



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students



February 14, 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!

February 11th– Draw on a Zendala (*see details p.2*)

February 15th– Fun Discussion and Salsa Dancing Lessons (*see details p.3*)

February 20th 9:00am – 3:00pm– Career Fair (*see details p.4*)

February 22nd – Optional Practical Training (*see details below*)

February 23rd– Catalyst Leadership Workshop (*see details p.4*)

March 2nd – International Food, Song and Dance Festival (*see details p.2*)



Photo of the Week:

Picture taken at International Students
Bowling Night

If you want one of your pictures to be Photo of the Week, you can submit them to:

internationalinfo@boisestate.edu

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOOD, SONG AND DANCE FESTIVAL

Are you interested in sharing your culture with the Boise State community? If so, the International Student Association needs performers, traditional recipes, cooks, and volunteers. First meeting is this Saturday at 4 pm at the Food Tasting Party. Please contact Abdullah AlAlhareth if you are interested: AbdullahAlAlhareth@u.boisestate.edu.

Deadline to register is TODAY February 14th.

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. (*Please note, the date listed below is a correction from the most recent newsletter. Thank you.*)

February 22, 9:00 to 10:30am in the Student Diversity Center OR

February 22, 3:30 to 5:00pm in the Student Diversity Center

When attending the workshop, please 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 internationalinfo@boisestate.edu to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.**



The World at Your Doorstep



The International Student Food, Song and Dance Festival celebrates Boise State's international population. International students come together and organize an inspiring event that features cultures, customs and cuisine from all around the world.

When: Saturday, March 2, 2013, beginning at 6:00pm

Where: Jordan Ballroom, located in the Student Union Building.

Menu: This year's dishes come from Japan, Norway, Moldova, Saudi Arabia, India and more.

Entertainment: Performances include music, dance and costumes from Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Nepal and other cultures.

Tickets: Available at the SUB Information Desk
\$15 general admission
\$ 5 students with ID
Children 5 and under admitted free

You may reserve a table for 8 people for \$150 by calling International Student Services at 426-3652.

FREE HELP WITH YOUR TAX FORMS!!!!

The University has purchased Glacier Tax Prep software, a web based tax preparation software package specifically for nonresident tax payers. The software will be available through your Glacier record by mid-February. You will receive an email when access becomes available. This service is free to the international taxpayers.

If you have questions about your tax returns, you will need to communicate by email with the Glacier support staff.

No one at ISS is a tax preparer and will not be able to assist you.

Come in and draw on a Zendala!

Zendalas are inspired by the zentangles of Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas as well as Buddhist sand mandalas. They are a drawing technique that allows the intuition to create shapes and patterns while simultaneously generating mindfulness, a sense of well being, and artistic expression. Because zendalas allow people to create art without pressure, they are a good venue to showcase a community's creativity and unity. The first Community Zendala will be put up in the Student Diversity Center on Monday, February 11, 2013 and will remain posted until completion. Please feel free to come in and draw!

Film Screening

Department of Bilingual Education invites a director, Sonya Rosario who made the film, "Idaho Forgotten War" to have film screening and discussion at BSU.

Date: Friday, March 8

Time: 5:30 p.m. ~7:00 p.m.

Place: Yanke Family Research Park

Did you miss International Check-in?

Even though check-in week is past, if you did not complete your check-in, you still must come to ISS and take care of this responsibility to ensure that your immigration status is current.





Fun Discussion and Salsa Dancing Lessons!

Get to know others and learn to salsa with us!

Come meet other international students, have a great discussion at a coffee shop, and then go to salsa dancing lessons afterwards!

When: 7:30pm on Friday the 15th.

Where: Dawson Taylor Coffee Shop 219 N. 8th St.

Need a ride from the SUB bus station at 7:15pm?

Email Whitney Leaman at wleaman9@gmail.com.

Cost: The discussion is free! The salsa dancing lessons are \$5.

Thanks!

Steve Dunne

PS. If you can't come for the fun discussion beforehand, be at the coffee shop at 8:45 to walk over with everyone else to dancing at 9pm.



Fun at Bunco last week!



CATALYST
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Interested in exploring your leadership potential?
Let CATALYST jump-start your vision for change!

REGISTER ONLINE | **FREE** | LOOKOUT ROOM, SUB
TODAY | FOR BOISE STATE STUDENTS | **FEB 23**

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For more information and accommodations please contact
Ashlie Baty at (208) 426-1590 or ashliebaty@boisestate.edu.

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STUDENT AFFAIRS
Career Center

2013 Career Fair

- February 20, 2013
- 9:00-3:00
- SUB Jordan Ballroom

- Set Yourself Apart - Make a Personal Connection
- Build Your Network
- Discover What Employers Really Look For
- Get Career Information
- Identify Internship & Career Opportunities

All Students Invited!
*Business Attire is Suggested

More info at:
career.boisestate.edu
(208) 426.1747

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Student Spotlight

by Cindy Fernandez



Ahmad Almotairi is an international student from Saudi Arabia. Ahmad is the president of the Saudi Club and he is also one of ISS' new Cultural Peer Advisors. Ahmad is very involved on campus and many students look up to him. He is a Pre-Med student studying Human Biology. In the future he would like to be a Neurosurgeon. What Ahmad likes the most about Boise is the people and the fact that it is a very quiet and calm city. His hobbies include working out, running outdoors, hanging out with friends and traveling. Ahmad is a very adventurous guy. He has traveled from Minnesota to Florida and from Maryland to Boise by car. He said that he has almost visited all 50 states. He has also been to almost all the Gulf countries. Ahmad's favorite things about his new job as a Cultural Peer advisor are interacting with international students and helping his fellow Saudi Arabian peers. Ahmad would like to say to all international students that when you combine faith and hard work you can make the impossible, possible.

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

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