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Thursday, July 11, 2019

Hiring Drivers for Fall 2019 New Student Orientation Airport Pickups

The International Students & Scholars Office is hiring students who are willing and available to serve as drivers of 7-passenger vans that will be used to make multiple trips to the Waterloo Municipal Airport and possibly the Cedar Rapids/Eastern Iowa Airport during the period of August 16-18, 2019. These students will be an important part of our efforts to welcome new international students to UNI and Iowa beginning with airport pickup, driving back to campus, and connecting with Department of Residence staff for check-in. Some new students may need to be driven to off-campus housing. Preference will be given to upper class undergraduate students and graduate students, but other responsible applicants with good driving records will be considered. A valid Iowa driver's license is required and the University will check license numbers and driving records before vehicle use is approved. Drivers must be willing and available to communicate frequently with ISSO staff via personal cell phones and UNI e-mail accounts before and during the August arrival period, and must be available for training in August. Drivers will be paid \$8.00 per hour and will be on duty for approximately 10 to 20 hours during the arrival period. The actual number of duty hours available will be determined by the number and frequency of new student arrivals. If you would like to apply, please send an e-mail message to Ross Schupbach at ross.schupbach@uni.edu that includes your name, UNI ID number, and an essay explaining why you would be a good candidate for one of the driver positions.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Live to 9 Concert: Brad and Kate July 12

The Live to 9 concert series is presented by the Cedar Falls Jaycees and the Cedar Basin Jazz Festival. Join them in Sturgis Park (behind the Ice House Museum). Gates Open at 5:30 pm. Band Plays : 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Free admission!! Food & beverages are available.

Friday'Loo Summer Concert Series July 12

Friday'Loo has music by Pie in the Sky from 5:30-9:30 in Lincoln Park, Waterloo. Lots of food and beverages. For this and other events check out [Cedar Valley Tourism](#).

Movies Under the Moon: Legally Blonde July 12

Movies Under the Moon features an array of free, family-friendly films under the stars on select Friday nights during the summer at Overman Park in Cedar Falls. The public is encouraged to arrive early and

bring blankets and lawn chairs. Musicians from the Cedar Valley Acoustic Guitar Association will take the stage at 6:30 p.m., and the Movies Under the Moon featured film will begin at dusk, or around 9:00 p.m. Yummy food, popcorn, sodas, and an assortment of snacks are available for purchase throughout the night.

Iowa Writers House Bi-Cultural Fellowship Book Launch: We the Interwoven Volume II July 13

The [Iowa Writers' House](#) Bi-Cultural Fellowship just released the second volume of its multicultural anthology titled "We the Interwoven." Ajla Dizdarević is a Bosnian-American who grew up in Waterloo, Iowa. Her writing concerns itself with the Balkan experience and post-war diaspora life. She will be holding a reading/book launch on Saturday, July 13th from 3 - 4:30 P.M. at the Waterloo Public Library where she will talk about the fellowship and its mission, share her family's story as Bosnian refugees, and read some of her work from the anthology. It will also function as an open mic for traditionally marginalized people to read their creative work in a supportive environment.

IMMIGRATION

Important Immigration Information

As the summer break approaches, the ISSO would like to remind you of two very important points:

1. If you plan to travel outside of the U.S. over the summer vacation and return to UNI to resume your studies in August, you must make sure that you have a valid **travel endorsement** on page 2 of your I-20 form or page 1 of your DS-2019 form. Travel endorsements are valid for one year, so new endorsements are only needed if your previous endorsement will expire before you plan to re-enter the U.S. If you are not sure if you need a travel endorsement, please check with us and we will be happy to review your documents.
2. International students are responsible for **maintaining their U.S. immigration statuses**, and an important part of this is **always having a valid, unexpired I-20 or DS-2019 form**. I recommend that F-1 students check the "Program of Study" section near the center of their I-20 forms once per month to make sure they do not study past the program end date indicated in that section. J-1 students should always be aware of their DS-2019 form validity dates in section 3. Page 3 of all I-20 forms specifies that "If you cannot complete the educational program by the program end date on page 1 of your Form I-20, you should contact your DSO at least 15 days before program end date to request an extension." I am your Principal DSO, and I am always happy to help when students need extensions.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Important Reminder: Student Health Insurance

The Student Health Clinic needs to know if you are planning to leave the US during summer break. You must email Connie Potter (connie.potter@uni.edu) or stop by the Student Health Clinic. You will need to provide the date that you are leaving and the date you are returning to the US. The Student Health Clinic will suspend your insurance coverage during that time. If you're not enrolled for the

summer session and the Student Health Clinic does not hear from you, your coverage will automatically continue. It is important for you to tell the Health Clinic before you leave the US as they cannot remove the coverage when you return to UNI in the fall.

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