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Published monthly by International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), a division of Enrollment Services, 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. International Student of the Year Award

This award aims to honor and recognize outstanding contributions to international understanding by a Georgia State University international student. The winner will receive a formal award at the Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures exhibition during International Education Week, on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, 2015.

Information regarding eligibility and application materials can be found here. Deadline to apply: Oct. 9th, 2015, 5pm.


New International students, including new Transfer students, received an email to your GSU account Oct. 1 with a link to a survey. ISSS urges you to provide feedback on your arrival and orientation experience. The subject line of the email is: Important GSU ISSS Orientation Survey. ISSS goal: 60% participation. Please help!

• Anonymous
3. V.I.S.A. Leaders Needed for Spring 2016 Orientation and Check-in

- V.I.S.A. = Volunteer International Student Assistant
- Why? Being a V.I.S.A. Leader will help you gain leadership experience for your résumé, and it’s also a great way to make new friends and help new incoming international students.
- Training? Fun training is provided Dec. 16 – 17, 2015
- Work Commitment? Jan. 4 – 8, 2016
- Interested in applying? Please click >> here
- Need more info? Contact Huan Wang at hwang45@gsu.edu
- Deadline: Friday, October 16, 2015 at 5pm.
- Paid position? Yes, as “on-campus” employment. No special work authorization required.

4. Graduate Assistant Needed in ISSS

- ISSS is taking applications for a Graduate Assistant to work with our Admissions Coordinator.
- Preference will be given to those with demonstrated experience using and manipulating data in Excel, great attention to detail, logical problem solving skills, and the ability to clearly articulate steps in a process in English to applicants from all over the world via email.
- Must have at least 1 academic year remaining at GSU and a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Must be able to work Summer and Winter breaks at least 20 hours per week
- Start Date: January 2016 with a flexible schedule
- Pay: Summer $2000, Fall $3000, Spring $3000 + full tuition waiver
- The job description and application are >> here
- After reviewing the job description, prepare your cover letter and resume and email it to: Christy Brozowski / cbrozowski@gsu.edu
- Deadline to apply: Oct. 30th, 5pm.

5. Employment Workshops & Spring 2016 CPT Application Window

Thinking about Spring Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or post-graduation Optional Practical Training (OPT)? Workshop participation is required for authorization. Upcoming workshops to answer all your questions will be offered by ISSS on: Oct. 29, Nov. 11, and Dec. 2.
6. **Non-Resident Tuition Waivers for Spring 2016**

Georgia State University offers a limited number of nonresident tuition waivers to qualified international students, who are eligible. The waiver covers the out of state portion of tuition for 1 semester. **Note:** Only students in their final year of study are eligible. Other restrictions apply also.

Example: 12 hours of undergraduate full-tuition = $10,707

12 hours of undergraduate in-state tuition = $3423
Waiver Savings = $7284

**Deadline to apply:** Oct. 16th, 5pm.

For more details, and to find the application, look at the last section on >> this page

7. **Georgia State Homecoming in Progress**

Homecoming is a series of events to celebrate current GSU students and alumni to celebrate their pride as a Georgia State Panther! See below for a list of some of the exciting events. You can also get the latest updates by following #gsunited on Twitter. For all the details, click here.

**Remaining Events:**

10/2 – Canned Food Drive Collection
10/2 – Georgia State Amazing Race
10/3 – Georgia State vs. Liberty Football, Saturday, 3:30pm at the Georgia Dome

8. **Events and Activities**

a. **Picnic at Stone Mountain – for International Students**

   When: Sunday, October 4th
   Where: Stone Mountain, GA
   Cost: $5 covers transportation, picnic, hiking and laser show
   How: Just meet at BCM by 11am on the day of the trip. 125 Edgewood Ave, Atlanta, 30303

b. **Atlanta Welcome Reception – for International Students**

   When: Sunday, October 11th
   Where: Georgia Tech Student Center Ballroom
   Cost: Free. Just show up!
   What: Meet other international students from all around Atlanta. Enjoy food and music by the Kennesaw State University Jazz Trio too.

c. **Your GSU Recreation Center & Touch the Earth Events**
ISSS has a great relationship with your GSU Recreation Center. One of their major programs is called “Touch the Earth” which provides all kinds of low-cost, outdoor activities and trips for students.

- **Intramural Sports:** Registration for Dodgeball, 3 versus 3 Basketball, Volleyball and Arena Ultimate Frisbee is open from Monday, October 5 – Sunday, October 25. For a list of the sports, registration, and start dates click >> [here](#).
- **Guided Tour of the Historic Oakland Cemetery:** Tuesday, October 27 from 5:15 – 7:30 p.m. Cost: $6 for Students and $12 for Rec. Center members.
- **“Train Like a Tribute”:** In honor of the last edition of the Hunger Games movies, participate in a series of fitness obstacles to test your speed, power, agility, strength and endurance! Wednesday, November 11, 2015 from 6 – 9 p.m. Participation is FREE to those ready for the challenge. T-shirts will be awarded to the first 100 who compete in the Games.
- **Aquatics Center:** Closed for extensive renovations until Monday, January 11, 2015.
- For more information on all upcoming events and things offered at the Student Recreation Center click>> [here](#).

d. **ISAC – International Students Association Council**

![ISAC Logo]

- **Indian Cultural Exchange Hosts:** “Garba,” a traditional dance and celebration. October 1, 2015, 6:00 – 10:45pm, Dahlberg Hall. Free. Everyone is invited.
- **Taste of Korea:** October 8, 2015. Doors open at 7pm. Performance at 7:30pm. Free food, Kpop Dance and more. Dahlberg Hall. Free. Everyone is invited.
- **To learn more about ISAC or to get involved:** contact ISAC President, Ishaka Maskey / [imaskey1@student.gsu.edu](mailto:imaskey1@student.gsu.edu)
9. **International Education Week (November): Volunteers Needed**

Next month, GSU along with colleges and universities all over the U.S. will celebrate International Education Week with a series of events and activities. **GSU needs volunteers.** If you are interested in helping, please email: Isra Hassan / ihassan2@gsu.edu or visit ISSS. More IEW info will be available soon.

   a. **Kick-Off International Education Week**
      This is a celebration of cultures, including food, music, performances, trivia booths, prizes and more.
      Mon., Nov 2nd
      11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
      Veterans Memorial Hall, Dahlberg

   b. **Cultural Exchange Festival**
      This festival is hosted by GSU’s exchange students & language majors, including country booths to showcase country memorabilia, artifacts, traditional games, clothing, language, music and food!
      Tues., Nov 3rd
      11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
      Library Plaza (tentative)

10. **Flu Shots Available**
    Get a flu shot and stay healthy this winter. The School of Nursing is vaccinating each Tuesday and Thursday during October, until 3pm in the Urban Life Building, second floor atrium. Student cost is $25. The cost of missing 2 weeks of class and feeling terrible with flu is...well, much more! Also:
    - Wash your hands with soap frequently
Drink plenty of water
Get enough rest
Don’t touch your nose, eyes or lips after touching dirty stuff, which is everything.

11. Like ISSS on Facebook!

We now have over 1510 likes. Thank you. A year ago that was around 700. Just click the Facebook icon above! ISSS posts helpful reminders about deadlines, workshops, events and campus jobs on our Facebook page. Receive these updates immediately via Facebook!

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