



# BOISE STATE INTERNATIONAL INSIDER

Making Connections | *Building Global Community*

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## 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

**September 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**- OPT workshops for students graduating in December 2013 (see details p.6) **Be sure to register for a workshop.**

## ISS Staff Spotlight!

My name is Mohammed Bin Sultan. I am an international student from Saudi Arabia. I am majoring in Marketing, I like this major for several reason. Marketing offers a wide range of professional jobs and is considered one of the most exciting and fascinating professions in the business field. I have been working at ISS for more than a month. I love working there, ISS staff is kind and they are willing to assist and guide me in any case. I work as front desk assistant and event coordinator, which I like both. At the front desk I can help students with documentation, which is

fun to do. As event coordinator, I plan an exciting event for student to encourage them to interact with each other, also, knowing about variety of cultures. On my free time, I like to hang out with my friends and do some activity together, going to gym, playing soccer and basketball.



## NEW STUDENT CLUB ON CAMPUS: Boise State Refugee Alliance

The Boise State Refugee Alliance consists of creative members whose work reflects an awareness and support to the refugees at Boise State University. Our mission is to explore identities beyond nation, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity and race.

The Boise State Refugee Alliance is involved in creating public events to enhance communications between refugee students and Boise State University faculty and staff and beyond.

It works to raise university awareness, as a concrete tool for helping refugees in their everyday educational challenges in a new location and situation.

The group discusses issues of refugees in the Boise State community, through events, Facebook group as well as in the public media and Boise State website.

*Students and faculty/staff interested in being involved, please contact Refik - [refiksadikovic@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:refiksadikovic@u.boisestate.edu) or Belma - [belmasadikovic@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:belmasadikovic@u.boisestate.edu) adviser*

### A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU! DON'T MISS OUT!

**The International Student Association (ISA) is a student organization at Boise State that serves to:**

- Orient international students to life and culture in the U.S., Idaho, and Boise
- Provide opportunities for the building of friendships with American and international students
- Plan fun student trips in Boise and the surrounding area (past trips included: ice skating, swimming in local hot springs, snow tubing, floating the Boise river, rafting local rivers, and trips to nearby cities such as McCall and Sun Valley)
- Organize and sponsor extra-curricular activities and events such as the annual International Food Song & Dance Festival (ISA's signature event)

**This is great experience for you,  
and it looks good on your resume!**

Student leader  
Positions available:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Festival Coordinator



To learn more about how to apply for the leadership positions or how to become a member, please email ISA at [isa@boisestate.edu](mailto:isa@boisestate.edu).

# 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

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>

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

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