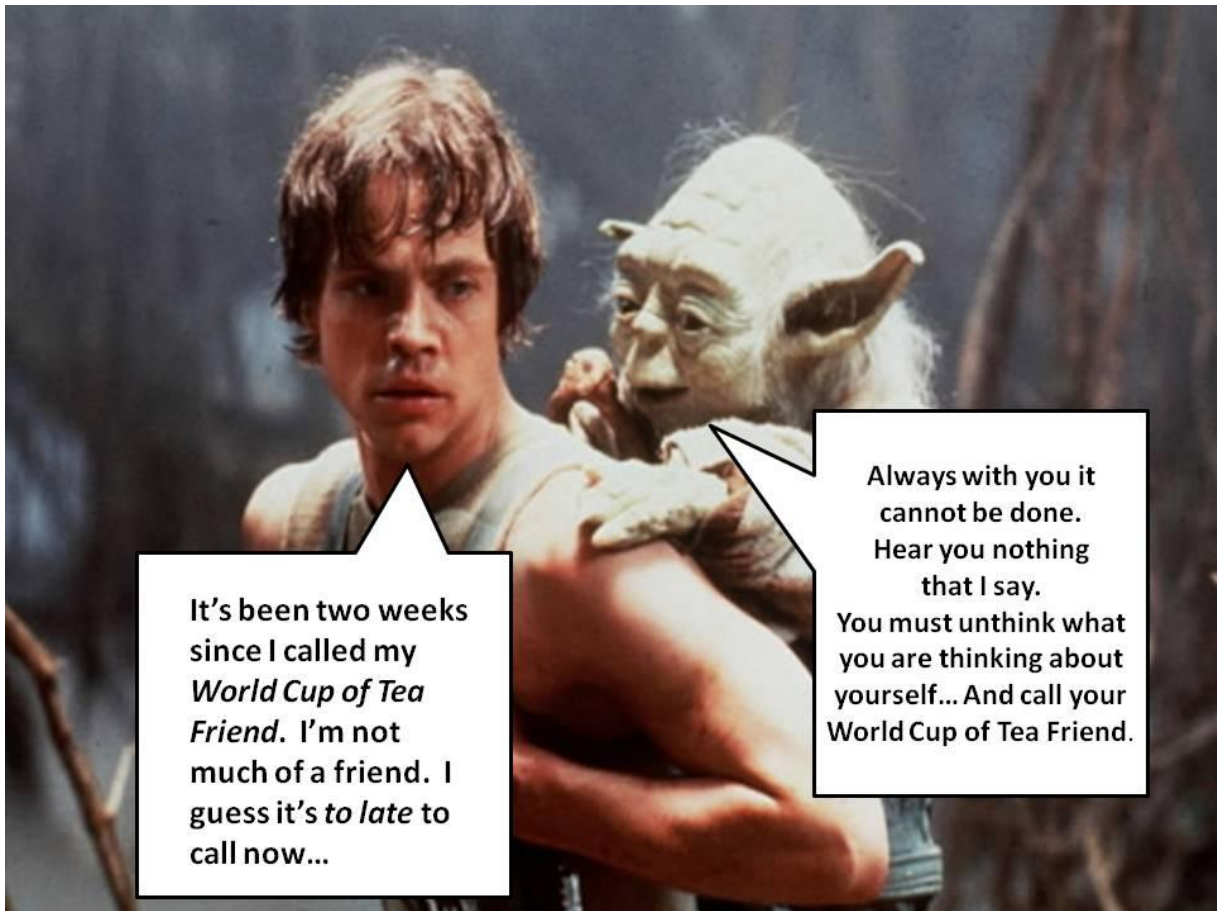
JSS Spring Break Coffee and Conversation

(To downtown Boise with Monk and friends)

Wednesday, March 28, 5:00PM

~Meet in the Student Diversity Center at 5PM~

Walking like monks from here...





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MAHATMA GANDHI

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY'S
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
HATCH BALLROOM

GENERAL ADMISSION - FREE
DONATIONS ACCEPTED WITH 100% GOING TO AKSHAYA TRUST

JOIN US AFTER THE EVENT FOR A FUNDRAISING DINNER
WITH MR. KRISHNAN AT THE TAJ MAHAL RESTAURANT

\$50 PER PERSON TO BENEFIT AKSHAYA TRUST
INCLUDES DINNER; BEVERAGES & GRATUITY ARE SEPERATE

LIMITED SEATING
PLEASE RSVP FOR THE EVENT AND/OR DINNER

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO:
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