

BSU International Insider

News for International Students

September 2, 2010

International Student Services

News and Notes

IMPORTANT: The official check-in sessions for returning international students will be held **Sept. 7-10**, in the Cultural Center, from 9:30am to 4:00pm daily. Check-in is critical to maintaining your status as an international student.

ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN CHECK-IN EACH SEMESTER.*

***If you do not come for check-in during the assigned time you will be charged a \$50.00 late fee, which will be billed to your Bronco account.**

If you are a new international student and attended the orientation on August 18th & 19th, you do not need to come for check-in until Spring Semester.

Coming Events & Activities

Friday, September 3rd, 8:00pm: ISS will be hosting a **FREE** movie night in the Cultural Center. *(see page 3 for details)*

September 7 - 10th: International Student check-in sessions.

OPT Workshops *(see page 2 for details)*

Tuesday, September 14, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm, in the Cultural Center lounge.

Wednesday, September 15, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, in the Cultural Center lounge.

Monday, September 20, 10:00 am - 12:00pm, in the Cultural Center lounge.

Saturday, September 18th, 3:00-7:00 pm: International Student potluck in the Cultural Center lounge. Put it on your calendar!! More details in the next newsletter.

Do You Need a Letter?

International Student Services (ISS) is happy to provide our students with a variety of letters. Visa Support letters, Employment Authorization letters, letters for the Dept of Motor Vehicles and many others are available through our office.

To access the Letter Request form, just go to our website, <http://international.edu>, and select "International Student Services", then "News, Updates & Resources" and click the "here" spot under "Do you need a letter . . ."

After you submit the form, please allow 48 hours to process your request. Please understand, you must use the letter request form if you need a letter from our office.

Thank you.

Quote for the Week:

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

- William James

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a one-year work permit that allows international students to work in their field of study after graduation. If you are graduating this semester and are interested in applying for OPT, you must attend an OPT Workshop.

When attending the workshop, you must bring your I-20, visa, passport and I-94 card, plus 2 passport-size photos (head positioned directly facing the camera) and a Money Order for \$340.00 payable to CIS. See “Coming Events & Activities” on page 1 for dates and times. Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.

SIGN UP FOR A BOISE STATE “BUDDY”! We have a new program this year to partner international students with other Boise State students. It’s also a great opportunity to make a new friend! The program will partner you with a mentor.

Mentors are students who have been here for a while. Your mentor can show you fun places on campus and in Boise, help you with your questions about your classes, listen to your concerns and help you with any difficulties that may arise during the semester. We will provide social events for you and your mentor to participate in.

If you are interested in signing up as a “mentee,” please fill out the application on pages 4 and 5. You can email it to Christy or you can come to the Cultural Center or International Student Services to turn it in. We have some great individuals who have signed up to be mentors. They are excited to meet you!

For more information call 208-426-5950 OR 208-426-3652. You may also visit us at the Cultural Center during office hours.

ISS has a new Facebook page. Log on and search for

[International Student Services at Boise State](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=149283508429687)

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and join our group. Check the site regularly for event information.

Feel free to share your events and pictures with us too.



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

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International Student Services (ISS) Presents

The First Free Movie of the Month.....

Disney Movie Night;

Theme: (Disney Classic Animation)

Where? Cultural Center -2nd floor SUB

When? Friday 3rd Sept. 2010

Time? 8:00pm- Movie starts at 8:30pm

P/S; Bring some snacks to share, A Disney cartoon If you have one that we can add to the options, Invite some Friends and bring something to get comfortable with, a pillow, a blanket (it gets really cold) etc.....

ISS will be showing a free movie first Friday of every month different themes and Genres

See You There!!!!



In case of any questions and concerns call the ISS@ 208-426-3652 OR Email @ internationalinfo@boisestate.edu



Boise State University Cultural Center
International Student Mentoring Program

Mentee Application

General Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender (optional): _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Class standing: _____

Number of Credits currently enrolled in: _____ Major: _____

GPA: _____ Referral Source: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Mentor Preference: Male _____ Female _____ No Preference _____ (please check one)

Please take a moment to answer the questions below:

1. What are some things you would like to do with your mentor?

2. What are some challenges you might have in working with a mentor?

3. What are your activities, hobbies, and interests?

4. What times/days are you open to spend with your mentor?

5. How do you identify yourself ethnically and culturally? (Optional)

Mentee requirements

- Attend an initial orientation meeting to be introduced with to mentor.
- Meet with your mentor 30-60 minutes weekly - this is to be scheduled independently between the mentor/mentee and can take place where it is convenient for both parties.
- Participate in monthly in-service workshops/training during the semester.

I hereby volunteer as a mentee for the International Student Mentoring Program. I have read and understood the ‘Mentee Requirements.’ I acknowledge that I voluntarily sign this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Please call 208-426-5950 or 208-426-3652 with questions.