



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

September 15, 2011

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

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

September 17th, 3:00 to 5:00pm - German Club potluck. Julia Davis Park. Please see details on page 2.

September 19th & 22nd - Final two OPT Workshops. Please see details on page 3

September 20th, All Day - NASA Day at Boise State (*see details on page 3*)

September 20th, 5:00 to 7:00pm - Graduate School Forum. At the SUB, in Hatch Ballroom A & B. Please see details on page 2.

September 20th, 7:00pm - A workshop for students hosted by Homeland Security and the FBI. Students are invited to learn more about their rights and responsibilities as international students and to share stories about their personal experiences in the US. Lookout Room, SUB. Refreshments will be served.

September 25th - 4:00 to 7:00pm - ISA / ISS Pizza and Bowling event. Details on page 2.

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There is currently a scam email being directed at and personalized to international students. This fraudulent communication offers you the opportunity to 'buy into' the US State Department's green card lottery. While there is a valid green card lottery, the State Department does not charge for applicants and they do not solicit applicants via email. The State Department has provided their own warning about this scam on their website.

If you get an email that fits this description, do not respond and definitely

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thinking that you have been awarded a green card.

IMMIGRATION UPDATE:

The scheduled time for International Check-in has ended, but your responsibility to report-in to the International Student Services office has NOT ended. If you did not check-in during the "official" times, you still must come to ISS to register your presence at Boise State University. ISS Staff is required by immigration to update your attendance on the SEVIS database. We can only do this if you come in person to our office. The result of not checking in is that your I-20 record will not be updated, you will be OUT OF STATUS, and your F1 visa will be terminated. Take a few minutes to comply with this requirement and save yourself a multitude of problems.

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence. ~ ~ **Robert Frost**

"Kaffee und Kuchen" POTLUCK!!

Join the German Faculty and the German Club for a potluck picnic this Saturday, Sept. 17, from 3-5 pm in Julia Davis Park! Our theme is rather atypical this year: "Kaffee und Kuchen" (coffee and cake); bring a coffee mug and something sweet to share. You'll find us near Shelter #1 (across from the tennis courts) where the German flag will hang and several large "do Deutsch" signs will be. No German speaking ability is required; all are welcome.

Become a published author!

The Boise State Women's Center is looking for experienced writers to create one or two 400- to 500-word feature stories for the 12th annual Women Making History Publication. The publication recognizes the work, challenges, and successes of women making a difference in their communities every day. Interested writers should send a letter of interest, resume, and short writing sample to kalifurman@boisestate.edu by Monday, September 19th at 3 p.m. All writers must attend a mandatory writer orientation on Thursday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Women's Center, located on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Writers will interview assigned honoree(s) and receive support from a professional editor as they complete their story.

For more information please visit the Women's Center website at, womenscenter.boisestate.edu.

Pizza and Bowling Event Planned!!

The International Student Association (ISA) and International Students Services (ISS) want to invite you to the BIG BOWLING EVENT, Sunday, September 25th. We'll be bowling, playing foosball, and pool from 4-7pm at the Games Center in the Student Union Building. Food and drinks will be provided. The event is FREE and for EVERYONE! (You do not have to be an international student to join us!).

See you there!!

The International Student Association & International Students Services

Graduate School Forum

Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Student Union Hatch Ballrooms A and B. At this event you will be able to get details on:

- The benefits and costs of graduate education
- Types of degrees
- The application process
- Getting into a good school
- Financial support
- Graduate students' experiences
- Graduate faculty expectations

The Forum is sponsored by the Women's Center, Graduate College and Honors College.

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.

September 19, 3:00 to 5:00pm

September 22, 4:00 to 5:30pm

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 \$380.00 payable to CIS. **Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.** Workshops will be held in the Student Diversity Center.

NASA Conference

NASA Day at Boise State will open the "final frontier" for faculty and students to share research and ideas with the university community and with VIPs visiting from NASA's Johnson Space Center and Jet Propulsion Lab on September 20, 2011. NASA's experts will share their experiences and insights into the enterprise and challenges of exploration. Presentations and discussions will include space and earth sciences research, human and robotic spaceflight, space and distance medicine, astronaut and employee selection and training, international cooperation, NASA student opportunities, and the active engagement of history.

This conference will be open to all Boise State students, faculty and staff, and should be especially attractive to people interested in science, engineering, business management, social sciences, education, and health sciences.

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Jordan and Simplot Ballrooms, Student Union Building

To register for the conference, go to:

<http://www.boisestate.edu/research/nasa-day.shtml>

For a complete schedule, go to:

<http://www.boisestate.edu/research/NASA-Agenda.pdf>



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