



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

May 3, 2012

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

Every Monday, 3:00 – 4:30pm **NEW!** – International Women’s Social Group in the Student Diversity Center. *(Every Monday through May 7. Summer schedule will be different.)*

Wednesday, May 9, 3:30 - 5:00pm – Ice cream Sundaes in the Student Diversity Center. Join us for this special *Finals Week Coffee and Conversation*.

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)*

Student Spotlight

By **Sindy Chiu**

Naomi Tokoyoda, is an exchange student from Japan. Her major is political science and she is also studying international relations. She wanted to study in US because it is the center of the world for economy, politics, and cultural diversity. "I heard that Boise State has good environment to study from my friends who studied in here, so I decided to come to Boise State," Naomi said. She reported what she enjoys Boise the most is the beautiful weather and nature, friendly and kind people here. "The thing I was the most surprised about Americans is their clothes. I cannot believe that many Americans wear thin clothes such as t-shirt and half pants even though it is pretty cold day. Also, many Americans seem to have confidence in themselves. I was impressed that people here are open to tell any experiences, including the one may be shy for some people to tell," Naomi reported. Naomi is frequently interacting not only with native students but also with many international students from all over the world. She sees various culture and ways of thinking, and she is learning a lot of new things. She thinks everything she learned at Boise State would help her play an active part in the world. From Naomi's eyes, Japan embraces a fairly big amount of beautiful nature, historical buildings, and unique culture. Japanese cuisine, anime and clothes are popular in the world. Naomi likes to watch musical, go travel, and eat. She loves to know new things and go to new places, and she would like to know more about Boise and any culture while she is staying here.



Immigration Info

Are you planning to travel outside the U.S. during the summer?

- ① **Remember, you must have your I-20 signed before you leave.** Bring your I-20 to the ISS office at least 48 hours before you travel to give us time to complete the process. It is important that you are registered for Fall classes before bringing your I-20 to ISS.
- ② **Check the status of your visa.** If it has expired, or will expire while you are outside of the US, you must plan to have it renewed before you return. Documents you will need for this process are an unofficial transcript, a copy of your class registration for the Fall semester and a Visa Support letter from ISS. If you need a visa support letter, please submit a letter request form using this link: <https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/iss/letter-request-form/>
- ③ **Check the status of your passport.** If your passport will expire while you are away, be sure to follow the regulations of your home country to renew your passport before you return. If you are remaining in the US, you still must have a valid passport. You may contact the consulate for your country in the US to find out the renewal process.

Staff Spotlight

by Sindy Chiu



Anis Abduqodirova, one of the office assistants at Multicultural Student Services, came to Boise in July 2009 from Tajikistan. She is majoring in Business Management, and is frequently involved in International Student Association (ISA). She speaks English, Tajik, and Russian, and she loves the nature and enjoys spending her time with friends and family. She loves the ocean and she finds it very calming to watch and listen to the water. She would describe herself as an extrovert and people oriented which made her to choose a business major.

The biggest challenge she had are moving away from her family to the US and trying to adjust to a new culture and system. However, she believes that all the challenges she faces will help her become a stronger and better person and will assist her to achieve her goals. On the other hand, she misses her family; friends and Tajik bread the most from her home country. "I am very goal oriented and from my early ages, I used to put high expectations on myself," Anis said. Family and friends are her biggest motivation, and she feels very lucky that she is surrounded by such wonderful and supportive people. She is doing her best to not to disappoint them. The thing Anis likes about Boise the most is the fall since it is really beautiful in Boise during this time of the year. In addition, she enjoys being part of the people who represent cultural diversity. She likes hanging out with students from different countries and learning about their cultures.



CONGRATULATIONS to:

International Student Services is pleased to announce that *Sindy Chiu* has been awarded this year's **Trang Doan Memorial Scholarship!** Thank you, Sindy, for your outstanding involvement at Boise State.

Abdulelah Almohawis was awarded the **Outstanding Student Award** for his Service Learning participation this semester. Abdulelah volunteered numerous hours to Legacy Hospice, offering his time and compassion to individuals as they reached the end of their lives. Thank you, Abdulelah for your valuable participation in Service Learning!

ISA for receiving the award for **Student Organization Program of the Year** for the outstanding success of the festival.

Adil Bentahar for receiving the **Dan Nabors Award** which is a service award given by ASBSU to students that are actively involved.

Take a survey and be entered to receive a prize!

Boise State students are invited to participate in a 10 minute survey about relationship problems. Your answers will contribute to our understanding of student life at Boise State. Upon completion you will be entered in a drawing for one of five prizes. There are 3 \$100 gift certificates to the Bookstore and 2 Boise State sweatshirts available! [Take the survey now!](#)

Free Consultations with an Immigration Attorney

ASBSU has contracted Angela Levesque, a local immigration attorney, to offer you a free 30 minute consultation. If you wish to meet with the attorney, you will need a referral from ISS. Make an appointment with Christy Babcock to discuss your immigration concern. If the concern is beyond Christy's scope of immigration knowledge, she will give you a referral to meet with the attorney.

Fall 2012 Cross-Cultural Courses

CROSS-Cultural sections of classes allow students from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, from both the U.S. and abroad, to interact and examine issues from different cultural perspectives. Native and nonnative English speakers are invited to enroll in these classes/sections.

COMM 101: Fundamentals of Speech Communication

Class: 70015 Section: 007

Day and Time: MW 12:00pm-1:15pm Room: C226

Instructor: Lisa Peterson (lisapeterson@boisestate.edu)

Instructor Permission Required

COMM 101: Fundamentals of Speech Communication

Class: 70013 Section: 003

Day and Time: WF 9:00am-10:15am Room: C230

Instructor: Marisa Hill (marisahill1@boisestate.edu)

Instructor Permission Required

ENGL 101: Intro to College Writing

Class: 71756 Section: 026

Day and Time: T/TH 9:00am-10:15am Room: MG120

Instructor: Samantha Sturman

Permission Required for Registration, Writing Program Office, LA 256, 426-4209 or

Deannajones@boisestate.edu

ENGL 101: Intro to College Writing

Class: 71104 Section: 040

Day and Time: T/Th 9:00am-10:15am Room: LA107

Instructor: Emily Simnitt

Permission Required for Registration, Writing Program Office, LA 256, 426-4209 or

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ENGL 102: College Writing and Research

Class: 70346 Section: 022

Day and Time: T/TH 10:30am-11:45am Room: E520

Instructor: Ruth Salter

Permission Required for Registration, Writing Program Office, LA 256, 426-4209 or

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ENGL 102: College Writing and Research

Class: 71010 Section: 028

Day and Time: MWF 12:00pm-12:50pm Room: E221

Instructor: Greg Heinzman

Permission Required for Registration, Writing Program Office, LA 256, 426-4209 or

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UF 100: Intellectual Foundations

Lecture Class: 74260 Section: 003

Day and Time: W 10:30am-11:20am Room: MG113

Instructors: Stephanie Cox and Jennifer Black

UF 100 Discussion Class: 74265

Section: D24

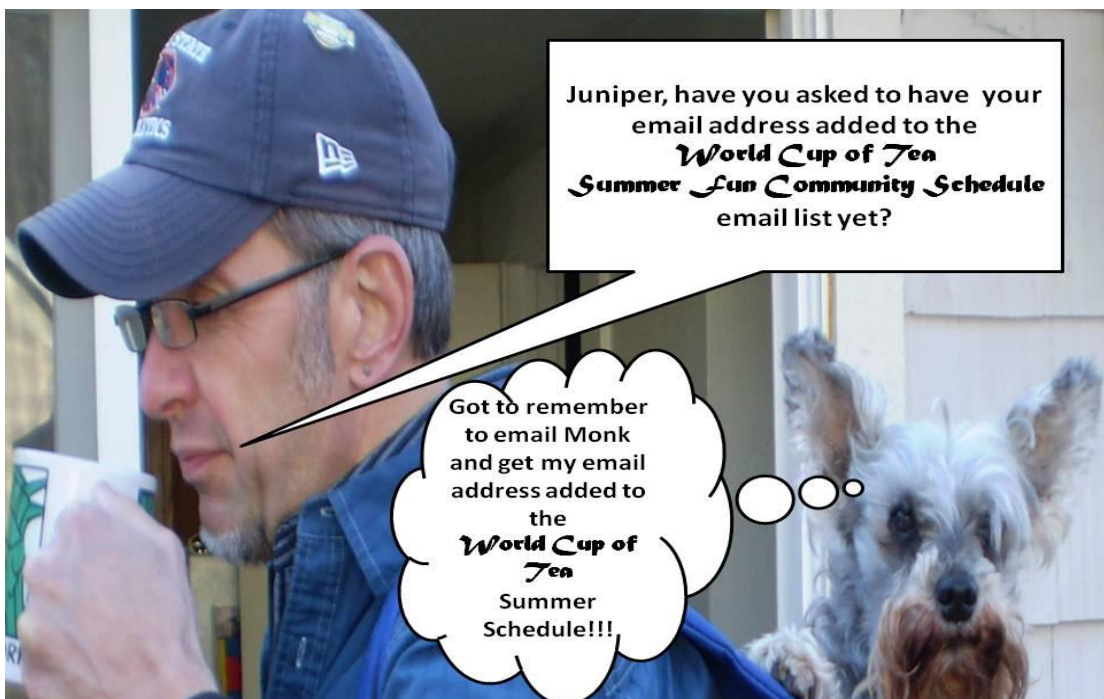
Day and Time: M/F 10:40am-11:20 B102B

UF 100 Discussion Class: 74266

Section: D25

Day and Time: M 12:00-12:50 ILC213

Instructor: Sarah Ritter



Monk is creating a Summer Fun Community Schedule so we can all enjoy local summer activities together. Send us an email to let us know that you will be around this summer and that you would like to be on the Summer Fun Community email list. stevenwells@boisestate.edu

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Boise Jazz Society presents

Matt Wilson's Arts and Crafts

Sunday ~ May 6, 2012

Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy

Free Parking at all Academy and the Miller and 9th Parking Lots

- Free, Boise Community Jazz Symposium, 4:00 - 5:00 pm (meet, hear, and interact with the artists)
- Boise Jazz Society Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Doors 6:15) ~ Admission \$39 general, students \$19.50

**The Boise State University Department of Music presents
A Jazz Residency: Global Perspectives in American Jazz**

Matt Wilson's Arts and Crafts

Open to all Students and the Public – Free

Sponsored in part by a Boise State University Arts and Humanities Research Grant

Monday ~ May 7, 2012

Morrison Center for the Performing Arts—Recital Hall—Parking @ Brady Street Garage (\$1.50 hour)

- Global Perspectives in American Jazz: An Inform-ance, 2:40 - 4:00 pm (Arts and Crafts performs and engages with the audience)
- Jazz Improvisation Workshop, 4:15 - 6:00 pm (Arts and Crafts critique jazz student performances)

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

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