

ISSS Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- New Students: Sign up for Mentors
- Attend Mentor/Mentee Connect Pizza & Bowling Night
- Participate in the OIS/IELP International Student Coffee Hour
- Join our Facebook Page
- FOCUS International Coffee Hour
- Looking for artists?

Welcome to Portland State University

We extend a special welcome to all new international students at Portland State University. As an international student, you have a unique opportunity to expand and share your cultural, social, and academic experiences.

Attention New Students: Sign up to have a mentor!

International Student Mentoring Program (ISMP) is designed to provide ongoing assistance to incoming international students that have been admitted to Portland State University (PSU). The program's task is to assist new international students in the transition from their respective countries to our university. The transition from one country to another is often complicated and frustrating and this program is designed to smooth out this process. The aim of the International Student Mentor Program is to enhance the international student experience at Portland State University through personal interaction in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

If you want to sign up for a Fall 2009 Mentor, go to this website and submit the form online at:

<https://survey.oit.pdx.edu/ss/wsb.dll/s/2bfg112a>



If you signed up to have a mentor, please join us for the:

Mentor/Mentee Connect Pizza and Bowling Event

October 2nd

5PM

SMSU 228, Multicultural Center

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~NEWS FROM OIS~

International Coffee Hour
Every Wednesday
October 7th—December 2nd
3:30-5:30PM
Multicultural Center, SMSU 228

Join the International Coffee Hour!
International Coffee Hour sponsored by IELP and OIS is welcoming new students from all over the world. Meet new people and share your culture over a cup of coffee.

If you have OIS mugs from international student orientation, please clean & bring them to the coffee hour, so that we don't have to use a lot of paper cups.



~NEWS FROM FOCUS~

FOCUS International Coffee Hour
Every Friday Night
7-10PM

Historic First Baptist Church downtown
Intersection of SW Taylor and SW 12th



FOCUS is a community coalition of non-profit organizations, churches, campus ministries and individuals in the Portland metropolitan area that provides support and services for international students and scholars of all cultures and beliefs. The FOCUS office is in 312 East Hall. You can reach them at 503-725-4196 or focus@pdx.edu. For more information, visit FOCUS website at: www.focuspsu.com

Don't Get Shocked!
October 2nd, 2009

Dinner and discussion on adjusting to life in America and dealing with some of the 'shocks' you might have in school, relationships, and everyday life. Don't miss out!

Join our ISSS FACEBOOK Group!



Are you a FACEBOOK user? If so, please join our group, International Student and Scholar Services at PSU!

Look for: International Student Services at PSU
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=74387503996>

We hope many of you join the group!

2009 International Student Photo Exhibition
November 5-25th, 2009

White Gallery, PSU

Submit your photos to our Photo Exhibit!



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