

BOISE STATE INTERNATIONAL INSIDER

Making Connections | *Building Global Community* October 2, 2013

Coming Events & Activities

Every Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30pm – Drop-in Career Advising in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) with Becca Dickinson of the Career Center

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

October 9th- International Student Dinner (see details p.2)

October 10th- Make College Count: Happy hours (see details p.4)

October 11th- Workshop with Immigration Attorney David Ware (see details p.3)

October 11th- Last OPT workshop for students graduating in December 2013 (see details p.5) **Be sure to register for the workshop.**

Note to students:

ISS has hung a whole lot of new international flags in the lounge. Come check it out and look for your flag. If you do not see your flag, feel free to bring us one and we will hang it.

ISS Staff Spotlight!

Rita Lin

I am an international student from Taiwan, majoring in MBA. I have been in Boise for two years. I like to read, watch movies, and go shopping. Sadly, we do not have a large-scale outlet mall here, but someday we will. The thing I enjoy the most in BSU is taking Pi-Yo, Zumba, and Turbo Kick classes in our recreation center. If you are also interested in these group exercises, please let me know. Let's burn out some calories together!!



Enjoy a free dinner for international students, great conversations, and games including ping-pong and billiards (pool)!

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International Student Dinner The second Wednesday of each month

This Wednesday, 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 9th. 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!

Thanks!

Steve Dunne

PS. Feel free to email me with any questions atsteve@isiboise.org. I'm happy to help you!

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We'll have chili, rice, chips, and salad for dinner! And hot apple cider to drink!

> Don't be confused: This is a different activity from International Friendship Fridays.

If you're on that list, you'll get the email for it on Monday.

If you *want* to get Friday's invitations, click the link to "update subscription preferences" below and

check that box.

FREE workshop with Immigration Attorney David Ware

Friday, Oct 11, 11 am - 1 pm Jordan A Ballroom **Post Graduation Employment Options**

Find out your possibilities for a work visa or permanent residence at this lively seminar presented by nationally known immigration attorney David Ware. Have your questions on any immigration-related topic ready for Mr. Ware and he will be happy to answer them.

Tunnel of Oppression

Interested in helping plan and give some input on the creating of this year's Tunnel of Oppression? Come to the weekly meetings, every Wednesday from 1 to 3:00 pm in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) on the second floor of the student union building.



Please join Multicultural Student Service (MSS) if you want to help plan for this year's event. The Tunnel will be Nov. 8 & 9th, 2013 in the Simplot Ballroom.

HAPPY HOUR

Lively & informal event for Freshmen & Sophomores Meet other students, successful alums, campus reps & employers Find out how to make the most of your time at Boise State

MAKE COLLEGE

Thursday, October 10 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. SUB. Simplot Ballroom

FREE FOOD!

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Are you graduating this semester? Apply for OPT

<u>now.</u>



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

Last Workshop date:

Friday, Oct 11, 3:30- 5 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: <u>https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/iss/opt-registration-form/</u>

•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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