



BOISE STATE INTERNATIONAL INSIDER

Making Connections | *Building Global Community*

November 20, 2013

Coming Events & Activities

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

Drop-in Career Advising in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) schedule has changed! Becca Dickinson of the Career Center will be present at Coffee and Conversation each week.

November 23rd – International Thanksgiving Dinner. (See details p.3)

November 25rd – SHINE volunteering. (See details p.2)

November 30rd – Half time show on the Blue (See details p.4)

Immigration Note

If you plan to travel outside of the US during the Thanksgiving break, be sure to get your I20 signed if it has been more than 9 months since your last travel signature.

TWO IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION REMINDERS

--Immigration law limits the number of online credits you may take in a semester. For undergraduate students, only 3 of your 12 required credits can be online. If you are enrolled for 12 credits, but more than 3 credits are for online courses, you are considered "out of status." This means ISS must terminate your I-20 and you will have 10 days to leave the US. We don't want to do that. Please be sure to keep this regulation in mind when you are registering for next semester.

For graduate students, only 3 of your 9 required credits may be online.

--If you take any classes during the intersession, please note that those credits do not count as part of your full load for the Spring semester. Boise State posts intersession credits on the Spring transcript, but *for immigration purposes, intersession credits are separate from Spring credits.*

IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGES AT BOISE STATE FOR YOU TO BE AWARE OF

1. Effective Spring 2014, **students cannot register for the same course more than two (2) times.** Graded courses and withdrawals (Ws) count as a registration. If you need to enroll in a course for a third time, you are required to seek approval from the academic advisor of your major and the chair of the department offering the course. The approval form is available at: <http://registrar.boisestate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/max-course.pdf>.
2. The university allows for **a maximum number of six (6) repeats** on a student's official academic record. Courses you have repeated prior to Spring 2014 do not apply to the maximum. The official count of repeats begins Spring 2014.
3. The university allows for **a maximum number of ten (10) Ws** on a student's academic record. Complete Withdrawals (CWs) are not included in this count. If you have withdrawn from a course prior to Spring 2014, it does not apply to the maximum. The official count of Ws begins Spring 2014.

Volunteer Opportunity

Rina Rajbahak is an international student who is currently a SHINE volunteer working with senior refugees. SHINE is planning a trip to the Boise public library on **Monday November 25th for an hour**. They have senior refugees who speak *Karenni, Karen, Somali, Arabic, and Burundi languages*. They need interpreters for these languages for that day from **3:15 pm -5pm**. If there is anybody who speaks these languages and are interested in volunteering please feel free to contact Rina via email rinarajbahak@u.boisestate.edu. They can meet you at Boise public library, located in downtown Boise.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Thanksgiving

DINNER



International Student Services is pleased to invite all campus community members to share a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at this popular annual event.

**Simplot Ballroom,
Student Union Building**

**Saturday, November 23, 2013
4:00–6:00 PM**

To reserve a space for yourself and your family / guests
call 208-426-3652 or visit iss.boisestate.edu.

Please RSVP by November 21, 2013.

There is no charge for this event.



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International Graduation Sashes for Study Abroad and International Students

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from Boise State!! As 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 by visiting the International Learning Opportunities office (not ISS). There is a sign up sheet on the front desk. They can only accept checks, money orders or EXACT change. The deadline for orders is **Monday, December 2, at 5 pm**. Please be prepared to pay for your sash at the time that you sign up. 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>

Please contact the International Learning Opportunities office if you have any questions.

Tel: [208-426-2630](tel:208-426-2630), studyabroad@boisestate.edu

They are located in the Simplot/Micron Technology Center, Room 101. (Between the Old Business Building and the Education Building)

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HALF TIME SHOW ON THE BLUE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

You are invited to be part of the half time show during the Boise State VS. New Mexico football game! For more details and to sign up, please email your phone number and student ID to internationalinfo@boisestate.edu.

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