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ISSO Winter Break Office Hours

The International Students and Scholars Office will be open regular hours through Tuesday, December 22. On Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22, Maucker Union will be closed. In order to visit our office, please call ahead of time at 319-273-6421. We will reopen on Monday, January 4 for regular business hours from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. If you require emergency assistance while the office is closed, please call UNI Public Safety at 319-273-2712. They will know how to contact ISSO staff as necessary.

Winter Clothing Drive December 14-18

ISSO is coordinating a Winter Clothing Drive during the week of finals, December 14-18. We have partnered with St. Vincent De Paul and the International Student Association for the clothing drive. Quality items needed are winter coats, jackets, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, and sweaters. Collection boxes will be located in the Roth Office, Piazza, Rialto, Essentials in Maucker Union, and Rod Library.

Winter Break On Campus Dining Hours

The Dining Centers will be closed during most of the Winter Break. Rialto Dining Center will be open beginning with dinner on 1/7-1/9 for limited hours during breakfast, lunch and dinner. The attached flyer lists the hours retail locations will be open during the break. See the [Department of Residence Dining Hours calendar](#) for more detailed information.

International Students Living on Campus Late Departure Procedures

The Fall semester portion of the Department of Residence contract ends TODAY. Students who are **not** returning for the spring semester are expected to be moved out of their rooms by 7 pm tonight. Students currently living on campus who are NOT returning to UNI in the spring must cancel their housing contract prior to departure to avoid charges. Please see the attached Late Departure handout for more information.

Winter Break Travel Reminder

Please be sure to check your I-20 or DS-2019 form to make sure you have a valid travel endorsement if you will travel outside of the U.S. during the break and return to UNI to continue your studies in January 2016. For F-1 students, the second page of your I-20 form should have a signature that will be less than one year old upon your return to the U.S., for J-1 students the DS-2019 form should have a similar travel endorsement on the first page in the travel endorsement section. Please be sure to check your visa also; if it will expire before your return to Cedar Falls, you will need to apply for a new visa while in your home country.

Health and Wellness

Change in the Pharmacy Specialist Used for SHIP Health Insurance

Effective January 1, 2016 the SHIP insurance will change their pharmacy specialist. There will be no change in benefits but claims will be processed differently. Due to this change ALL students with SHIP will be receiving new insurance cards in the mail. **It is important that the Student Health Clinic has your current address.** If you have moved or are planning to move, please provide your address for spring semester to Connie Potter at connie.potter@uni.edu.

MONEY MATTERS

Live Like a Student Financial Literacy Classes

"Live Like a Student" is a free, non-credit course (6 meeting times), open to all UNI students. Attendees will explore the concepts of budgeting, credit, student loans, and identity protection. Classes will be offered at various times throughout February. For a list of times and to register, see [Live Like A Student](#).

Transit Financial Literacy

Free online financial literacy modules are available at [Transit](#). Modules include savings, investing, credit and credit cards, financing college, insurance, taxes, renting vs. owning, and much more.

The Sue Follon Scholarship for Women in Leadership

This scholarship, for undergraduate students, is valued at \$5000 and was established in the name of Dr. Follon, a former Vice President of Student Affairs at UNI. To apply, students must use the online scholarship application at <http://www.uni.edu/finaid/>. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have completed at least 30 credit hours at UNI. They must also be full-time undergraduate students for both Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. Deadline for the application is January 15, 2016.

FOR SALE AND SUBLEASE ADS

Household Items for Sale

Proctor Silex Microwave 0.6 cu ft. microwave - \$20, Intex Queen Size inflatable sofa - \$30, 5 pc. kitchenware set (3 sauce pans, two frying pans) - \$15. Phone 319-210-1872 or e-mail sepulvel@uni.edu.

Household Items for Sale

TV & DVD player - \$90, TV table - \$30, small bed - \$120, king bed - \$200, table with 4 chairs - \$40, 2 black sofas - \$130 for each, 2 small fans, white - \$10 for each, colored carpeting - \$15, lamps - \$20, coffee table and 4 small tables - \$5, microwave oven - \$40, toaster - \$10. For more information or photos please contact schutayws@uni.edu or [319-493-2933](tel:319-493-2933).

Items for Sale

Men's rock climbing shoes, size 42.5 - \$100, Apex snowboard (bindings not included) - \$50.
Contact clim@uni.edu.

One Month Sublet

1011 Maplewood Drive, Cedar Falls, 2 bedroom apartment in College Square Apts sublet from January 1 to January 31, 2016. \$700 or less, price negotiable. Contact shutayws@uni.edu or call [319-493-2933](tel:319-493-2933).