Boise State International Insider
News for International Students
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International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

Every Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30pm – Drop-in Career Advising and support in the Student Diversity Center (SDC)

Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:00pm – Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center (SDC)
    Free refreshments!

May 3rd – International Friendship Friday (see details p.3)

May 10th – University Day (see details p.4)

May 15th – Special Finals Week Coffee and Conversation with ice cream (see details p.2)

Summer – Staying in Boise this summer? Join ISS for fun summer activities! (see details p.4)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two of our ISS staff members are graduating with masters degrees this month. Please help us give a big CONGRATULATIONS to Kumi Takashima and Lise Toennesen!

And congratulations to all the other international students who are graduating this semester. We honor you for your accomplishments and we wish you all the best in your next endeavors.

Immigration Info

Are you planning to travel outside the U.S. during the summer?

1. Remember, you must have your I-20 signed before you leave. Bring your I-20 to the ISS office at least 48 hours before you travel to give us time to complete the process. It is important that you are registered for Fall classes before bringing your I-20 to ISS.

2. Check the status of your visa. If it has expired, or will expire while you are outside of the US, you must plan to have it renewed before you return. Documents you will need for this process are an unofficial transcript, a copy of your class registration for the Fall semester and a Visa Support letter from ISS. If you need a visa support letter, please submit a letter request form using this link: https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/iss/letter-request-form/

3. Check the status of your passport. If your passport will expire while you are away, be sure to follow the regulations of your home country to renew your passport before you return. If you are remaining in the US, you still must have a valid passport. You may contact the consulate for your country in the US to find out the renewal process.

Congratulations to ISS staff Stefanie Stauber who this month will celebrate one full year as an ISS staff member. Stefanie has added so much to our team. We thank her for her valuable contributions and we look forward to many more years with her.
Want to practice your English with Americans?
Meet on Thursday at 7pm at Moxie Java in the SUB.
Email english@isiboise.org with any questions that you might have.

Student Spotlight
By Alejandro Hortet

**Hana Al Alshaikh** is an international student from Saudi Arabia. Hana graduated with an associate degree in Health Science - Respiratory care with Honors and this May she is expected to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Respiratory Care and also in Health Information Management and Health Informatics. Hana has visited the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Bahrain, Syria, Lebanon, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Canada, and many places in the United States. She speaks English, Arabic and a little Tagalog. After graduation, she plans to study for her registry board exams.

Hana loves Idaho and feels that Boise is truly her second home. She appreciates nature, the water resources and green landscapes, this is why she loves Idaho. In addition, she enjoys the four distinct seasons in Boise. Hana would like to tell all the future International Students that Boise State University is one of the greatest universities in the US because as you work hard, you'll get the award and recognition you deserve.

Check out this AWESOME video!
A Boise State International Student video has been created and posted to the International Admissions home page. Take a look! You might recognize a few people!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awqqgx8j93c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awqqgx8j93c)

A SPECIAL FINALS WEEK COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
Join us Wednesday, May 15 for ice cream bars and a break from finals stress.
For those of you who will be here during the summer months, we will continue to have Coffee and Conversation every Wednesday at 3:30.
To celebrate the end of the semester, International Friendship Friday is having a picnic-style dinner at my house. After dinner, we'll have a fun game, and a great discussion.

**This is the last International Friendship Friday event until after Finals are over. We will have a bunch of fun events over the summer; look for our upcoming emails! If you have ideas for events you’d like to do over the summer, email me at steve@isiboise.org and let me know!**

If you need a ride to my house, please let me know (we almost ran out of seats last time!) and we can give you one. See the instructions on the right side.

Come celebrate the end of the semester with us!

Steve
Fun Summer Activities if You are Staying in Boise!

Are you going to be hanging out in Boise this summer and are wondering what to do for fun? Join the World Cup of Tea Summer Community. There is no application to fill out, just send us your email address at internationalinfo@boisestate.edu and let us know you want to participate. Then watch your email and FB for updates. Summer activities include Alive After Five, First Thursday, and Saturday Market, all in downtown Boise. We’ll also do some hiking, biking, volleyball, BBQ-ing, etc!

3rd Annual University Day

This is an opportunity to give back to Boise State by volunteering your time for yard work and clean-up to help make our campus look beautiful. Lots of people participate, and it’s a great way to get to know more students at staff.

This event will be held in the Quad from 11am to 2 pm on Friday May 10th. All participants get a free t-shirt!

More information can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/events/430886493666859/?fref=ts