

International Students



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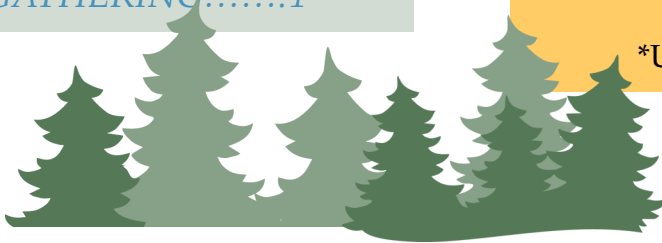
GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone,

I am very excited when putting together this newsletter as I can send you the office's wish and some travel information before you leave for your break. I hope that you have had a good semester so far and will be prepared for the final week! I can imagine how hectic these days are, but do the best and we will be able to enjoy ourselves soon.

Good luck with all of your finals and have a wonderful break!

*Uyen



NOTE FROM SALLY

I had very successful travels in China, Japan and Canada and I was pleased to have a chance to meet some amazing prospective international students on my travels. This year I hope Riccardo will be joined by other international students when the Office of Admission starts to call students who have applied. I'll be contacting you after the break to see if you would be willing to sign up as an international student caller. Check with Riccardo, he's one of the outstanding contacts we have on campus!

I want to thank Christina Miller and Chat Phillips who hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at their home for as many international students as remained on campus over the break. All reports are that it was a great day, a great meal

and a good time was had by all. Thanks so much for your cooking and hosting skills.

As I mentioned by email, I will be leaving campus on December 10th for the holiday. Please check your I-20 to see if they need to be signed by me before you travel for the holiday. Also, this is a good time to check your passport and visa to make sure that they are up to date. If you need to renew either of those make certain you have all the paperwork you need and send me an email if you have any questions.

Enjoy these last few days before finals and make sure to get plenty of rest before that last test begins. Sally



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Dec 7: Last day of classes

Dec 8-11: Reading period

Dec 12-16: Finals

Next semester:

Jan 13, 2012: Open

registration for Spring closes

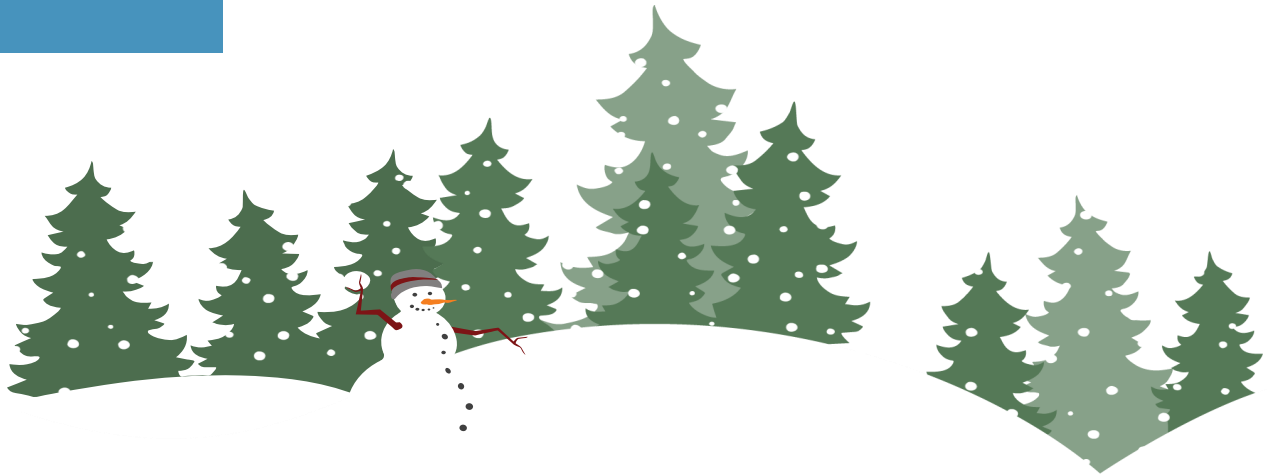
Jan 17, 2012: Classes begin

USCIS CORNER

It's been several years in the works but sometime in 2012 SEVIS II will be implemented. Advisors have been trained to help students learn the new features and as soon as I hear anything concrete, I'll let you know.

Please remember to send me your current address if you change resi-

dences once you return after the break. And for one more reminder, please be sure to check your I-20 for a current signature before leaving the country.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CLUB

GA, Riccardo, and Uyen have teamed up to start the International Student Club next year. The initial idea is to provide more support for international students on campus and promote friendship among the students. The trio is in the process of planning for the club, and hope to make the existence of the International Student Club

meaningful not only for international students but also for any other interested students on campus (everyone will be welcome to join!).

If you like to know more about the club or like to be part of it, simply shoot them an email or catch them on the way.

ISM RECAP & NEXT GATHERING

This semester, the ISM program has been able to organize four monthly gatherings thanks to the International Programs' funding and the ISM team's collaboration! We started with an Opening Dinner at Sally's which was followed by the Asian Feast and Pumpkin Patch in October. As Sally also mentioned in her note, our last gathering was the Thanksgiving dinner which had all the delicious dishes you can find at a traditional American Thanksgiving meal.

Thank you a lot to all of you who have been able to attend the events. We appreciate it a lot as you have set aside some time to be part

of this program. To those who haven't been able to come, we do hope to see you in all (or at least one) of our future gatherings and get to know you better. Most of our events so far have been shaped around foods and seasonal holidays (we all love food and celebrations you know), but we always love to hear more from you what kinds of gatherings you like to attend next semester, be it a hike to Mt. Rainier, a trip to museums, and so on.

Check out some of our photos from the latest gatherings and watch out for our invite to the **Welcome gathering** at the beginning of next semester!



Dongni is making Chinese fried rice, and Uyen is preparing for the Vietnamese spring rolls.



Jere, Christina, Thao, and Jasmine



Sally—the great chef

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After the Asian Feast... photo time!



Turkey!



Chat & Christina are setting up their wonderful Thanksgiving dishes!



At Pumpkin Patch