

Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

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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 15th- International Friendship Friday - Conversation and Dessert! (see details p.5)

March 20th- International Student Dinner (*see details p.4*)

April 1st-Continuing International Student Scholarship application due (see details p.2)

April 6th– International Student Job Search Strategies Workshop Reserve your spot today! (*see details p.3*)

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.



Photo of the Week:

Our International Students representing their countries during the Festival! <u>If you want one of your pictures to be</u> <u>Photo of the Week, you can submit them</u> <u>to: internationalinfo@boisestate.edu</u>



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!

Continuing International Student Scholarships!

For those of you looking for a scholarship to waive your nonresident tuition fees for the 2013-2014 school year, the "Continuing International Student Scholarship" application is available now.

The deadline for applying is Monday, April 1, 2013. All the details regarding the scholarship and the application can be found on our website: ISS.boisestate.edu, or go to the following link:

http://iss.boisestate.edu/scholarships-finances/



Student Spotlight

By Alejandro Hortet

Mohammed Mohammed is an international student from Kuwait. He is studying civil engineering. Mohammed has visited Mexico, Canada, Egypt and Morocco. He also speaks English and Arabic. What Mohammed really likes about Boise is how quiet and safe it can be, he also really likes that there is no traffic in Boise and he thinks this is a good place to raise a family.

What Mohammed likes most about Boise State is how helpful and friendly the teachers are, he says teachers make sure students are successful. He also enjoys going to the REC to play soccer and all the activities that are available for international students. After graduation, Mohammed plans on going back to his home country and to find a good job that he deserves. Mohammed thinks that Americans are very friendly and that Boise State is a beautiful university. He wants to tell international students that Americans are very friendly which makes it easy to practice your English and therefore, you can learn more about the American culture.

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 <u>internationalinfo@boisestate.edu</u>. Please indicate dietary restrictions (vegan or vegetarian).

International Student Dinner

We had 50 people last month!



Come meet new friends and have fun at our monthly dinner for international students. It's a great chance to enjoy meeting new people, playing games (including ping-pong and pool), and practicing English conversation over delicious food!

When: 5:30pm on Wednesday the 20th. Meet at the Student Diversity Center at 5:10pm (*after Coffee and Conversation*) to walk over with us!

Where: 1025 Belmont St., at the intersection of Belmont and Denver, a block south of the stadium and next to the Key Bank on Broadway.

Cost: Free! We love internationals, and want to help them connect with international and American friends. Feel free to bring friends!



International Friendship Friday - conversation and dessert!

Want to get to know other International Students through a fun mixer game, a great conversation topic, and dessert!?!? Then come to the International Friendship conversation this Friday!

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

<u>Where:</u> At the SUB: we'll meet in the lounge at the Student Diversity Center (outside the ISS office)

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