



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

March 7, 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!

March 8th– Optional Practical Training (*see details below*) **FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY**

March 10th–Daylight Savings Time. When you go to bed on Saturday night (or Sunday morning!), turn your clock ahead one hour.

April 6th– International Student Job Search Strategies Workshop (*see details p.4*)

April 15th– Tax refund forms are due to the IRS

FREE HELP WITH YOUR TAX FORMS!!!!

The University has purchased Glacier Tax Prep software, a web based tax preparation software package specifically for nonresident taxpayers. 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.

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.

March 8th, 12:00pm to 1:30pm 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.

Do you have plans for Spring Break?

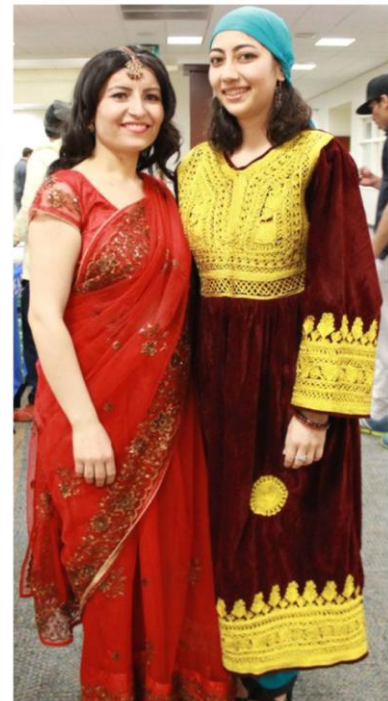
ISS is planning some fun for you! We are currently planning a Hot Springs day trip among other activities to do during Spring Break.

More information will be coming soon! Stay tuned!



Festival-a HUGE Success!!

This year's 34th annual International Food, Song and Dance Festival was a huge success thanks to the efforts of the ISA officers: Abdullah AlAlhareth and Dan Nguyen, and many volunteers! More than 400 people from the university and the greater Boise community gathered to enjoy excellent food prepared by our international students and wonderful entertainment. Thanks again to everyone for making this festival possible! We could not have done it without you!



International Student Job Search Strategies Workshop

Saturday, April 6

11am-2 pm

Lunch included

Want to create a winning resume and an effective cover letter?
Need help preparing for a job interview?
Looking for an internship or OPT employment?

This workshop, exclusively created for Boise State's international students, will help you gain the knowledge and skills for securing US employment or an internship. In this workshop you will:

- Learn about basic American employer expectations
- Receive guided practice for creating an effective resume and cover letter, and
- Polish and practice your interview skills

After the workshop, you will be ready to apply what you have learned. Follow-up support will be available from the Boise State Career Center.

This workshop is co-facilitated by Becca Dickinson of the Career Center and Christy Babcock of ISS.

Registration is required. Please register for the workshop by emailing internationalinfo@boisestate.edu. Please indicate dietary restrictions (vegan or vegetarian).

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

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