



BOISE STATE INTERNATIONAL INSIDER

Making Connections | *Building Global Community*

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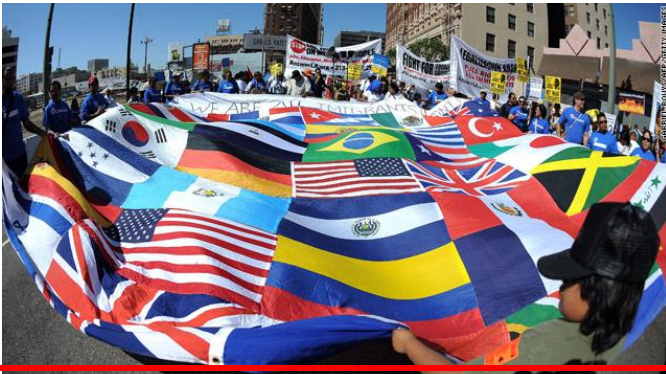
Coming Events & Activities

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 11, 5:00 to 6:00pm – On-Campus Employment Workshop (see details p.4)

September 16th - OPT workshops for students graduating in December 2013 (see details p.5) **Be sure to register for a workshop.**



IMMIGRATION UPDATES

this week you will see a link for International Check-in on your My.BoiseState site. Please do **NOT** click on this link until you come to ISS during check-in week. You will not be able to complete check-in until you are here at ISS because you won't have the authorization code. Please be sure to bring your Student ID card with you.

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.*



Awesome guy!!



Thank you to our community partner, International Students, Inc (ISI) for hosting the Orientation Welcome Party for new international students. Students enjoyed meeting university and local community members while munching on pizza, bowling and playing Ping-Pong.

Help start new student club: BroncoSkies, skydiving among Boise State Students, the most exciting sport in the world. The sport of the adrenaline rush, pushing yourself above the limits, crossing all borders and fears. You will exit the plane and reach the speed of 120MPH while you travel 1000 feet every five seconds. After you deploy your parachute you will enjoy the cool breeze and the awesome view of the horizon, Idaho streets and farm and lakes.

BroncoSkies will help you:

Feel the skydiving experience safely with another experienced skydiver who will take you from the plane to the ground safely (Tandem) with the cheapest prices in Idaho.

- Meet other skydivers.
- Improve your skydiving abilities.
- Group discounts.
- International Students

To participate or become a member of BroncoSkies feel free to contact:

Bskies@hotmail.com / [9803339542](tel:9803339542) / Instagram@brncoskies

To help get our club going, we are looking for volunteers who are interested in skydiving.

- Club Advisor. ((BSU Faculty staff))
 - Video maker.
 - Photographer.
 - Club Members.



ISS



Come in and say hello to the ISS 2013 staff!

- Cindy Fernandez, *Front Desk Assistant*
- Alejandro Hortet, *Communication Coordinator*

- Saleh Alabdullah, *Cultural Peer Advisor*
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Permanent Staff

- *Christy Babcock, Associate Director
- *Merrilou Burris, Management Assistant

- *Stefanie Stauber, Sponsored-student support coordinator
- *Kumi Takashima, Sponsored-student Assistant Adviser



***Need Help
Finding a Job
on Campus?
Come to the On-
Campus Job
Search
Workshop!***

Wednesday, September 11th
(Right after Coffee and Conversation)
5:00-6:00 pm
Fisher Room in the SUB

TOPICS INCLUDING:

- **Where to find on-campus job postings**
- How to write an effective resume & cover letter
 - Interview skills



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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 5:30-7 pm (time has been changed since last week's newsletter)

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>

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