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FROM THE INT'L STUDENT STAFF

We hope you are all in good health and doing well in your classes. This edition of our newsletter contains information about our activities and important information that we hope will assist you as you continue your studies here at Chaffey College this fall semester. As always, we are here to assist you so you are welcome to visit the International Student Office anytime!



We are continuing to work on improving communication through this newsletter, our student advisory group, international student club, special activities and our website (www.chaffey.edu/international/).

Best wishes from the International Student Staff!

Saba Kazmi

Jenny Dannelley

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CLUB

As you all know, we have international club. The officers are: Sara Pourjalali -President, Gursharan Kaur-Vice President, Zhuang Tian -Treasurer and Tomomitsu Oyadomari -Secretary. Check your email for the time and day of our meetings!!! We usually meet once a week. All the students are welcome to attend.

INT'L ADVISORY GROUP

This advisory group meeting is held once a month. Please be advised that we are continuing the discussion topic called: "Share your culture" in this year's advisory group meetings. (This will be an open event with one new culture every month). Please let us know if you like to share about your culture a week before the meeting.

IMMIGRATION UPDATES & INFO

I-20 Extensions - Students must apply for an extension of Form I-20 prior to current I-20 end date. For example, if your I-20 is ending on 12/19/2008, you must contact international student's office as soon as possible. **No extension may be granted if students do not request an extension prior to their current I-20 end date.**

Planning a trip to go home for the winter holidays? Be sure to take your I-20 to the International Students office at least **two (2) weeks prior to departure** for required signatures. And, before making travel plans, check all the following items:

- On I-20 page (3) a signature is needed from the DSO.
- Check your passport dates! If expired, contact your embassy and apply for a new one.
- Check Visa! If expired and a renewal is needed, notify the international students office. **Important website for immigration facts, as well as other international student resources:**

<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/>

COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS

It is hard to believe that it is already time to make counseling appointments for the spring 2009. Making appointments with counselors is important to keep an updated educational plan. If you want to avoid the long lines, schedule your counseling appointment today by calling (909) 652-6200. Ask for Jackie Boboye. Please don't wait.

WRITING CENTER

We want to remind you that Chaffey College has an excellent writing center located in the Library of our Rancho Cucamonga campus. If you are in need of assistance with term papers and essays please give them a call at (909) 652-6820 or visit them.

Their Hours are:

Monday -Thursday 8am to 8pm

Friday & Saturday 9am to 2pm
Chino & Fontana are closed on Saturdays.
They are all closed on Sundays.

Workshops Offered by the Skills Lab in the Writing Center are:

- 1) *Time Management*
- 2) *Study Skill*
- 3) *Organizing Essays*

You are welcome to visit the Chino 909-652-8160 or Fontana 909-652-7408 writing center as well.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security Numbers are only issued *after* the F-1 visa student has submitted evidence that he or she is authorized by the school to work and has secured employment or a promise of employment (Regulation 22). For further information contact Int'l Student Office.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

Attention:

If you are graduating in fall 2008 and would like to apply for Optional Practical Training, please visit the International Students Office as soon as possible. You **must** apply for OPT 90 days *prior* to graduation (apply in October).

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Currently Medical Insurance is provided by Renaissance Insurance. You can purchase insurance by logging on to www.renstudent.com.

To register on-line, you must have an e-mail address, credit card, & student ID. If you are missing any of the above, please contact the International Student Office to get info on how to register by mail. Annual cost for 2008-09 is \$912, fall \$380 and Spring/Summer \$532.00.

Warning. if you have not purchased medical insurance for fall 2008, you must purchase insurance now. Failure to purchase the medical insurance will result in blocking of your records.

CHANGE OF HOME OR EMAIL ADDRESS

According to immigration regulations, it is critical for all international students to have their current US address and email address recorded with the International Students Office. Students must comply by notifying the International Students Office within ten (10) days of any change, so the DSO can update SEVIS records and take care of the U.S. Immigration and Citizenship notification promptly. Unfortunately, we are still having problems with reporting. Students are not updating their records on time.

BLOCKS

Students may be blocked for the following reasons:

- taking less than 12 units for fall 2008 semester without permission
- having a GPA of less than 2.0.
- fail to provide proof of insurance.
- fail to provide proof of TB test.

Please come in to the Int'l Students Office for assistance.

REDUCE COURSE LOAD

Students may reduce course loads to below full-time but first, students must obtain authorization from the DSO at the International Students Office before dropping any classes. A reduced course load may be authorized only for the following reasons:

- 1) Academic Reasons: If it is the first semester for a student: a) initial difficulty with English or reading requirements; b) unfamiliarity with American teaching methods, or c) improper course-level placement.
- 2) Medical Reasons: Students who fall ill, or need to take maternity leave, may be authorized by the DSO to reduce their course loads or take no classes. Such students must provide the DSO with a letter from a licensed medical doctor.
- 3) Last Semester: Students may take a reduced course load in their final term if only one or two classes are needed to complete the degree. Student may not continue to be enrolled only for administrative purposes if all degree requirements are met.

Unfortunately, there are some students who are not following the above guidelines. Students will lose F-1 Visa status because of less than 12 units enrollment.

PRAISE AND RECOGNITION



Students, please let us know when you receive any awards, scholarships, grants, etc. so we can give you recognition in this area of the international student newsletter! Congratulation to the int'l students who have/will be accepted into nursing program.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR FALL 2008 IS:
230
NEW STUDENTS FOR SUMMER/FALL (66)
FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

Austria	Kuwait
Azerbaijan	Maaysia
Bangladesh	Philippines
China	Romania
Cote D'ivoire	Saudi Arabia
France	Saudi Arabia
Germany	Syria
Guinea	Taiwan
Honduras	Thailand
Hong Kong	Turkey
India	UAE
Indonesia	UK
Jamaica	Vietnam
Japan	Yemen
Korea	

HELPFUL HINTS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

What is Plagiarism and Why it is wrong?

Plagiarism is using other people's ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of that information. In college courses, we are continually engaged with other people's ideas; we read them in texts, hear them in lectures, discuss them in class, and incorporate them into our own writing. As a result, it is very important to give credit where it is due.

How Can Students Avoid Plagiarism?

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use:

- Another person's ideas, opinion, or theory;
- Any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings-any piece of information that is not common knowledge.
- Quotations of another person's actual spoken or written words; or
- Paraphrase of another person's spoken or written words.

Source: www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/Plagiarism.shtml

Classroom Cell Phone Etiquette



Cell Phones are a disturbance if they are in class. Please remember to turn off your phone or put on "vibrate" when in class. If you are caught text messaging it could be treated as cheating.

Important Dates & Events for International Students

	FALL 2008 SEMESTER
OCTOBER 21 ST	INT'L STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MTG. (POT LUCK) LOCATION: STAFF LOUNGE TIME: 12:30 TO 1:30PM
NOVEMBER 10 TH	CAL POLY POMONA'S TRANSFER COUNSELOR FOR INT'L STUDENTS FROM 10AM-1PM, IF WISHING TO TRANSFER TO CAL POLY IN THE FUTURE.
NOVEMBER 18 TH	INT'L STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MTG. LOCATION: STAFF LOUNGE TIME: 12:30 TO 1:30PM
NOVEMBER 18 TH -20 TH	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION WEEK INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DAY(FASHION SHOW) (11-19-2008)
DECEMBER 2 ND	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 11:30AM-1:30PM IN CAMPUS CENTER WEST, STAFF DINING ROOM)

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK:

Int'l education week is planned for November 18 to 20, 2008. The famous fashion show & table expo will be on November 19, 2008. We are looking for fashion show models & volunteers for table expo. For more information, please contact int'l office.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN:

What is a monthly automatic payment plan: this is a service available for all Chaffey College students.

Advantages: Easy online enrollment, monthly payment plan, flexible payment options & no interest.

Payment Methods: Automatic bank payment, and credit card/debit card.

Cost to Participate: \$20 enrollment fee per semester.

Simple Steps to enroll in the Payment Plan: Go to www.chaffey.edu/cashier/facts

You can think ahead by looking into spring 2009 payment plan. There will be notification mailed to students of enrollment deadlines, to sign up for the payment plan around November 17, 2008. For more information please contact our office in wh-181.

WORKING ON CAMPUS:

If you are looking for on campus jobs, there is work available on campus through the career services office. This office is located inside student activities, towards the right. Rose Marie grace and her staff can be reached by phone (909) 652-6186, Monday - Thursday 8am to 5pm and Friday 8am to 4:30pm. There is a listing of jobs posted daily. As international students you are only allowed to work on campus, for up to 19 hours a week.

WINTER VACATION:

Planning on enjoying your break at home with friends and family, you must visit our office two weeks before you leave. Please bring your spring registration schedule with your I-20. Leave your I-20 for signature and also receive a letter for airport officials, along with any other supporting documents.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR E-MAILS REGARDING IMPORTANT EVENTS AND ANY OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES/NEWS! WE ALSO WELCOME ANY FEEDBACK ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE NEWSLETTER!

WE WISH YOU THE BEST FOR FALL 2008 AND HAVE A SAFE SEMESTER!

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