Announcements

Our winter clothing drive is coming to an end as we (hopefully) start to see some warmer weather in the Cedar Valley. For the time being, it is still pretty chilly, so if you need any warmer clothes, we will have those available for free through the first week of March. Stop by the Office of International Engagement (Maucker 113) or send an email to international@uni.edu if you have any questions.

What's Happening at OIE

February 18th - Weekly Coffee Hour

What do you need more in this chilly weather other than coffee, tea, and some good conversations!? That sounds like Coffee Hour to me 😊 Come and join us Friday to warm up and chill out in MAU 113.

March 7th - Capital Trip

International Engagement is heading to the capital to talk to legislators about all the ways international students at UNI help make this university truly AMAZING! What's better to showcase how amazing our UNI and international community is then to bring you along so you can tell them yourself! We will be traveling to Des Moines for the day to talk to legislators and showcase our international community at UNI. (If you are chosen, we will provide a written letter explaining your absence to professors)

OIE will be picking two representatives to travel with us to Des Moines. If you are interested in participating, fill out this form by Wednesday, February 16th. Once we have chosen the participants, we will reach out with more information.
Events Around Campus

Black History Month at UNI

UNI's Black Student Union has a number of events happening throughout the entire month of February! Join us in celebrating Black History Month with BSU, and attend some amazing events in the process. Check out the fliers below for more information, or check out the Black Student Union's Social Media, or the Center for Multicultural Education's Website for more information and ways to get involved.
Tips from our Immigration Advisor

If you have noticed International Hold (service indicator) on your account, there is no need to be concerned. The Service Indicator "International Immigration Drop Hold" was added to ensure that the OIE office gets information on changes to students' registration. It helps us to ensure that your immigration status is maintained.

Additionally, starting February 12th, graduating international students can apply for Optional Practical Training, or OPT. Before doing so, make sure you set up an appointment with our Immigration and Advising Coordinator, Edyta. This can be in person, or over zoom. Please follow the link to Edyta's Calendar, schedule a time to meet with her, and don't forget to include if you wish to meet in-person or over zoom.
The Dalai Lama once said, “Share your knowledge. It is a way to achieve immortality.” If this is the case, our CIEP instructors will live on forever through the instruction of the English language and American academic culture they share with their students. Those students who need academic English instruction prior to starting their studies at UNI will spend 3 hours a day with a CIEP instructor studying English and academic culture. For the undergraduate non-native English speakers just beginning their studies, a CIEP instructor can be found in their ENG 1005: College Writing and Research and COMM 1000: Oral Communication courses.

Not only that, but CIEP instructors can also be seen in the Office of International Engagement providing Academic Success Coaching to non-native English speakers studying on the UNI campus. Outside of these activities, CIEP instructors offer immersion classes, distance courses, and workshops on campus and internationally. Through dispensing knowledge, CIEP instructors hope the English and cultural lessons will continue to serve students in their academic future and beyond.
Last Week at OIE

We had a great time at the WRC last week! There were a ton of fun games and activities to play, and plenty of fun to be had. If you want to join in all the fun, we host weekly events, both at our office and around campus, so be sure to check out our Facebook for more information.

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