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NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY: First Friday party

Come and celebrate the end of your first week of classes and compare experiences with your new friends. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided! 15 winners will be drawn for \$100 scholarships awarded to new international students who attended all orientation sessions. 3:30-4:30 pm Friday, August 30 in the ISSO lobby of the Biology Research Complex Room 50.

Fall 2013 Orientation Photos

Photos from the Fall 2013 New International Student Orientation Week are now available for viewing in our photo gallery. Check out

<http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/programs-and-activities/photo-gallery>

ISSO Closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2

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!

National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium Day Trip September 14

On Saturday, September 14, ISSO will be taking a trip to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium <http://www.rivermuseum.com>. The bus will be leaving from Wisconsin Street near Maucker Union at 7:30 am and returning at approximately 5 pm. Day trips are open to all interested international students. Total cost of the trip will be \$25 per student (\$10 for the bus and \$15 for admission). Lunch may be purchased on your own. If you are interested in participating, signup begins at 8 am on Tuesday, Sept. 3 in the ISSO Office (BRC 50). Please bring \$10 cash (exact change) when signing up. This is a great opportunity to travel off campus and spend some time hanging out with friends while visiting an aquarium, an outdoor park, and museum!

International Student Promoters (ISP) Potential Panther Training Session

ISP is hosting a Potential Promoter Training Session for new membership for the academic year 2013. It will be held on Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day) at 7 pm in Gilchrist Hall Room 09. If you are interested in joining and think you have the time and passion to commit to the group please e-mail uni.isp@uni.edu for more information. Space is limited.

Student Organization Fair September 4

Make your fall amazing by getting involved with a student organization, sports club or hall senate. With over 250 organizations to choose from, you're sure to find one that fits your interests. Stop by the Student Organization Fair on Sept. 4 from 10 am to 2 pm outside of Maucker Union. Make friends, learn how to get involved on campus, pick up some free goodies and have fun!

Family Weekend at UNI September 6-8

Explore UNI. See mini-sumo robots in action, catch a juggling act, marvel at the chemistry magic show and cheer on the football and soccer teams. Many fun activities are planned for you and your family. Check out the full schedule of events at <http://www.uni.edu/familyweekend/calendar>.

Threehouse Foundation Wes Fest Block Party September 8

The Threehouse Foundation (formerly Wesley Foundation) is having the Wes Fest Block Party on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 5-7 pm in the blocked off area off 25th Street in Cedar Falls. Free food, including sliders, root beer floats, music, games and fun!

Important Information About NEW/RENEWED Iowa Driver's Licenses

Several UNI international students have been 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 say whether you have recently entered the U.S. Ross will then "register" your SEVIS record earlier than normal (if you have registered for Fall 2013 classes) so you can return to the DOT office and make another request for a license.

ISSO Office Has Moved

The ISSO Office has moved to our temporary location in the Biology Research Complex, Room 50. Our phone numbers will remain the same. The Biology Research Complex can be located by crossing University Avenue at the intersection of College Street and University Avenue, the BRC is the first building on the right. Please use the outside entrance on the north side of the building. There is also convenient B parking close to the building.

Want to Get Involved? Visit the Student Involvement Center

Visit the Student Involvement Center website <http://www.uni.edu/involvement> and sign up for the Student Involvement Newsletter to find out activities you can become involved in at UNI.

ISSO Office Hours

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

Reminder to like our Facebook page

Remember to like our Facebook page and check for important announcements. The link is https://www.facebook.com/UNI.ISSO?ref=tn_tnmn

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