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## **Welcome Reception for New and Returning International Students**

It's time to celebrate! Join other new and returning international students to celebrate the start of a great semester on Sunday, August 25 at 6 pm. President Ruud will also be in attendance. There will be appetizers, drinks, and plenty of time to meet people. Students are encouraged to wear their traditional clothing.

## **International Friendship Program Student Applications Due Today**

The International Friendship program was created to build relationships between UNI students and local families in the community. The goal of this organization is to promote cultural exchange between international students and American host families. Students who apply for this program are seeking to learn more about American culture by becoming a part of family and finding a home away from home. Families volunteer to host an international student as a way to learn about the student's country and to build a friendship. Student applications are due by 5 pm today to the Office of International Programs at Gilchrist Room 28. Reminder: participation in this program is voluntary.

## **International Bank Payments Using peerTransfer**

The University of Northern Iowa has partnered with peerTransfer for a more cost-effective method for international students to wire funds from their home country bank to the university. Students will be offered excellent exchange rates allowing them to pay in their home country's currency (in most cases) and save a significant amount of money compared to traditional bank wire costs. The posting of your payment to the University will be faster, students will have the ability to track their payment and peerTransfer will notify students when the University has received their payment. Go to <https://peerTransfer.com/signup/uni> to register and then follow the instructions to make a payment. UNI U-bills are due today, August 23 but late fees will not be assessed until August 30.

## **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.

## **P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund**

The P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for selected international women for graduate study in the U.S. and Canada. For more information see the attached flyer or go to <http://www.peointernational.org>. Local P.E.O. International Peace scholarship contact is Vi Reimer at [319-266-2869](tel:319-266-2869).

## **In Need of a New Phone?**

Sprint is giving away a free phone to one lucky winner. Stop into the International Students and Scholars Office and enter for a chance to win a new iPhone 4S. Sign up soon. Drawing ends August 30.

## **Roommate Wanted**

I am a graduate student at UNI living in Cedar Falls since January. I need to find an apartment in the next few weeks or a roommate. If you know someone who is looking for a roommate, please let me know. Contact Isabel Alvarado Yactayo [alvarado.bel@gmail.com](mailto:alvarado.bel@gmail.com).

### **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](https://www.facebook.com/UNI.ISSO?ref=tn_tnmn)

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