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AFRICAN CULTURE NIGHT HAPPENING TODAY!

All students are invited to African Culture Night on April 13. It will be in the CME at 5pm where you could have a taste of African Food from all over Africa, and at 8pm performances and event will be held in the Common ballroom. This year we are doing it differently in 2 different locations. we are going to have food, performances, music, and many other activities. I was also hoping if you could invite everybody to this event. Please see the attached files for more information.

SPRING RECEPTION

You are invited to a reception on Wednesday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the Seerley Hall Great Reading Room! Come and celebrate with us as we recognize international students who will graduate in May and as we say farewell to the exchange students who will be leaving us at the end of the semester. Enjoy tasty snacks and graduation cake!

Graduates and departing exchange students, if you plan to attend, please contact International Services by Friday, April 20 so that we know who to expect and who to include in our program. You may call 273-6421 or send an e-mail message to international.services@uni.edu.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER

The International Services Office would like to remind you of a few things as we approach the end of the Spring 2012 semester: First, for those of you who live in UNI residence halls or apartments, please make sure that you follow the instructions for checking out of your rooms or apartments by the set deadlines. Your hall office or the UNI apartments office can answer any questions that you might have. For hall residents, there may be penalties for damaged rooms, dirty rooms, or penalties for not following the proper checkout procedures. If you need to stay longer than your specified check-out date (to catch a Sunday or Monday flight home, for example) then you must make arrangements IN ADVANCE at your hall office and be prepared to pay a modest fee per extra night.

Our second reminder is about transportation to the airport of your choice. All international students are responsible for their own transportation to departure airports. Be sure to make arrangements with friends, host families, or taxi services to get to the airport on time to prepare for your flight. Please see our transportation page at <http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/localtransportation.shtml> for taxi company contact information. If you need help traveling to the Cedar Rapids/Eastern Iowa Airport, the Cedar Rapids Airport Shuttle Service may be able to help you if you make reservations in advance: www.crshuttle.com

SUMMER HEALTH INSURANCE REMINDER--VERY IMPORTANT!!

If you will be leaving the U.S. for the summer, please make sure you contact Connie Potter by e-mail (connie.potter@uni.edu) and ask her to cancel your health insurance, otherwise you will be billed for June and July insurance premiums. If you remain here, you will need to continue your health insurance for the summer. If you are graduating, you will be automatically dropped unless you make arrangements to continue coverage while on OPT or Academic Training.

APPLY TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION PEER ADVISOR FOR FALL 2012

Student Peer Advisors are needed to help with the Fall 2012 International Student Orientation and Registration Program that will take place from August 13 through August 17, 2012. Peer Advisors will help welcome new international students to UNI, help with information sessions, assisting and advising new international students, and helping the International Services office to serve our new students. A modest wage will be paid to those selected as peer advisors for this program. If you are interested, please reply to this message and include a statement about why you would like to become an international orientation Peer Advisor.

HIRING DRIVERS FOR FALL 2012 NEW STUDENT AIRPORT PICKUPS

International Services will be hiring UNI students who are willing and available to serve as drivers of both 7 and 11 passenger vans that will be used to make multiple trips to the Waterloo and Cedar Rapids airports during the period of August 10-13. These students will be an important part of our efforts to welcome new international students to UNI and to Iowa beginning with airport pickup, driving back to campus, and checking into residence halls and apartments. We prefer to employ advanced undergraduate students or graduate students who already hold UNI jobs or assistantships, but other responsible applicants with good driving records will be considered. It will be essential for applicants to hold valid Iowa driver's licenses. If you are interested, please reply to this message.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

The Hearst Center and the College Hill Partnership are offering a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 4 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please see the attached flier for more information.