

ISSS GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

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POSTING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE ISSS GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

If your student club is organizing a cultural event, you are invited to publicize it in the ISSS Global Newsletter. Send information about the event to intlservices@buffalo.edu AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR to the event. If the information is clear and complete, the sponsor is an international student club and the event of a cultural nature, it will be publicized in the ISSS Global Newsletter. Other announcements of importance to international students may also be submitted for consideration. Please note that departmental announcements will not be publicized.

TIPS ON U.S. ACADEMIC CULTURE: ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

In case you have not done so already, we strongly urge you to find out the standards of academic honesty and dishonesty in each of your courses. As you know, all professors view plagiarism as a form of academic dishonesty. However, there are other forms of academic dishonesty which are defined differently by different professors. You therefore need to find out what constitutes academic dishonesty in each of your courses. In some courses, students are assigned group projects. In other courses, students are not allowed to discuss out-of-class assignments with classmates. It is your responsibility to find out what is and is not allowed in each of your courses. You should read the syllabus, check your course or departmental website, and find out from your professor. The penalties for academic dishonesty are quite severe, ranging from an F grade for the assignment or course to dismissal from the department or University. Some international students have committed acts of academic dishonesty because they did not understand what constituted cheating in their courses. Inform yourself so this does not happen to you!

DANCE & MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: RHYTHM OF RAJASTHAN

From the windswept Great Thar Desert in Rajasthan, the largest state in the Republic of India, comes the mesmerizing music and dance of Rhythm of Rajasthan. The musicians, from the Langa and Manghaniyar communities, perform a program of vibrant and joyous folk music, featuring driving percussion, ecstatic Sufi songs, and hypnotic sarangi (bowed lute) and algoza (double flute). They are joined by the famous dancer Sua Devi.

Date: Sunday, September 27
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$10 for students
Place: Mainstage Theater, Center for the Arts

ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

GUIDED HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN BUFFALO

Join ISSS for a professional walking tour of some of Buffalo's most historical sites, landmarks and architecture. Todd Mitchell, a professional tour guide from Buffalo Tours, will show us downtown Buffalo and teach us about the city's rich history. This is a great opportunity to see Buffalo up close and personal, and to explore some places you would not find on your own.

Date: Saturday, September 19
Time: 9:30 (meet at UB Metro Station), 10:00-1:00 (tour), 1:00-2:30 (lunch)
Cost: \$8 for tour + \$3.50 for roundtrip Metro ticket + Lunch (optional)
Sign-Up Deadline: 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 18

To reserve a space on this trip, please download a flyer from www.buffalo.edu/intlservices/documents/BuffaloWalkingTour2009.pdf or pick one up in ISSS, 210 Talbert Hall, North Campus. Fill out the reservation slip, and bring it and the trip fee to ISSS. The trip fee is nonrefundable. We accept only cash and urge you to bring exact change. Spaces are limited, so do not wait!

PICK-YOUR-OWN FRUIT & HISTORICAL FARM TOUR

Join the Offices of International Student & Scholar Services and Wellness Education Services as we visit a local farm where you can pick apples, plums, pumpkins, peppers, etc. We will take a tour of the farm, which will cover the historical role the farm played as part of the Underground Railroad in the 1800's. We will also learn about apple farming and apple cider making, and see some farm animals. Please bring your own lunch, as the farm has a very nice picnic area where we can eat between the tour and fruit-picking time.

Date: Saturday, September 26

Meeting Time: 8:45 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)

Return Time: 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$17 (for bus fare and tour) + ??? (for any fruit you pick)

Bring: Good walking shoes, extra spending money and lunch

To reserve a space on this trip, download a flyer from www.buffalo.edu/intlservices/documents/FruitPickingandHistoricalTour2009.pdf or pick one up in Talbert Hall 210, North Campus. Fill out the reservation slip, and bring it and the nonrefundable trip fee to ISSS. We accept only cash and urge you to bring exact change. Spaces are limited, so do not wait!

For interactive information on the Underground Railroad, please visit:

www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“Living on a Shoestring: How to Live Cheaply as a Student”

Thursday, September 17

3:30-4:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Are you interested in learning ways to budget and save money while studying at UB? Would you like to find out how other students economize on food, books, transportation, entertainment and other items? Come hear UB students share their budgeting tactics and discuss creative ways to live cheaply in Buffalo.

Presenters: Diane Hardy & Jessica Kumro, International Student & Scholar Services, UB / UB International Students

“AAA Driver Improvement Course”

Saturday, September 19

9:00-3:30

Clemens 120, North Campus

AAA's six-hour defensive driving course will enable you to receive a 10% discount on your car insurance, reduce the number of points on your driving record (if you have any violations), refresh your driving skills and learn techniques for collision prevention. Advance Registration is required. Please register at www.nyaaa.com/auto/driverprograms/schedule/buffalo. Course Fee: \$27.

Presented by American Automobile Association (AAA) Representative

“Car Insurance 101: How to Choose It & What to Do If You Have an Accident”

Monday, September 21
4:00-5:30
Clemens 120, North Campus

Learn what types of insurance coverage are available, how they differ, what the State of New York requires and what to do if you have an accident.

Presenter: Patrick Powers, American Automobile Association (AAA)

“Oh Canada! Essential Facts about Visiting, Living and Working There”

Thursday, September 24
3:30-5:00
Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Are you interested in visiting Canada or even living and working there someday? This workshop will provide information on Canadian immigration law and procedures. Find out about visitor visas, working temporarily in Canada and applying for immigration to Canada.

Presenter: Martha Hassenfratz, Canadian Consulate General, Buffalo

ACADEMICS & STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

“If Only I Had Known This Information Before...”

Tuesday, September 15
1:00-1:50
Wednesday, September 16
12:00-12:50
Norton Hall 111, North Campus

Familiarize yourself with UB policies and rules so you don't find yourself in a difficult situation, thinking back and saying, “If only I had known this ...”

Presented by Student Advising Services, UB

“TRANSFERmation”

Tuesday, September 15
3:30-4:20
Norton Hall 111, North Campus

New transfer students – join us for an informal discussion between new and former transfer students and academic advising staff. Discover the best strategies for ensuring a smooth academic and social transition to UB.

Presented by Student Advising Services, UB

“Time Management Strategies”

Thursday, September 17

2:00–2:50

Norton Hall 111, North Campus

This workshop will focus on ways to arrange and manage your time in an academic setting. We will discuss goals/priorities, expectations about time spent studying outside the classroom, course syllabi and use of some type of planner.

Presented by Student Advising Services, UB

“Funding Your Research”

Thursday, September 17

3:30-4:20

Capen Hall 12, North Campus

Money is available to students wishing to fund their research projects and creative endeavors. Come and learn the in’s and out’s of grant proposals, including federal funding and UB support for your project.

Presented by the Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities, UB

“Strategies to Finding Nationally Competitive Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities”

Thursday, September 17

4:00-5:00

Norton Hall 17, North Campus

We’ll introduce you to various national and international scholarships and fellowships. These awards provide undergraduate and graduate funding to outstanding students. Learn about strategies you can follow to maximize your success in pursuing these opportunities.

Presented by Undergraduate Academies, UB

CAREER WORKSHOPS

“On-Campus Interviewing”

Tuesday, September 15

2:00-3:00

Capen Hall 259, North Campus

Career Services' on-campus interviewing program features career-launching opportunities for all majors! Learn how you can meet, right here on campus, with some of the country's top employers, as well as some hidden gems. Find out how to participate in this valuable service. If you cannot attend this workshop, please go to the following link to find an on-line video or audio workshop: www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/olworkshops.php#res.

Presented by Career Services, UB

“Interviewing Like a ‘Pro’ for the Professional Health Schools”

Wednesday, September 16

4:00-5:30

Student Union 145A, North Campus

The interview is an important part of the professional health school admission process. Learn strategies to interview like a “pro” from UB's pre-health advisor and an interview specialist from Career Services. Come hear also from a panel of students who have successfully interviewed for admission to the professional health schools.

Presented by Career Services & Student Advising Services, UB

“So You Want to Be a Doctor, Dentist, Vet, Optometrist, Podiatrist or Chiropractor”

Thursday, September 17

11:30-12:20

Norton Hall 111, North Campus

If you are a freshman or sophomore, or perhaps are just beginning to explore these health professions, come learn what you can be doing NOW to prepare and become a competitive applicant for admission to a professional health school.

Presented by Student Advising Services, UB

“Technical Resumes and Cover Letters”

Monday, September 21

4:00-5:00

Student Union 210, North Campus

Learn how to write a technical resume and cover letter for positions in computer science and engineering. This workshop will help you prepare a unique resume and individualized cover letter to assist you in securing an internship or employment.

Presented by Career Services, UB

WELLNESS & RECREATION

“How to Help a Sexual Assault Survivor”

Tuesday, September 15

1:00-2:00

Student Union 210, North Campus

One in four college women will experience a sexual assault during her academic career (NYSCASA.org). Learn how to respond if someone you know experiences a rape or sexual assault. Participants will learn how to help others recover from rape and sexual assault, tap into local resources and get involved in prevention efforts at UB.

Presented by Wellness Education Services, UB

“Money Management for Students”

Tuesday, September 15

2:30-3:30

Student Union 317, North Campus

Learn about controlling spending, creating a savings habit, dealing with debt, protecting your identity and managing risk. When you know how to take control of your money, you will be better prepared to achieve your goals, and have enough money to make them a reality.

Presented by Student Academic Records & Financial Services, UB

“What Does It Mean to Be a ‘Man’ at UB?”

Wednesday, September 16

1:00-2:00

Student Union 210, North Campus

Come join other UB men to talk about issues that matter to you – sex, athletics, violence, relationships, men’s health and what being a man means to you.

Presented by Wellness Education Services, UB

“Improvisational Comedy: Three-Part Workshop”

Wednesdays, September 16-30

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Student Union 330, North Campus

This three-week workshop will cover improvisation – a combination of comedy and theatre. No experience is necessary. The workshop will provide a fun outlet for expression, and additional acting experience for those who are theatre majors. Basic improvisational skills and games will be taught, some of which can be transferred to off-stage life. Participants will play improvisation and provide their insights. After completing the three sessions, those who are interested will have an opportunity for a public performance.

Presented by CatVenom

“Cultural Cooking Series: Part I”

Thursday, September 17

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Community Building, South Lake Village

Get inspired to try new foods and new ways of cooking! Student instructors will highlight a different ethnic cuisine each month. Level of demonstration and hands-on participation may

vary. PLEASE NOTIFY INSTRUCTOR OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES YOU HAVE. Please register for this workshop at workshops.buffalo.edu.

Presented by Wellness Education Services, UB

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Social Issues Training & Education (SITE) Series: “Supporting Refugee Populations”

Tuesday, September 15

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Student Union 240, North Campus

What is a refugee? Did you know that 97% of the incoming population in western New York in 2007/2008 was refugees? We'll examine what it means to be in the U.S. as a refugee, the issues and challenges facing this population, and the assistance available in western New York. Find out how you can make a difference in welcoming and supporting the refugee population. This workshop will precede a related Saturday of Service (SOS) volunteer opportunity, which students can participate in. You may register for the workshop and/or the volunteer opportunity. Please register for the workshop via workshops.buffalo.edu. Please register for the service activity by e-mailing leadership.buffalo.edu.

Presented by the Intercultural & Diversity Center & Student Leadership & Community Engagement, UB

“What Kind of Leader Are You?”

Wednesday, September 16

5:00-6:00

Student Union 235, North Campus

Ever wonder what your leadership style is or what strengths you bring to a group or team? Using the Leadership Challenge, you'll learn the five exemplary practices of great leaders, and identify where your strengths lie and where you can grow.

Presented by Student Leadership & Community Engagement, UB

“Volunteering: How, What, Where and Why”

Monday, September 21

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Student Union 235, North Campus

Interested in volunteering, but not sure how to get started? We will look at how to find and choose the best volunteer opportunities to fit your needs and wants.

Presented by Student Leadership & Community Engagement, UB

DIVERSITY

Global Competency Series Part I: “Developing an Internationalist Skill Set”

Wednesday, September 16

1:00-2:00

Student Union 240, North Campus

This workshop will explore how cultural background impacts an individual’s perceptions about difference, as well as how to begin to develop an internationalist skill set which includes: developing intercultural communication skills; thriving in multicultural settings with a range of personalities and learning styles; and enhancing one’s ability to work effectively as part of a multicultural team. This workshop is part of the Global Competency Series. You may register for as many parts as you would like. By attending all three parts, UB students may receive a Global Competency Certificate.

Presented by the Intercultural & Diversity Center, UB