

BSU International Insider

News for International Students

November 19, 2010

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

Saturday, November 20, 4:00 - 6:00pm, Traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the Simplot Ballroom. Reservations needed for this free event. *Please Note: the location for the dinner has been changed from the Hatch Ballroom to the Simplot Ballroom which is directly above the Boise River Cafe.*

Tuesday, Nov. 23, ISA event: Ice- skating at the Idaho Ice World. If you have signed up for this event, please meet in the SUB near the info desk at 9:15am. The vans will leave at 9:30 sharp! If you did not sign up, the event is full.

Wednesday, November 24 - Friday, November 26, International Student Services will be closed for the holiday break. No "Coffee & Conversation" on the 24th and no International Insider next week. We'll be open again on Monday, November 29, 8:00am.

Friday, November 26, ISA event: "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows" at Edwards Theater, Downtown. Meeting time and place will be announced when the theater publishes the movie times.

International Education Week

We have been celebrating International Education all this week at Boise State. I hope you have been able to participate in some of the planned events. Here's a little visual taste . . .



International Students discuss Women's Roles in their countries.

Neph Njonjo, Nevena Vasovic, Kumi Takashima, Revital Zilonka, Andie Nguyen & Anis Abduqodirova
Kenya Serbia Japan Israel Vietnam Tajikistan



The GVC Rocks the BRC!



Making new friends at
"Coffee & Conversation"

Visiting with old friends at
"Coffee & Conversation"



Note from Christy

I hope you enjoy the break from classes next week. I imagine it will be a good time to get some assignments done and to catch up on lost sleep. Myself, I will be working on a 20 page paper that I have been procrastinating on for weeks now!

As we near the winter break, please remember to drop your I-20s off at the ISS office so that we can sign them before you leave the US. If you are not leaving the US, then there is no reason to have your I-20 signed.

I hope to see all of you at the Thanksgiving Dinner this Saturday. It is one of my favorite international student events each year.

Christy

Holidays Around the World

The holiday season is upon us here in the US, but we thought it would be interesting to hear about holidays celebrated in YOUR homeland or culture. For the next few weeks we'll share stories from you about the traditions, holiday customs and special celebrations that are important to you. This week we hear from Adil Bentabar about Eid-Adha.

Eid al-Adha (Arabic: عيد الأضحية 'Īdu l-'Aḍḥā) or "Festival of Sacrifice" or "Greater Eid" is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide to commemorate the willingness of Abraham (Ibrahim) to sacrifice his son Ishmael (Isma'il) as an act of obedience to Allah, before God intervened to provide him with a (sheep) to sacrifice instead.

Eid al-Adha is celebrated annually on the 10th day of the 12th and the last Islamic month of Dhu al-Hijjah (الْحِجَّةُ ذُو) of the lunar Islamic calendar. Eid al-Adha celebrations start after the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia by Muslims worldwide, descend from Mount Arafat. The date is approximately 70 days (2 Months & 10 days) after the end of the month of Ramadan, i.e. Eid-ul-Fitr. Ritual observance of the holiday lasts until sunset of the 13th day of Dhu al-Hijjah. The meat is divided into three parts to be distributed to others. The family keeps one third of the share, another third is given to relatives, friends and neighbors, and the other third is given to the poor & needy.



If you would like to share your holiday traditions with us, please email your story to Merrilou

OPPORTUNITY!!

The International Admissions Office is Hiring! We're looking for someone to assist with general office duties in the International Admissions Office, 15 hours per week. Do you have excellent written and verbal communications skills, strong interpersonal skills, computer skills, close attention to detail, ability to work in a flexible team-oriented environment, and knowledge of Boise State University? Then please apply! You'll find a job description and application form on pages 4 - 6 of the International Insider. **The deadline for applications is 5pm on Tuesday, November 30.**

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

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Position Description for
International Student Assistant
International Admissions Office

Title: International Student Assistant
Hours: Twenty hours per week for the summer (May 17, 2010-August 13, 2010)
Pay: \$7.50 per hour
Reports to: International Admissions Counselor

Responsibilities:

- Respond to inquiries from prospective international students, via email and phone
- Answer prospective international student e-mail
- Review online international student applications; and create files for Grad students
- Enter paper applications into PeopleSoft and create files for Grad students
- Assist in overall support of the International Admissions function at Boise State University
- Communicate effectively with students; convey policies and procedures accurately; interview students to determine needs and respond with appropriate information
- Project a positive image for Boise State University and the Admissions Office
- Miscellaneous office duties (filing, answering phones, greeting and assisting walk-in traffic, office coverage)

Qualifications: Applicants must be an international student in good standing at Boise State University, have at least sophomore standing and a minimum 2.5 GPA, excellent written and verbal communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, computer skills, close attention to detail, ability to work in a flexible team-oriented environment, and knowledge of Boise State University.

Application: To apply for the position please send:

- Attached job application
- A letter explaining your interest in the position
- Contact details (phone and email) of two references

Deadline: Submit all application materials via email (interntl@boisestate.edu) to the International Admissions Office by Monday, May 3 by 5pm. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.



Please email completed application to:

International Admissions Office
interntl@boisestate.edu

Position which you are applying for: International Admissions Student Assistant

Employment Application

Applications need to be submitted with a current resume, contact details of two references, and a letter explaining how you would be a good fit for the position.

Please Print:

Student Number (if applicable):	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Mailing Address:		City, State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone Number:	E-mail Address:	
High School:	H.S. Graduation Year:	Current Class Standing:	Major:
Citizenship:	Hours available to work:		
	Mon: _____		
	Tues: _____		
	Wed: _____		
	Thurs: _____		
	Fri: _____		
Are you a current student at BSU? ___ Yes ___ No			
Are you taking summer classes? ___ Yes ___ No			
If so, please indicate your summer class schedule below.			
Mon: _____			
Tues: _____			
Wed: _____			
Thurs: _____			
Fri: _____			

Please describe other campus activities you are or have been involved with:

Organization/Activity:	Description of work involvement:
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Please indicate all areas with which you have experience:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Data Entry	___	___	Cash Handling	___	___
Telephone Skills	___	___	Public Relations	___	___
Microsoft Word	___	___	Filing	___	___
Microsoft Excel	___	___	Organizational Skills	___	___
Typing (WPM___)	___	___			

Employment History	Employment History: List below your work history, beginning with your present or most recent job, emphasizing your specific tasks and supervisory, technical, or other responsibilities. Give special attention to experience to the job for which you are applying. Attach additional sheets if necessary.				
	Employer's name and address: _____ _____	May we contact this employer? __ Yes __ No	Your title/position	From: Mo/Yr	To: Mo/Yr
	Duties (be specific): _____ _____ _____ _____			Total Time	Hours/Week
				Yrs/Mos	
				Salary	
				Starting:	Ending:
	Reason for Leaving:			Supervisor's name:	
	Employer's name and address: _____ _____			From: Mo/Yr	To: Mo/Yr
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			Salary		
			Starting:	Ending:	
Reason for Leaving:			Supervisor's name:		
			Phone No.		

References	Name	City	State	Telephone (including area code)
<i>List only persons we may contact. Do not include anyone related to you or previous supervisors.</i>				

Signature _____ Date _____

By my signature above, I certify that all answers and statements on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that should an investigation disclose untruthful or misleading answers, my application may be rejected, my name removed from consideration, or my employment with Boise State University terminated.

Individuals offered employment by Boise State University will be required to provide proof of identity and eligibility for employment.

It is the policy of Boise State University to provide equal educational and employment opportunities, services, and benefits to employees and students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability or Vietnam era veterans in accordance with State Board of Education Rules and Regulations, Idaho State Statutes and Federal law. BSU is an Affirmative Action employer in accordance with Executive Order 11246 as amended.