

ISSS Newsletter, Fall Term '09, Nr. 3

“Workshops”

Special points of interest:

- Learn about Scholarships for International Students, OPT, CPT, and Beyond it!
- Volunteer during the International Day of Climate Action!
- Colored Pencils Art and Culture Night at PSU!
- Halloween Party!
- Join the International Student Coffee Hour



International Student Scholarship Info Session

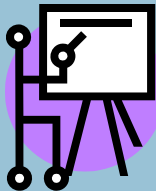
11:30am -12:30pm
October 19, 2009
East Hall 109

The Office of International Student and Scholarship Services offers two scholarships; International Student Retention Scholarship and International Cultural Service Program.

The deadlines have been extended till **November 2, 2009**. This is your chance to get more information about scholarships! We will have scholarship coordinators for both scholarships to answer your questions about the scholarships.

*Please go over the scholarship requirements (application is available in East Hall 101 and online - http://oia.pdx.edu/intl_students/scholarships/)

The Office of International Student and Scholarship Services
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OPT/CPT Workshops

Are you seeking internships off-campus as part of your study?
 Are you graduating this term?

The Office offers OPT/CPT Workshops for students who are seeking; internships off-campus (Curricular Practical Training) as part of their studies and/or to work for a year in the U.S. after completing their studies (Optional Practical Training).

10/27 Tuesday 9:30-11:00am East Hall 326	11/10 Tuesday 2:30-4:00pm East Hall 326	11/23 Monday 1:00-2:30pm East Hall 326	12/11 Friday 10:30am-12:00pm East Hall 326
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The basic information about OPT/CPT is online (http://oia.pdx.edu/intl_students/f1/opt_cpt/)
 Please attend one of these workshops if you are planning on doing OPT/CPT.

Please come to East Hall 101 to sign up!

“Beyond OPT Workshop”

Are you considering working in the US after graduation and would like to know about your options for employment authorization after OPT (Optional Practical Training) or AT (Academic Training)? Come to the "Beyond OPT" workshop to find out about possible routes for employment after OPT. We will focus on the H-1B Temporary Worker Visa. The workshop will include information on H-1B eligibility, regulations, and application procedures as well as a brief overview of paths to permanent residence. There will be time for Q&A.

-This workshop is for any PSU student in F-1 or J-1 status (no matter where you are in your studies), either currently enrolled or on OPT/AT. It is meant to be a general overview of the H-1B process; it is not legal advice and is not designed to teach one how to apply for H-1B or permanent residence status.

Beyond OPT Workshop Schedule

10/28 (Wed): 4 pm in East Hall 109
 No advance sign-up required

11/12 (Thurs): 12 noon in East Hall 109
 No advance sign-up required

Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Colored Pencils Art and Culture Night

Friday, October 30th

5:30PM-8:30PM

SMSU 101 (Parkway North)

Colored Pencils Art and Culture Night is a non-profit organization supported by the City of Portland's Office of Human Relations and many other non profit organizations.

It was created in order to support and welcome new immigrants and refugees to Portland, OR.

5:30PM Art Reception

6PM Open Mic

7:30PM Social Hour

\$3 "Donations"/Kids FREE

\$5 Cambodian Dinner will be available

Parfait Bassale (www.parfaitonline.com/parfait) will perform during the art reception. Parfait is a composer, musician, and human rights advocate.

This month's event will benefit the survivors of the Philippine flood, Samoan tsunami and the Indonesian earthquake. Performers from these communities will offer song, poetry and music from their cultures.

"October is People with Disabilities Month, so painters and poets and people who celebrate Portland arts, and are also disabled are especially invited to eat and enjoy an evening of how Portland really looks, sounds, and ambulates."

For more information go to:

<http://www.coloredpencilsart.com/index.html>

<http://www.coloredpencilsart.com/news/Oct-09-news.html>

If you would like to **volunteer** during this event, please e-mail Anna Brozek at brozek@pdx.edu or call 503-725-9766



International Day of Climate Action October 24



Support the international farmer's garden

<http://www.pdx.edu/elp/learning-gardens-laboratory> and the International Day of Climate Action and work towards reducing Global Climate Change.

If you would like to sign up for this event please email Adam Holden at aholden@pdx.edu with your name and email address by Monday, October 19th.

Portland Art Museum FREE Admission For ALL Sunday, November 8th

The third in an ongoing series of free family days will feature Chinese dance, music, and food, along with art-making activities inspired by the three cities featured in [China Design Now](#). Visitors of all ages can build their own cities using recycled materials provided by the School and Community Reuse Action Project (SCRAP).

"Let's Talk"

Free and off site confidential consultation for international students & support on a variety of issues.

Wednesdays

1-4PM

EH 221

"Let's Talk" is a place to talk about what's stressing you out (academic adjustment, family difficulties, depression, or financial pressures). No appointments necessary.

Just drop in!

Provided to you by SHAC

Halloween Costume Party and Dance night"

Come join us for fun and frightful night of dancing, music, food and fun. There will be a costume contest and a DJ to play some tunes for the night.

Don't forget that there will be prizes and free food .

This event is sponsored by Organization of International Students and the Intensive English Language Program.

Friday, October 30th
Multicultural Center, SMSU 228
6-9PM



Student Sustainability Forum

October 21, 2009

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Smith Room 296

Join the International Student Coffee Hour!

Every Wednesday (FALL Term)

3:30-5:30PM

Multicultural Center
SMSU 228

International Coffee Hour is welcoming all new students from all over the world! This event is sponsored by OIS and IELP.



Contact OIS coordinators for more info at
ois@pdx.edu

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/home.php?#/group.php?gid=74387503996>

We hope many of you can join the group!

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