



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

International Student Services

May 12, 2011

Commencement This Saturday

The Commencement Ceremony for Spring, 2011 will be held Saturday, May 14th, in Taco Bell Arena. The pageantry will begin at 10:00am. Doors will open at 8:30am. No tickets are required.

About 1,300 graduates are expected to participate in the ceremony. There are 2,118 students eligible for 2,281 degrees and certificates, and 467 students are eligible for honors: 273 cum laude, 162 magna cum laude and 32 summa cum laude. Widescreens will be set up so family and friends can see the graduates up close as they are individually recognized.

For those who cannot attend, Boise State will broadcast the ceremony live online at: <http://academics.boisestate.edu/provost/commencement/>

Student Diversity Center Open House a Great Success!!

Friday, May 6th, International Student Services and Multicultural Student Services invited the campus to make some noise and have a good time . . . and that is just what we did!! We estimate that more than 120 students, staff and faculty came to enjoy the food, music and fun activities at the SDC Open House.



We discovered that we have some GOOD singing talent among us . . . and maybe some that can be described as enthusiastic! Revital, Mayuri and Roshita were kept busy the whole time decorating the guests with henna, and several students shared their calligraphy skills by writing guests' names in Arabic and Chinese. We thank them for volunteering to do this!

We had so much fun we think we'll do it again next Spring!



A Note from Christy

I am feeling a little emotional today as we come to the end of our first school year in the SUB. It has been a wonderfully busy year as we have been adjusting and growing with all the changes. You, the students, are what make our jobs so fulfilling. Thanks for coming to spend time at the Student Diversity Center. We love to see you and assist you with your questions. I want to extend a BIG thank you to ISA, to Adil, Anis, Natalie, Neph, Andie, and Cindy. These 6 individuals have really enhanced student life for international students at Boise State. I am proud and honored to be able to work with you. I look forward to a fun summer. For those of you who will stay in Boise, watch your emails for upcoming summer events. For those of you going home, we will miss you and look forward to seeing you in August. Hugs to everyone! Thanks for making my job such a joyful part of my life!

Student Highlights

Ahmed Oteafy was presented with the College of Engineering Dean's Award at a reception held Thursday, May 5th. Ahmed is a graduate student from Egypt. Congratulations Ahmed, on earning this honor!



One more reminder!! If you are continuing your education here at Boise State, but leaving the U.S. for any reason this summer, you must get your I-20 signed. Please plan ahead for this by bringing your I-20 to International Student Services at least 72 hours before travel. You will need to leave the document with our staff so Christy or Merrilou can complete this process.



What are you looking for?

Any international students looking for a place to stay over the summer? Catherine Jensen is looking for a summer roommate. The cost is around \$350 a month and it's a 10-minute drive from the Boise State campus, near Camels Back Park. If you are interested, please call Catherine at 208-890-8908.



Marlena Pietzuch is looking for a place to stay for 5 weeks during the summer. "I'm taking a class which starts July 10, 2011 until August 12, 2011, so I'm looking for a room from July 8/9 until August 14/15. I'd pay the rent for this time frame. If someone knows someone who would let me live in a room, I would really appreciate if you could let me know." Email is: marlenapietzuch@u.boisestate.edu Phone is: 208 863 1085.

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