Published monthly by International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), a division of the Office of International Initiatives, the International Services newsletter brings you updates on immigration rules and regulations, University services and programs, and conveys opportunities for campus and community involvement.

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1. ISSS New Website!
ISSS has a new website: http://isss.gsu.edu. The ISSS website is a great resource for international students, offering assistance with health insurance, employment authorization, forms, policies, and much more!

2. Summer Employment Workshops
If you are an F-1 student and interested in working off-campus at any point in your future, come to an employment workshop as soon as possible! Attending a workshop is the very first step to applying for off-campus employment either during your studies (CPT) or after your studies (OPT). CPT workshops last approximately 30 minutes, and the OPT workshops last about an hour. Online CPT workshops can be found at http://isss.gsu.edu/current-students/f-1-status/employment-authorization-social-security-number/curricular-practical-training-cpt/. Online OPT workshops are located at http://isss.gsu.edu/current-students/f-1-status/employment-authorization-social-security-number/optional-practical-training-opt/. These workshops will provide you with everything you need to know about employment. It is never too early to attend a session, so don’t delay!

In-person workshops are offered in 248 sparks Hall on the following dates:

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3. Summer Employment Reminder
Remember that F-1 and J-1 students are NOT allowed to hold off-campus jobs without prior approval from ISSS (CPT or OPT). This summer, be careful to avoid jobs such as babysitting, tutoring, cleaning, or yard maintenance services that will violate your immigration status. Speak to an ISSS advisor if you have questions!

4. Washington, D.C. Trip Recap
The International Student Associations Council (ISAC) hosted their annual trip to Washington, D.C. with 33 international and domestic students attending on May 7-11, 2013. It was a great opportunity for students to explore our nation’s capital and to learn more about American culture and history. Highlights from the trip include meeting Congressman John Lewis, touring the US Capitol, visiting the National Cathedral and seeing Thomas Jefferson’s home at Monticello. Students enjoyed the cultural exchange and building friendships with students from different countries.

Georgia State students pose for a photo in front of the US Capitol before a guided tour
Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures Photo Competition
Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures is an annual photo competition that offers both study abroad students and international students the opportunity to exhibit photos highlighting their intercultural experiences. The competition takes place during the Fall semester, and the winners are revealed in November at a photo exhibit and gala featuring catered food and live entertainment (you are all invited)!

The submission process will begin in the Fall, and in the meantime, this is a reminder to be taking lots of pictures of your experiences here in the United States so that you can enter your photos in the competition. There are 3 categories: People, Places, and Daily Life. Each student can submit up to 3 photos in any of these categories. Photos are then judged on visual appeal, cross-cultural imagery, written expression in the caption and creativity. As you think about these categories, please keep in mind that we love photos that clearly depict Georgia State students involved in academic activities in an international location. Also, photos in which the primary focus is drinking and partying will automatically be disqualified. Past prizes have included a $200 VISA gift card and more! Contact Katrina Helz (khelz@gsu.edu) with questions.

Panthers PERQs
The Panther PERQs program is a partnership with local, statewide and national businesses that offer discounts or other incentives to Georgia State students with valid identification cards. Discount tickets are available for AMC and Regal Cinemas, Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Hawks, Georgia Aquarium, Biltmore House, and much more! Many of these tickets can be purchased at the Student Center Info Desk or purchased online via PAWS. For more information visit http://studentcenter.gsu.edu/services/discount-tickets/.

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