

Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

September 8, 2011

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

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

September 9th, 9:30am to 4:00pm - LAST DAY of **MANDATORY** Fall Semester Immigration
Check-in for returning students *(more details below)*

September 12th - CPT Workshops begin. Please see the schedule and info on page 2

September 13th, 7:00 to 9:00pm - LITE Blue in the Special Events Center. *(see details on page 2)*

September 15th - OPT Workshops begin. Please see complete schedule and info on page 2

September 20th, All Day - NASA Day at Boise State *(see details on page 3)*

September 25th - 4:00 - 7:00pm - ISA / ISS Pizza and Bowling event. Please see details below.

Are you prepared to give ISS \$50??

Friday, September 9th is the last scheduled day for International Student Check-in. After Friday, you will still be **required** to check-in to maintain your legal status as an F-1 or J-1 visa holder, but you will be subject to a **\$50.00 fine** for missing the schedule time.

Check-in takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. You must come to the Student Diversity Center (SDC) in the Student Union Building (SUB) between 9:30am and 4:00pm on Friday to meet this deadline.

Again,

any student who does not attend the check-in session will be fined a \$50 fee.

NOTE: If you are a new international student and attended the orientation August 17 & 18, you are checked-in with immigration. There is no need for you to participate in the check-in session this semester. You will need to attend check in next semester.

Pizza and Bowling Event Planned!!

The International Student Association (ISA) and International Students Services (ISS) are very happy to invite you all to another BIG BOWLING EVENT. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 25th. We are going to go bowling, play foosball, and pool from 4-7pm at the **Games Center** in the Student Union Building. Food and drinks will be provided. The event is FREE and for EVERYONE! (you do not have to be an international student to join us!).

Those of you who joined us last fall and spring for the same kind of event probably remember how enjoyable that was, with an impressive turnout of over 80 people! We hope to meet more of you this time, so come join us, have fun, and meet new friends!

Best,

The International Student Association & International Students Services

Did You Miss the SHIP Waiver Deadline?

If you did not file an online waiver of BSU Health Insurance by the deadline (9/2/11), but wish to decline the BSU coverage you will need to file a SHIP Appeal. This form is available at "healthservices.boisestate.edu/insurance" under Appeals Process and Policy. Please include all of the necessary documentation, which includes a letter of extenuating circumstances and a copy of the front and back of your insurance card. All of the required information must be included in order for an appeal to be reviewed. Please read the appeals policy before filing your appeal.

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.

September 12, 12:00 to 1:00pm
September 15, 4:00 to 5:00pm

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.

September 15, 9:00 to 11:00am
September 19, 3:00 to 5:00pm
September 22, 4:00 to 5:30pm

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.** Workshops will be held in the Student Diversity Center.

Facebook Change

We are going to delete our current ISS page on Facebook and replace it with a new page. Stay connected by logging onto Facebook and looking for "Boise State International Students". Please "like" our new page so that you can get quick and regular updates about ISS events and activities. Please send us some pictures that we can add to our new page!



LITE Blue is coming to Boise State University!

LITE Blue is an opportunity for Boise State University students to share their thoughts, ideas, stories or hopes related to LEADERSHIP, INSPIRATION, TECHNOLOGY or EDUCATION in a 4 minute TED or IGNITE style talk.

The event, scheduled for September 13th in the SUB Special Events Center, will be keynoted by Simon Sinek, author of [*Start With Why*](#). Come learn and be inspired to change the world! Event will be in the Special Events Center in the Student Union from 7 - 9pm.



NASA Conference

NASA Day at Boise State will open the "final frontier" for faculty and students to share research and ideas with the university community and with VIPs visiting from NASA's Johnson Space Center and Jet Propulsion Lab on September 20, 2011. NASA's experts will share their experiences and insights into the enterprise and challenges of exploration. Presentations and discussions will include space and earth sciences research, human and robotic spaceflight, space and distance medicine, astronaut and employee selection and training, international cooperation, NASA student opportunities, and the active engagement of history.

This conference will be open to all Boise State students, faculty and staff, and should be especially attractive to people interested in science, engineering, business management, social sciences, education, and health sciences.

September 20, 2011

Jordan and Simplot Ballrooms, Student Union Building

To register for the conference, go to:

<http://www.boisestate.edu/research/nasa-day.shtml>

For a complete schedule, go to:

<http://www.boisestate.edu/research/NASA-Agenda.pdf>



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