Boise State International Insider
News for International Students

January 24, 2013

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities
Every Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30pm – Drop-in Career Advising and support in the Student Diversity Center (SDC)
Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:00pm – Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) Free refreshments!
Every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00pm – T.E.A Time in the Writing Center
January 25th – 26th – International Welcome Weekend (see details p.3)
February 3rd, 6:00pm – Asia Fest (see details p.3)
February 4th through 8th, 9:30am – 4pm – International Student Check-In (see details below)
February 4th – Last day to waive SHIP health insurance
February 15th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Blue and Orange Avalanche Effect (see details p.3)
February 24th, 7:00AM – 5:00 PM – Snow tubing with ISA (see details p.4)

Photo of the Week:
Picture taken at International Student Orientation
If you want one of your pictures to be Photo of the Week, you can submit them to: internationalinfo@boisesate.edu

Immigration Check-in Starts February 4th
Check-in for all continuing international students will be held MONDAY, FEB. 4TH THRU’ FRIDAY, FEB. 8TH This check-in is required by U.S. Immigration to maintain your legal status as an F-1 or J-1 visa holder. 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 any day that week (February 4th thru’ 8th) to fulfill this requirement.
Any student who does not attend the check-in session will be fined $50.00.

NOTE: If you are a new international student and attended the orientation January 16th and 17th, you are checked-in with immigration. You do not need to participate in the check-in session this semester. You will need to attend check-in next semester.

ATTENTION
The last day to waive your Student Health Insurance (SHIP) is February 4th 2013.
If you do not waive your SHIP, you will be required to pay for it.
ATTENTION SACM STUDENTS!!
There is a MANDATORY meeting for all SACM students this Sunday, January 27th, from 4:30-7pm in the Hatch Ballroom AB (Student Union Building). Check-in begins at 4:30. Please be on time. From 5-6 there will be a mandatory presentation about important updates and announcements. From 6-7pm there will be an optional presentation about how to navigate the SACM student portal. Dinner and refreshments will be provided, so come hungry!

Looking for a job?
International Admissions is looking for a new student assistant.
The deadline is February 4th at 5pm. Visit BroncoJobs to apply.

International Student Welcome Weekend

Potluck dinner & Dance
Friday, January 25th, 6:30 pm
Student Diversity Center
Bring a dish and join us for a potluck dinner, featuring DJ Abdullah Altamani (Kool)

Virtual FIFA tournament
Saturday, January 26th, 5:00 pm
Jordan A/B
Join us for a tournament of FIFA video games. There will be prizes for winners.

Tax preparation software for International Students
The university has purchased the license to use a tax preparation software for filing forms 1040NR and 1040NR-EZ, the typical forms used by international students. The software is called GLACIER TAX PREP and is linked with our current GLACIER TAX software. The tax prep software will be available sometime in late January; however the 1042-S forms may not be ready until mid-February.

If you have any questions you can contact Suzy White at swhite@boisestate.edu
The Blue and Orange Avalanche Effect

Friday, February 15
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Barnwell Room, 2nd floor SUB

Anonymously write a message about an experience when you felt over-looked or treated differently based on your gender identity, sexual orientation, perceived race, class status or age on orange, white or blue paper snowflakes. Stop by the Women’s Center to pick up materials or sit in the lounge to make your snowflake.

On February 15th learn about other students’ experiences through discussing these snowflake messages. Enjoy snacks and work with others to help develop new innovative ways to better our campus. For more information visit womenscenter.boisestate.edu

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Drop-in Career Advising and Support

Every Tuesday
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Student Diversity Center Lounge, 2nd floor SUB

Confused about which major fits your interests, skills and personality?
Need help identifying occupational information?
Would you like to develop a plan for a successful career?
Wondering about how to craft a polished resume and cover letter that gets noticed?
Do you have questions about how to have a successful interview?

If yes, come see Becca Dickinson, Career Center Liaison to Student Diversity and Inclusion, for drop-in help every Tuesday, beginning on January 29th. In addition to career counseling, Becca works with students on resume and cover letter enhancements, job search advising, networking, and interview skills in order to feel confident in the career planning process.

You can contact Becca by emailing beccadickinson@boisestate.edu.
Muneer Albaqami is an international student from Saudi Arabia. He is currently studying Pre-Respiratory Care. Muneer speaks Arabic, English and some Spanish. Muneer chose Boise State because it’s one of the best universities for Respiratory Care in the United States. He also heard about Boise State from a list that his scholarship (the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission) provided. He’s been in Boise for two semesters. What Muneer likes the most about Boise is that it’s very quiet and peaceful. Muneer has traveled to Mexico, Israel and Canada. When he graduates, Muneer wants to open a hospital in Saudi Arabia and possibly settle down and get married. Muneer loves to try new things but his favorite pastime is to spend time with his friends. Muneer wants to tell international students to keep it up and keep enjoy this new semester!