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## **Fall Graduation and Farewell Reception December 11**

You are invited to a reception on Thursday, December 11 at 3 pm in the University Room, Maucker Union. Come celebrate with us as we recognize international students who will graduate in December and as we say farewell to the exchange students who will be leaving us at the end of the semester. Enjoy tasty appetizers and graduation cake! Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be on hand to take pictures with students from 3-3:30 pm. Graduates and departing exchange students, if you plan to attend, please contact the International Students and Scholars Office by Friday, December 5 so we know who to expect and who to include in our program. You may call [319-273-6421](tel:319-273-6421) or send an e-mail message to [international.services@uni.edu](mailto:international.services@uni.edu).

## **Students Leaving Following Fall Semester**

Students currently living on campus who are NOT returning to UNI in the spring must cancel their housing contract prior to departure to avoid charges. Students must go to their hall office and complete an Intent to Cancel form. By doing this, your contract will be canceled without any penalty or fees. This ONLY applies to students who are not returning to UNI in the spring, not those who would simply like to move off campus. Please direct any additional questions to Jean Wiesley at [jean.wiesley@uni.edu](mailto:jean.wiesley@uni.edu).

## **Basheer Nijim International Student Scholarship**

The application for the 2015-2016 Nijim Scholarship is ready and available to current UNI students. The scholarship is for the amount of \$400 and the deadline is January 15, 2015. The Basheer Nijim International Student Scholarship is designed to help needy and deserving international students. Students should have a GPA of 3.00 or above and be financially needy. The scholarship is not to be awarded to the same student more than once. You may apply for the scholarship through the University Scholarship application. More information can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about the Basheer Nijim International Student Scholarship, please contact Jean Neibauer at [\(319\) 273-3406](tel:319-273-3406) or [jean.neibauer@uni.edu](mailto:jean.neibauer@uni.edu).

## **Your Input is Needed**

UNI will begin hosting an extended orientation for all new students this Fall! In the past domestic students did not begin moving back to campus until the Friday before classes begin. This new format would allow students to move in as early as Tuesday or Wednesday. Extended orientation will also host events starting Wednesday to get ALL students on campus more involved right away. Please complete the short survey [here](#) where you will be able to assist in choosing a name for the event and suggest different events you would like to see throughout the week. Keep in mind, even though you will not be a new student, you are more than welcome to participate in these welcome week events.

## **December's Student Health 101 Newsletter is Now Available**

December's Student Health 101 Newsletter is now available. Some of the great articles include: Capture your Calm: 8 Small Steps to Stress Less, Find your Drive to Exercise and Season's Eatings: Healthy Twists on Holiday Dishes. You can read the newsletter [here](#).

## **UNI On Campus Holiday Break Meal Options**

As a convenience for those living on-campus over academic breaks, UNI dining will provide a food option for 3 meals per day during the time that a dining center and retail dining operations are not open on-campus. The option(s) provided will be based on the number of students signed up. Options could include opening a dining center, opening a retail operation, providing sack meals to halls, providing transportation and meals at local restaurants (will have a purchase limit) or groceries to make your own meals. Your U-bill will be charged a daily

rate of \$28.45 for each day you request meals. Sign up deadline is December 1 for Winter Break. The UNI On-Campus Winter Holiday Meal Option can be found [here](#).

### **International Student Profile Feature**

The International Students and Scholars Office is excited to feature a new international student profile each week. To be featured, please submit the form found [here](#).

### **Like and Follow Us!**

Like us on [Facebook](#) here and follow us on [Twitter](#) to stay informed about ISSO news and events!

### **ISSO Office Hours**

ISSO office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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