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1. Alert from US Dept. of State

Your Visa and Drunk Driving



On Sept. 2, 2016, the US Dept. of State published a reminder based on a 2015 policy change. The guidance reminds international students who are arrested or convicted for **DUI - Driving Under the Influence** [of alcohol], that their visa will be revoked. The student would have to apply for a new visa in order to return to the U.S. The process may require a physician's approval or medical exam based on the possibility of a "mental disorder associated with harmful behavior likely to pose a threat..." In addition, a DUI in Georgia has associated costs of approximately \$12,000. Details of the revocation are located >> [here](#)

2. New ISSS Advising Structure



ISSS added a new international student advisor recently. **Welcome Allie Seay!** As a result, your assigned ISSS advisor may have changed. You probably won't notice the change, but we wanted you to know. In case your advisor is absent, any advisor may assist you.

If Your Panther ID ends in...	Your ISSS Advisor Is:
0, 1, 2	Tyler Askew / jaskew3@gsu.edu
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This information is also posted on the ISSS website >> here	

3. Winter Break and EAD Card Arrivals



GSU campuses and ISSS will close at 5:15pm on Friday, December 16th for the Winter Break through 8:30am on Monday, January 2nd, 2017.

What about my OPT / EAD Card? ISSS cannot access US Postal Services on campus during Holidays or University Closings. If you expect delivery of your OPT (EAD) card during the annual winter break, you may want to use your personal address, at your own risk. Upon re-opening, you should also expect 2-3 days for the backlog of campus mail to reach ISSS.

4. Get Your Travel Signature



If you'll be travelling outside the U.S. over the upcoming break be sure to request an updated travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 in iStart, if needed, by Friday, November 18th. Remember that all processing requests can take 3-5 business days, so don't delay!

For more details on this requirement, please see the ISSS website >> [here](#)

5. Campus Residence Halls Closing

If you live on campus, be reminded that all campus residence halls, except a limited number of “University Lofts”, close for the winter break by **12p.m., Wednesday, December 14th**. If you have questions about this deadline, please contact your Residence Hall Director.

Many students who cannot return home during the break visit U.S. friends, travel, or arrange a home-stay through friends, classmates or private organizations such as [AMIS's Christmas International House](#). Now is a good time to make those arrangements.

6. Now Hiring VISA Leaders



- **V**olunteer **I**nternational **S**tudent **A**ssistants
- **Why:** Being a V.I.S.A. Leader provides leadership experience, new friends and enhances your resume while helping new international students this Spring.
- **Training:** Dec. 14-15, 2016
- **Work Dates:** Jan. 3-6, 2016
- **For more info:** Contact Huan Wang at hwang45@gsu.edu
- **Deadline to apply:** Friday, October 21, 2016 at 5pm.
- **Pay:** Yes, this is “on-campus” employment, so no special authorization required
- **More Info and Application:** Please click >> [here](#).

“Being a VISA Leader is great because I get to help new international students like me settle in at Georgia State while forming friendships with people from all around the globe.”

- Brian Nguyen, GSU International Student



7. Free Career Development Opportunity

Maybe you saw this on the ISSS Facebook yesterday, but here's another reminder!



Learn what recruiters are thinking during interviews, when they review your resumes, cover letters and more! Sponsored by GSU Career Services and Cooperative Education. Some of Atlanta's major firms will be on the panel. Click the link for a preview. No RSVP needed. Just come on in whenever you can! For more details, please click >> [here](#).

8. Get Your PAW (Panthers At Woodruff) Pass!




GSU has partnered with [The Woodruff Arts Center](#) to offer GSU students access to all the exciting professional theatrical, musical and creative offerings at the center!

The Panthers at Woodruff (PAW) pass allows:

- unlimited access to the High Museum
- free tickets to select performances by the Alliance Theatre and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.
- Just \$25. A companion ticket is just \$12.
- For more details, please visit [Spotlight Programs Board](#).



9. Your GSU Athletics: Volleyball, Soccer & Football This Week!



GEORGIA STATE

THIS WEEK IN ATHLETICS
PRESENTED BY
GEICO
OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2016

FRIDAY OCT 7	COURT VOLLEYBALL VS. COASTAL CAROLINA - 6 P.M.	FREE ADMISSION *NO TICKET REQUIRED
FRIDAY OCT 7	WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN - 7 P.M.	FREE ADMISSION *NO TICKET REQUIRED
SATURDAY OCT 8	FOOTBALL VS. TEXAS STATE - 3:30 P.M.	CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS
SATURDAY OCT 8	COURT VOLLEYBALL VS. APPALACHIAN STATE - 6 P.M.	FREE ADMISSION *NO TICKET REQUIRED
SATURDAY OCT 8	MEN'S SOCCER VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN - 7 P.M.	FREE ADMISSION *NO TICKET REQUIRED
SUNDAY OCT 9	WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. UL MONROE - 1 P.M.	FREE ADMISSION *NO TICKET REQUIRED

VOLLEYBALL IS PLAYED AT THE **GSU SPORTS ARENA**
SOCCER IS PLAYED AT THE **GSU SOCCER COMPLEX**
SOCCER COMPLEX ADDRESS IS **2401 WILDCAT ROAD, DECATUR, GA 30034**

Football Tickets: Students claim FREE tickets at www.georgiastatesports.com/studenttix. Pick up tickets at Sports arena (behind student center) till 1pm or afterwards at Dome, Gate B.

10. Final Employment Workshops in 2016

For Curricular Practical Training and Optional Practical Training



ISSS offers small-group FREE employment workshops designed to inform you about CPT and OPT. All workshops will be held in ISSS, Sparks Hall room 248. Below you will find the time and date of the final workshops for 2016.

Date	CPT	OPT
Wednesday, Oct. 12	2:00 pm	2:45 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 1	2:00 pm	2:45 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 16	2:00pm	2:45 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 7	2:00pm	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.
- **SIGN UP:** To register for a spot, log-in to [iStart](#) and click on "Session Sign-ups".
- **For more information** on CPT / OPT, click >> [here](#)

11. **UNIQUE** Opportunities in your GSU Recreation Center:










Oakland Cemetery Walk: October 6 from 5:15-7:30 p.m. Meet in the Student Recreation Center Lobby for a 1-mile walk to the cemetery for a guided tour.

The Panther Duathlon: October 13 from 6-8 p.m. from the Swimming Pool Deck. Test your limits and compete against your friends in our 1st swimming and biking race.

Fight to Flight: October 18 from 1-3 p.m. Learn how to be aware and safe at Georgia State University. Come to the Martial Arts Studio.

Navigating the Grocery Store: October 19. Meet at 3 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center Lobby before going on a grocery store tour with our nutrition interns.

Explore these links for more opportunities to do more than just study!

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

12. Graduate Assistant Position - Coming Soon



ISSS will be in search of a Graduate Assistant soon to begin Spring 2017. The details and application instructions will be posted on our Facebook page and in the ISSS Newsletter on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Please stay tuned, but don't contact ISSS until then as details are not yet available. Thank you.

13. Follow ISSS on Facebook



Current Likes: 2088

Just click the Facebook icon above and like ISSS.

For questions about any of the information mentioned above, contact:

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