ISSS ANNOUNCEMENT: ANOTHER WARNING ABOUT SCAMS

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Dear International Students and Scholars,

Since we posted two messages on our international student and scholar listservs, a few students have informed us that they were victims of such scams.

Today, I received a message from someone who specifically requested that I post his announcement on our international student listserv. This is a clear sign that the scammers have found international students to be especially vulnerable to scams. Therefore, I’m sending you this scammer’s message as an example of the type of message you should delete immediately.

THE MESSAGE BELOW IS A SCAM. IF YOU RECEIVE A MESSAGE LIKE THIS, DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY.

Within the last year, a number of investor banks we represent have begun to intensely market residential mortgage products for foreign nationals, who have an interest in purchasing either primary residences or investment properties, up to 4 units here in NYS. This past year I successfully closed a mortgage for a Nigerian national who currently has two daughters matriculating at UB's north campus. Along with other applicants from Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, the UK and New Zealand. These program works as advertised. Additionally, the historical emphasis upon passports, visas, and other types of international support documentation have been considerably softened.

What I am looking for at time is a face to face meeting to further explain the mortgage products and services and how they may be able to service the international student community matriculating at UB. I have also been lead to understand that UB publishes a newsletter that is geared towards the international student population, which I am interested in advertising in.

Please protect yourself by always being skeptical when approached by individuals whom you don’t know and who want to send you money or want you to send them money. Remember: “If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is”.

Sincerely,
Ellen Dussourd