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1. **Campus Closed** Monday, Sept. 5th is Labor Day in the US.



ISSS will not be processing any eforms or accessing email until Tuesday, 9/6 at 8:30am. In case of emergency, please call GSU Police at 404-413-3333. Enjoy your 3-day weekend.

2. **Countdown to Kick-off!**



PANTHERS HOST BALL STATE FRIDAY NIGHT, 7PM AT THE DOME!

Come out and support your GSU Panthers this **Friday, Sept. 2nd**. **Gates open at 5:30. Kick-off at 7:30pm** at the Georgia Dome. Game tickets are **FREE** to current students by claiming your ticket online >> [here](#). Then pick-up at the Dome, Gate B. Regular tickets are \$20.

3. Enrollment Requirements for F1/J1 Students



- Graduate Students: 9 hours in Fall and Spring
- Undergraduate Students: 12 hours in Fall and Spring
- All Students: limited to 1 online course per semester.
- Enrollment details, click >> [here](#).

4. What if my classes were dropped?



The payment deadline for all tuition, fees and student health insurance was Tuesday, August 30th. If you had a balance on August 31st, your classes were automatically dropped. In that case, ISSS cannot help you get back into your classes, but the university provides a process called “Registration Adjustment”.

Procedure

- Pay all GSU tuition and fees through PAWS before requesting registration adjustment.
- **Tuesday September 6 – Friday, September 23:**
Visit each faculty member for each course you were enrolled in to request *manual* Registration Adjustment. Once their request is submitted the process take 3-4 days.
- **How does this affect my SEVIS Status?**
The Federal SEVIS reporting deadline is firm: **September 20th, 5pm**. Registration Adjustment must be fully complete by that date, meaning that your PAWS account must reflect normal course registration, not *submitted*, or *pending* course adjustment. Even though Registration Adjustment continues until September 23rd, your visa status will unfortunately be terminated on September 21st if you are unable to complete this process by September 20th.

5. 500,000 Visitors Expected in Atlanta This Weekend!

There are numerous events taking place this weekend with 500,000+ visitors expected near the city center. To check it out, click >> [HERE](#).

6. **Attention:** New International Students

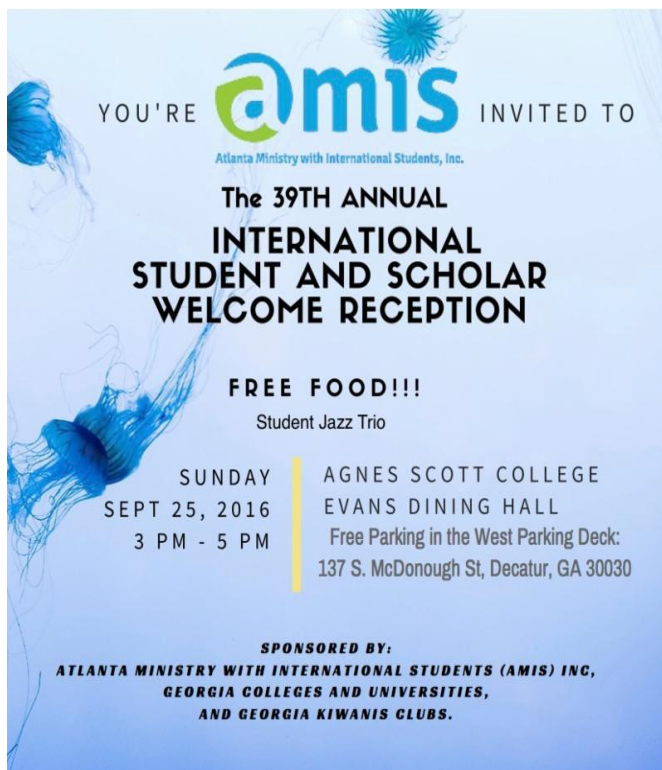


If you are new to GSU this Fall 2016, you have received an important email from GSU Institutional Research in your GSU email. Please look for:

Subject line: International Student & Scholar Services Orientation Survey

Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on all the changes we made this Fall. The survey will close Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Thank you from ISSS.

7. **AMIS** Welcome Reception



What: You are invited to the 39th Annual “International Student and Scholar Welcome Reception” on **Sunday, September 25** at Agnes Scott College in Decatur! This event is a great way to network with other international students and scholars from across Atlanta and other parts of Georgia. There will be music, games, and FREE FOOD! All are welcome.

Transportation: Drive or take MARTA to the Decatur station. It’s a 10 minute walk to Agnes Scott Campus.

8. **Employment** Workshop Schedule










ISSS offers small group FREE employment workshops designed to answer common

questions about applying for CPT (Part 1) and OPT (Part 2). All workshops will be held in ISSS, Sparks Hall room 248. Below you will find the time and date of the next workshop.

Date	CPT	OPT
Wednesday, Sept 14	2:00 pm	2:45 pm
Tuesday, Sept 27	2:00 pm	2:45 pm

- Workshop completion is mandatory before you can apply for CPT or OPT.
- You can attend Parts I + II or just the section you'd like. ISSS recommends OPT applicants complete the workshop only in the semester you plan to graduate.
- A minimum of 4 students must sign up in advance, or the session will be cancelled.
- **Space is limited:** To register for an in-person Employment Workshop, please go log-in to [iStart](#) and click on "Session Sign-ups".
- You may also complete an online workshop >> [HERE](#)

9. Events for You - All in One Place

	Georgia State Athletics. Go Panthers!
	International Student Associations Council (ISAC)
	Student Recreation Center (SRC)
	Multicultural Center
	Touch the Earth
	GSU's Rialto Center for the Performing Arts
	Office of International Initiatives (OII)

10. Follow ISSS on Facebook



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