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***Spring Graduation and Farewell Reception May 2nd at 6:30 pm**

ALL international students are invited to the Spring Graduation and Farewell Reception on Thursday, May 2 in the Great Reading Room in Seerley Hall. Come and celebrate with us as we recognize international students who will graduate in May and say farewell to the exchange students who will be leaving us at the end of the semester. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided starting at 6 pm and the program will begin at 6:30 pm. There will also be photo opportunities with UNI mascot TC prior to the start of the program! If you plan to attend, please e-mail us by Friday, April 26 at international.services@uni.edu so we can order the appropriate amount of food and recognize you if you are a graduating or departing exchange student.

Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Chile Minister Counselor to Speak April 30

In continuation of Office of International Programs' Diplomat Series, University of Northern Iowa will welcome Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Chile Minister Counselor Roberto Matus. Minister Counselor Roberto Matus is the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Chile to the United States since September 2009. Mr. Matus was appointed Chief of Cabinet of the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2006 to 2009. During 2004 and 2005, he was put in charge of organizing the Department of Implementation of Chilean Free Trade Agreements. Among other accomplishments, Mr. Matus negotiated and obtained a loan, granted for the first time by the Inter-American Development Bank, to the Division of International Economic Relations of the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1999, he was assigned to the Embassy of Chile in the U.S. as Economic and Trade Attaché, post that he held until 2003. In that capacity, Mr. Matus was responsible for the negotiation strategy and later approval in the U.S. Congress of the Free Trade Agreement between Chile and the U.S. Between 1996 and 1998, he was in charge of designing, as well as implementing what later resulted in a successful defense strategy for the "anti-dumping" and subsidies accusation that affected the salmon industry in Chile. Mr. Matus' first diplomatic assignment was to the Trade Office of the Embassy of Chile in the U.S., from 1990 to 1995. Mr. Matus holds a degree in Economics from the *Universidad de Santiago* with a mention in Business Administration, and has several postgraduate studies in Economics and International Relations. He entered the *Andrés Bello* Diplomatic Academy in 1987, where he graduated in 1988.

Mr. Matus will give a lecture entitled "Chile: a Road to Development" on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 from 6 pm to 7 pm at Curris Business Building Room 109 (John Deere Auditorium) on the University of Northern Iowa campus. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by Q+A. Please see attachments for more details.

***Important Announcement about Health Insurance**

If you are returning to your home country for the summer and want your health insurance to stop during that time, please notify Connie Potter of your departure date and return date before you leave. If you are staying in the U.S. and taking or not taking summer classes, you will be kept on the insurance and your U-bill will be charged for the

summer months. Please stop by the Student Health Center or contact her at connie.potter@uni.edu.

***Department of Residence Move Out Procedures**

The spring semester portion of the Department of Residence contract ends on Friday, May 10, 2012. Students who are not staying for UNI summer school are expected to be moved out of their rooms by 7 pm on that date. Please see the attached flyer for move out procedures and deadlines.

***Masala Grill and Coffee House now open**

Masala Grill & Coffee House at 911 W. 23rd St. is now open. They are serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, featuring halal meat. Take out and seating available, Daily specials and buffet. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/MasalaGrillcedarfalls> or see the attached menu.

The Office of International Programs is in need of Intrepreters/Translators

The Office of International Programs is in need of interpreters/translators fluent in various languages. In addition, Cedar Valley community members, government and businesses contact us in search of interpreters/translators. UNI Campus Police also have access to this database, and they may contact you as well if they are in need of your services. If available, please submit an Interpreter/Translator Interest Form <http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/interpreter/translator-interest-form>.

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