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Thursday, October 3, 2019

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

International Coffee Hour Every Thursday!

Free coffee, tea and refreshments every Thursday from 3-4 during our International Coffee Hour. Our goal is to bring people together, share event information, and spread awareness of the international community on campus.

Homecoming 2019: To UNI and Beyond September 29-October 5

Homecoming 2019 is here! Check out the [full calendar of events](#) and make plans to join the 100th Homecoming Celebration. Enjoy football, food and fun as you cheer at the pep rally, take in the Homecoming parade and tailgate before the football game.

Afro Beat Night October 5

The African Union will host [Afro Beat Night](#) to celebrate African music and dances. Admission is free and all are welcome. Bring your student ID or driver's license. At the Treehouse: A Wesley Foundation, 2422 College Street, Cedar Falls. Doors open at 9 pm.

Research Survey on How International Students Conduct Research

Chris Doll, library director at the University of Dubuque is asking you to participate in research on how international students conduct research and use library resources. You can get to this survey by clicking [survey](#). As an incentive to participate in the survey participants will be drawn at random to receive an Amazon gift card. The winners will be contacted via email. You have until October 25 to submit your answers. It should take approximately 15-25 minutes for you to complete the survey.

The Learning Center at Rod Library

All students are encouraged to use The Learning Center @ Rod Library for assistance with writing, math, science, and college reading and learning strategies. Beginning week two, The Learning Center (TLC) operates on a walk-in basis and is open 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Thursday. For more information, go to <https://tlc.uni.edu/tutoring>, email TheLearningCenter@uni.edu, call 319-273-6023, or visit the TLC desk located on the main floor of Rod Library. If you are unable to come in during

normal tutoring hours, online tutoring is available through Smarthinking. You will need your CATID and passphrase to gain access. To access the Smarthinking platform go to <https://tlc.uni.edu/schedule>.

IMMIGRATION

Optional Practical Training (OPT) for Eligible F-1 Students

If you hold F-1 status and you are planning to graduate in December 2019, now is the perfect time to think about applying for Optional Practical Training as you are probably eligible for this 12 month period of employment authorization within the U.S. See our web site for more information about OPT: <https://isso.uni.edu/optional-practical-training-opt>

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

International Student Support Group

International Student Support Group starts on September 16 and will meet every Monday from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Student Health Center, 2nd floor. The International Student Support Group allows international students to share their experiences with others who can understand and relate to their concerns. To learn more about the group, you can consult a counselor by calling or walking into the counseling center from 8 am-4 pm, no appointment required. Contact 319-273-2676, Student Health Center, 2nd floor.

Free Ballroom/Swing Dance Lessons

What better way to try something new than FREE dance lessons! Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Wellness and Recreation Center Room 87! Email [UNI Ballroom/Swing](mailto:UNI_Ballroom/Swing) for more information.

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