Boise State International Insider

News for International Students



April 11, 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 5:00pn	n - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) Free refreshments!
April 11 th – Sabah: Relationships Across Cultures (<i>see details p.3)</i>	
April 12 th – International Friendship Friday (<i>see details p.6)</i>	
April 15 th – ISS is hiring F1 international students APPLICATION DEADLINE (see details p.1)	
April 20 th – ISS multinational soccer tournament!!! (<i>see details p.3</i>)	
April 23 th – Meet the employers: C	Geotechnical & Environmental Resources (<i>see details p.4)</i>
April 24 th – ISS is hiring one F1 international students from Kuwaiti APPLICATION DEADLINE (<i>see details p.5</i>)	
April 26 th – Trang Doan Memorial Scholarship deadline (<i>see details p.4</i>)	
April 26 th – Deadline to purchase country flag sashes for graduation (<i>see details p.3</i>)	

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.

Looking for a job? ISS IS HIRING NEW STUDENT STAFF!

ISS is hiring F1 international students for next school year. Applications are due on April 15! We have four positions: Front Desk and Staff Support Communication Coordinator Data Coordinator Event Coordinator Go to our website for more details



Top Ten Scholar is one of the highest honors awarded to a Boise State student. To qualify for consideration a student must have a 3.8 or higher grade point average. Qualified students are then reviewed based on academic breadth of coursework, research, creative works and publications, presentations at professional meetings or conferences, and extra curricular community and campus service. Students are nominated by their academic deans and are subject to rigorous review by a selection committee.

ISS Proudly congratulates this three International students who were awarded this high honor award!!! The students are:

Marianna Budnikova



Marianna is from Podolsk, Russia, is a computer science major with a German minor. She is working with Tim Andersen on a National Science Foundation bioinformatics project to automate a search for models of planaria worm regeneration using a process based on a genetic algorithm search. At the High Performance Simulation Lab, she researched and implemented a program to compute distance fields for 3D Cartesian meshes with known close distances to object surfaces in the mesh. She presented a talk on this topic at NASA Day at Boise State. She will pursue a master's in computer science at Boise State beginning this fall.

Ngoc Luong



Ngoc is from Vietnam, is an electrical engineering major with a computer science minor. He worked as a research assistant with the Nanoscale Materials and Device Group for two years in the photonics lab, studying novel properties of nanoscale plasmonics devices, using tools such as ultrafast laser and darkfield microscopy. He has presented his work in a peerreview scientific journal publication and at the 2012 ACS conference. Luong is the president of the IEEE club and vice president of Tau Beta Pi. After graduating from Boise State, Luong will pursue a Ph.D. in electrical engineering at University of California, San Diego.

Farhad Mangal



Farhad was born in Afghanistan but raised in many countries, including India and Pakistan, where he graduated from high school. He speaks Pashto, Dari/Farsi, Urdu, Hindi and English. After teaching English as a second language for many years, he found a position at the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees working with Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. This experience spurred him to continue his education in America, with the goal of becoming a physician and returning to his home country to assist in underserved areas.Mangal volunteered at the Boise VA hospital, reinforcing his dream of becoming an emergency room physician.

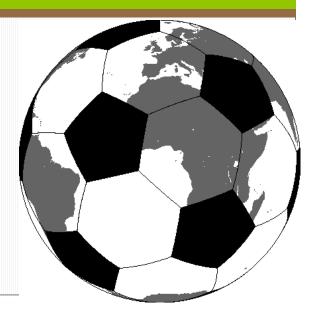
Multi-National Soccer Tournament

April 20th

12 – 4 ρm

- Sign up is FREE!
- Free Food & Beverages After the Tournament
- At Beautiful Ann Morrison Park

For Sign up and more questions email <u>ISSCPA@boisestate.edu</u> Please provide us with your name, Student ID



Special Sashes for International Students!!

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from Boise State!! Since you are an international student, you may wear a special sash during the graduation ceremony representing the country you are from.



Sashes are \$29 and you can order them in the International Learning Opportunities (ILO) office in the Career and Academic Advising building (not at ISS). ILO can only accept checks, money orders or EXACT change. The deadline for orders is April 26th at 5 pm. You can also order directly through Vision Wear, but it will cost an extra \$9. If you would like to see what most of the sashes look like, check out Visionwear's website. http://www.visionwear.com/cart/index.php/sashes.html

Sabah: Relationships Across Cultures!

Join us for a film screening of *Sabah* and a 30 minute discussion following the film. Discuss how cultural differences impact relationships among partners who come from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Thursday, April 11 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Forum Room, SUB Co-sponsored by the Women Center.



Another Scholarship Opportunity Trang Doan Memorial Scholarship for International Student Involvement at Boise State

Scholarships ranging from \$300 - \$600 will be awarded for Fall 2013 to selected international students who display commitment to involvement in campus life at Boise State University. We are looking for candidates who participate in campus events and activities, volunteer on campus or in the community, take on leadership positions, and/or participate in student organizations. For more information on how to apply visit: http://iss.boisestate.edu/scholarships-finances/

LADIES-Want to have a friendship with an American?

Several American women in Boise have asked to get to know a female international student. If you're interested in building a friendship by hanging out with one of them a couple times a month (as you're able), come to the front desk at the International Student Services office, and fill out the application for American Family Friends.

For more information contact Steve Dunne at <u>Steve@isiboise.org</u>



New dining place for our International students!!

Kabob House is now open and is serving Halal food to students who eat only halal meat. They have a big

variety of Kabobs. Come check it out!

for more information look at their website: www.facebook.com/boisekabob

Student Spotlight

By Alejandro Hortet

Abdullah Altamami is an international student from Saudi Arabia. He is studying Health policy and management. Abdullah has visited the united emirates and the United States. He also speaks English and Arabic. He really enjoys the summer time in boise and the night life in downtown boise. After graduation Abdullah plans on improving the health care and manage hospitals around the US.



What Abdullah enjoys most about Boise State University is getting to know other international students which he believes has allowed him to establish connections with people that will give him a great opportunity to establish networks that will help him with his future career. Abdullah motivates all the international students to focus on their classes in order to be successful in the future.

Kuwaiti Students!!!

ISS is looking to hire one Kuwaiti student to serve as a Cultural Peer Advisor. For information about this position, including instructions on how to apply, please visit: <u>http://iss.boisestate.edu/</u>

Application deadline is Wednesday, April 24th at 5pm, so apply soon!

International Friendship Friday



Frozen Yogurt, Games, and a fun discussion!

Join us this Friday!

We'll be doing a trip together to a frozen yogurt shop, having a discussion, and playing some games there!

When: 7:15pm on Friday, April 12th.

Where: Meet in the front lobby of the SUB. We'll drive from there to Blue Cow Frozen Yogurt at 2333 Apple St.

Bring: Yourself, and several dollars for frozen yogurt!

Looking forward to a fun evening! Steve Dunne

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