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NEW International Students Only: First Friday Party TODAY

Come and celebrate the end of your first week of classes and compare your experiences with new friends! Appetizers and refreshments will be provided along with the drawing of fifteen \$100 scholarships selected from the students who attended all orientation sessions! Friday, August 29 from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Center for Multicultural Education on the Upper Level of Maucker Union. See the attached flyer for details.

ISSO Closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 1

Labor Day is a U.S. federal holiday observed on the 1st Monday in September that celebrates the economic and social contributions of workers. There are no classes on Monday and all UNI offices are closed. Enjoy the long weekend!

Lunch and Learn: Finding a Job on Campus

Are you looking for an on campus job or internship this semester? Do you need some guidance with how to find and apply for a job? Come to our September Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, September 10th at noon in the ISSO Conference Room (right next to ISSO in 113 Maucker Union.). We will be bringing in knowledgeable Career Services staff to provide a brief overview of the job board, how to apply for jobs, and job searching tips. Ross Schupbach will also be on hand to discuss regulations for working on campus. Also, there will be free lunch for all who attend and one lucky attendee will leave with a prize. See the attached flyer.

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.

Important Information about NEW/RENEWED Iowa Driver's Licenses

UNI international students are sometimes denied new/renewed Iowa driver's licenses by the Iowa Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and told their paperwork is not in order and they should check with Ross Schupbach at the ISSO office. Ross has consulted with the Waterloo DOT office and learned there could be delays in the verification system for students who have recently entered the U.S., or for students whose records have not been "registered" in SEVIS for the upcoming semester. This SEVIS registration is usually done between the second and fourth week of classes. If you have been denied a driver's license recently, please send an e-mail message to Ross.Schupbach@uni.edu and include your name, UNI ID number, and indicate whether or not you have recently entered the U.S. Ross will then "register" your SEVIS record earlier than normal (if you have registered for Fall 2014 classes) so you can return to the DOT office and make another request for a license.

NEW 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 at <http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/forms>.

NEW Feature on the ISSO Website

Interested to find out where our international students are coming from? Check out this new feature on the ISSO website <https://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/>!

UNI Harvest Festival September 4

UNI will hold its second Harvest Festival on Sept. 4 from 3-5 pm at the Panther Plot, corner of University Avenue and College Street. See <http://www.vpaf.uni.edu/energy/> for more information.

Seeking Students from Asia for a Panel Presentation

The Multicultural Counseling graduate course is asking for participation of a group of students from Asia who would like to share their culture, experiences, world views, religious beliefs, and interactions in the US. The panel presentation is completely informal and based on questions and answers from the students and panelists. The panel presentation is scheduled on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 pm in Sabin 127. The duration of the panel is between 1-1.5 hours. Please contact Ms. Coleen Tanyag at cctanyag@uni.edu if you wish to participate.

NISG International Affairs Director Position OPEN

The Northern Iowa Student Government is seeking a motivated student leader for a lower cabinet position, Director of International Affairs. This is a great opportunity to help bring awareness to the international community at UNI and have our voice heard! Applications are due Wednesday, September 10 and can be found on <http://www.uni.edu/studentorgs/nisg/government/nisg-open-positions>.

Fresh Beginnings Employment Opportunities

Fresh Beginnings is currently scheduling for the Fall 2014 semester and still has shifts available in all areas, including early morning and late night. If you are looking for on-campus employment, please call Mr. Stacey Nelson at Stacey.Nelson@uni.edu or call 319-273-6236.

Russian Conversation Partner Wanted

An international student from France, who is learning Russian would like to continue to practice their Russian and meet Russian students. Please contact Anais Piralla at pirallaa@uni.edu.

Free Light Bulbs Available

ISSO has several 4-packs of 100W Halco clear light bulbs to give away. Please, stop by and get a pack if you can use one!

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