



BOISE STATE INTERNATIONAL INSIDER

Making Connections | *Building Global Community*

AUGUST 30, 2013

Coming Events & Activities

Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:00pm - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center

September 9th thru 13th - International Student Check-In (see details below)

September 16th - OPT workshops for students graduating in December 2013 (see details p.3)



IMMIGRATION UPDATES

Attention F1 or J1 undergraduate students:
As you know, immigration law requires a full load of credits (12 credits) each Fall and Spring semester. Boise State has initiated a new process. Your my.boisestate.edu account will not allow you to drop below 12 credits without approval from ISS. If you feel you need to drop below the immigration full load requirement, please contact an advisor at ISS for more information.

Immigration Check-in Starts September 9th

Check-in for *all* continuing international students will be held **Monday, Sep. 9th thru' Friday, Sep. 13th** 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 (September 9th thru' 13th) 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 August 21th and 22th, 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.

**A BIG THANK YOU FROM
CHRISTY AND ISS:**

We want to thank all of the wonderful campus partners who assisted in orienting the new international students last week.

THANK YOU:

New Student and Family Programs and the amazing Orientation Leaders!
Academic Advising and Enhancement and the many wonderful advisors from across campus who chipped in!

University Housing
Gail Shuck

Dr Wuthrich and Dr Eckles

Nancy Ness and Testing Center staff
Career Center

Student Involvement and Leadership
Center

SHIP (Health Insurance and Billing)
Aramark



Thank you, Daria!

ISS would like to thank Daria Ursol for serving as our Event Coordinator this past year.

Daria assisted ISS in planning and facilitating many fun events. We wish Daria all the best this year in her jobs with Housing and Academic Advising and Enhancement



Thank you to the ISS Orientation Leaders who helped us successfully orient 125 new international students.

- Ishraq Dhibash
- Fajir Dhibash
- Suleiman Abdulkhaleq
- Eldar Sakebaev
- Ibarhiam Almotiri

Welcome to Boise State University!

On behalf of the Associated Students of Boise State University - or ASBSU - we would like to welcome you to campus. Whether you are just beginning your journey or returning for the last time, we wish you the best of luck this year.

As members of the student body ASBSU is here to represent and serve you. You are invited to the ASBSU meetings on Tuesdays at 4:30pm in the Forum Room of the Student Union Building (SUB); or come to the ASBSU office, located above the Boise River Cafe (BRC) in the Student Union, during office hours to voice any concerns.

We hope you enjoy our lighthearted welcome video to get you acquainted with life here at Boise State.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=RyyA6Z-gQok)



ASBSU

Again, best of luck and GO BRONCOS!

Ryan, Bryan, and the ASBSU team

Website: asbsu.boisestate.edu Facebook: [Facebook.com/asbsu](https://www.facebook.com/asbsu)

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Are you graduating this semester? Apply for OPT now.

**Will you
opt-in?**



Sign up now for an OPT workshop. All workshops take place at ISS

Workshop dates - you only need to attend one:

Monday, Sept 16 3:30-5 pm

Thursday, Sept 19, 9-10:30 am

Thursday, Sept 26, 4:30-6 pm

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is 12 months of full or part-time employment for practical training directly related to the student's field of study, typically performed after graduation. OPT can be done anywhere in the US.

To be eligible for OPT:

- Student must be in F-1 status
- Student must apply for OPT prior to graduation through ISS. (Currently it is taking 3 months to get CIS approval)
- It is not necessary to have chosen a place of employment prior to applying for OPT

To apply for OPT:

- Attend an OPT workshop at ISS. To sign up please go to this link: <https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/iss/opt-registration-form/>
- Please arrive on time and bring:
 - Your I-20, visa, passport, I-94 card and 2 passport-size photo
 - A check or money order made out to CIS for \$380 to the workshop

To obtain your I-94 card please go to the following website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html>

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

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