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Adventureland Trip Sign-Up

Our first trip of the year will be on Saturday, September 27th to the Adventureland Amusement Park (<https://www.adventurelandpark.com>) near Des Moines, Iowa. The bus will be leaving from Wisconsin Street behind Maucker Union at 8:30 am and returning at approximately 6 pm. Total cost of the trip is \$33 per student, \$10 for transportation and \$23 for park ticket. Lunch may be purchased on your own. Come to the ISSO Office (113 Maucker Union) to sign up. Please bring \$10 cash (exact change) when signing up. This is a great opportunity to ride rides, play games, shop and hang out with friends. Sign-up closes **Wednesday, September 24**. See the attached flyer for details.

Facebook Photo Contest

Students by Day, Panthers by Night - Homecoming 2014. Would you like a chance to win a prize from the International Students and Scholars Office? It's easy! Take a photo with you and your friends at any of the Homecoming Events happening on campus from September 15-21 and post it to our Facebook page for your chance to be entered to win a prize from our office! Deadline for this photo contest is Wednesday, September 24.

Ethnic Food Celebration - Greek Cuisine

On Tuesday, September 23, ISSO will be hosting an Ethnic Food Celebration from 6-7 pm in the Center for Multicultural Education (CME) in Maucker Union. Stop by to sample some FREE traditional foods from Greece.

International Student Tailgate September 20

The International Student Association and the International Students Promoters are hosting a Homecoming Tailgate Saturday, September 20, 2014. The tailgate will be on the lawn across from the WRC, on the corner of 22nd Street. Join us for free music, fun, food and drinks. Feel free to bring friends.

International Student Association Meeting September 23

ISA is having a meeting this Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7 pm in the Oak Room in the lower level of Maucker Union. If you would like to be involved in helping to plan our upcoming Halloween Dance or learn about getting involved in one of our many other events, please do come! Join the group and post questions on our Facebook group page [here](#).

UNI's Homecoming Celebration September 15-21

UNI's Homecoming Celebration began Monday, Sept. 15 and continues through Sunday, Sept. 21. This year's theme is Students by Day, Panthers By Night. Go to <http://www.uni.edu/homecoming/> for the full schedule of events.

UNI Career Fair September 25

The University of Northern Iowa's Career Fair will take place from 11 am - 3 pm, Thursday, Sept. 25, in the McLeod Center. More than 160 employers, organizations, nonprofits and graduate schools will be there to network with UNI students and alumni, as well as to discuss internships, full-time jobs and continuing education. Registration is not required for participation. For more information, contact Sarah Goblirsch at 319-273-2084 or sarah.goblirsch@uni.edu.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) for Eligible F-1 Students

If you have an F-1 visa and you are planning to graduate in December 2014, now is the time to think about applying for Optional Practical Training as you are probably eligible for this 12 month period of employment authorization within the U.S. See our website for more information on OPT [here](#). You may also go ahead and schedule an application appointment with the Immigration and Visa Coordinator if you are ready to submit your application or if you have questions. Contact the Immigration and Visa Coordinator Ross Schupbach at Ross.Schupbach@uni.edu for questions.

International Students - Living in a Different Country & Coping with Language in a Classroom

Dr. Lyn Countryman is looking for international students to serve as panel members to share the challenges and successes of going to school in Iowa and what they wish they could tell every teacher to help with the transition. This panel will be for the Human Relations class consisting of education majors about to student teach. We know that many of these "teachers" will have diverse classrooms and will need to consider how to help students from different nationalities feel comfortable and become acclimated to the classroom. Knowing how to help and at the same time celebrating diversity is an important part of being a teacher. The panel will be on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 at 4:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Lyn Countryman at lyn.countryman@uni.edu by September 26, 2014.

UNI On-Campus 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 deadlines are November 10 for Thanksgiving Break and December 1 for Winter Break. UNI On-Campus Break Meal Option can be found [here](#) and 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](#).

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