ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BRUNCH

The International Committee of the UB Women’s Club invites you and your family to their Brunch and Social Hour on Tuesday, October 21. The lunch will be from 11:00-1:00 (or until the food runs out) in Student Union 210. Come enjoy a free meal and meet new friends!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VIDEO PROJECT ON SUSTAINABILITY

What does sustainability mean to you? What does it mean in your home country? What actions are you taking to live a more sustainable or “green” lifestyle? What are your hopes and fears regarding the health of humankind and our planet?

The theme for International Education Week 2014 is sustainability. For IEW, UB’s Sustainability Office will produce a short video of students sharing their perspectives on global sustainability. Do you have thoughts on such topics as population growth, food and water security, waste management, climate change, forest conservation, etc.? Would you like to share sustainability efforts in your home, hometown and country?

If you are willing to share your thoughts in front of a camera and will be available for at least 30 minutes between 12:00 and 4:30 on Tuesday, October 21, please email isss@buffalo.edu. The deadline to apply is 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20.

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

International undergraduate students with a minimum 3.0 CGPA, excellent communication skills and fluency in at least one language other than English are invited to apply to become an International Admissions Ambassador. IA Ambassadors work 4-6 hours weekly in the Office of International Admissions throughout the Winter and Spring 2015 semesters with opportunity to work in the Summer.

Click here for more information, and to download and print the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 29, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. Late applications will not be accepted.
Believing that education is fundamental to world peace and understanding, the P.E.O. Sisterhood contributes funds for scholarships for women from other countries to study in the U.S. and Canada.

The women must pursue graduate degrees, have a full year of course work remaining, and sign a document promising to return to their home country or a location outside the U.S. or Canada within 60 days of completing their degree or Optional Practical Training.

The maximum amount of the award is $10,000 annually, based on need. Lesser amounts may be awarded.

Interested women must apply for eligibility by December 15, 2014. The online eligibility form and information about policies and procedures are available at www.peointernational.org/about-peo-international-peace-scholarship-ips.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Maxine Vesper (716-689-4762, jnesper@aol.com) for help with their applications.

In 1984 East Berlin, an agent of the secret police is conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover. Emotionally drawn to the subjects of his surveillance, he becomes increasingly absorbed by their lives and his loyalties begin to shift.

Prof. David Fertig, Department of Linguistics, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

Date: Friday, November 7
Time: 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Place: Knox Hall 4, North Campus

Co-sponsored by International Student & Scholar Services and the Undergraduate Academies
INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME

Do you enjoy meeting new people, playing games and having tea? If so, please join us for International Tea Time!

International Tea Time brings together international and U.S. students for conversation and fun. They meet, play games, talk and get to know each other. For more information contact: elenayak@buffalo.edu.

Dates: Every Thursday  
Time: 5:00-6:30  
Place: Student Union 240, North Campus

Organizer: UB Counseling Services

ELI CHAT ROOM

Practice your conversation skills at the English Language Institute’s Chat Room! Participate in a weekly face-to-face conversation program involving one U.S. undergraduate student paired with two international students.

Dates: Mondays – Fridays  
Times: 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 & 4:00  
Place: Near Baldy Hall 314, North Campus

To sign-up, go to the first floor of Baldy Hall on Fridays between 11:00 and 1:00.

ELI OPEN LAB

Practice your pronunciation and listening comprehension on your own with tapes at the English Language Institute’s Open Lab.

Dates & Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-5:30 / Wednesdays, 11:00-3:00 / Fridays, 2:00-5:00  
Place: Clemens Hall 3, North Campus
ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER

The Center for Excellence in Writing's English Conversation Corner provides an informal, relaxed atmosphere for students who would like to practice their English conversation skills.

Dates:  Mondays – Thursdays
Time:  12:00-1:30
Place:  Baldy Hall 209, North Campus

For more information, call 645-5139, e-mail writing@buffalo.edu or visit www.writing.buffalo.edu.

UB CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

The Center for Excellence in Writing (CEW) offers one-on-one writing consultations to UB students. The consultants discuss essays, reports, application materials, theses, dissertations, etc. They serve as a thoughtful, informed audience for writers across the disciplines and help them make choices about revision.

The CEW also offers special programs for graduate students: Dissertation Retreats and Writing Groups. If you are interested, please email writing@buffalo.edu.

For more information, please visit http://writing.buffalo.edu

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training”
Tuesday, October 21
12:30-1:45
Norton Hall 213, North Campus

“My F-1 Immigration Status: A Refresher”
Friday, October 24
3:00-4:30
Baldy Hall 110, North Campus
“Advanced Optional Practical Training: H-1B Cap Extension & 17-Month Stem Extension”
Monday, October 27
3:00-4:00
Capen Hall 12, North Campus

“Winter Driving”
Wednesday, October 29
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Immigration: The Basics for Planning Your Future”
Friday, October 31
3:00-4:30
Talbert Hall 107, North Campus

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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LEAD UB CONFERENCE
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The first LEAD (Leadership Engagement Advocacy Diversity) UB Conference is designed to bring students from across campus together to learn about and engage in topics related to leadership, service and diversity.

Date: Saturday, October 25
Time: 9:00-5:00
Place: Student Union, North Campus
Cost: Free
Sign-Up Deadline: Wednesday, October 22 (or until full)

Joshua Fredenburg, a nationally recognized speaker who provides expert advice on leadership and diversity in a practical, engaging, applicable and dynamic manner, will present the keynote address. UB alumnus and community organizer in the University Heights Aaron Krolikowski will speak about leadership, advocacy and engaging in the community. And UB’s Vice President of Inclusion and Equity Teresa Miller will discuss ways in which students can help create a culture of equity and inclusion at UB. There will also be workshops and small group activities.

Lunch will be provided. There will also be a free gift for the first 150 students who sign up and show up for the event.

To register for the conference, please click here. For more information, contact the Center for Student Leadership and Community Engagement (645-6469, leadub@buffalo.edu).
UB WORKSHOPS

“Leading for Change: Advocacy in the Community – Refugees”
Tuesday, October 21
5:30-6:30
Student Union 240, North Campus

“The Art of Interviewing for Jobs and Internships”
Wednesday, October 22
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Leading Others: Culture and Leadership”
Wednesday, October 22
5:00-6:00
Student Union 235, North Campus

“Finding a Job with Any Major”
Monday, October 27
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus