



International Newsletter

International Student Services

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Education Fair '09 for all education majors

On March 3, 2009
3:00pm-6:30pm at Morris University Center

Career Network '09

On March 4, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

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Welcome New International Students - Successful Orientation

Welcome to spring semester 2009 at SIUE. We are pleased that you had a successful orientation session and that all of you have settled into your classes. In a short time, you will register for summer term and/or fall semester. Please continue seeking advice about your degree programs from department advisors and remember that International Programs is dedicated to assist you in meeting your academic goals. Also, don't forget to participate in some of the social programs offered throughout the semester; they can help balance and broaden your experience at SIUE. Best wishes for a successful year.

Ron Schaefer, Director of International Programs

International Student Council Welcomes New Students



Sam Limbachia, International Student Council President welcomes all new and current International students to attend the International Student Council (ISC) meetings to promote and encourage diversity and cross-cultural understanding among students, faculty, and the greater SIUE community. It also unites people from across the world through workshops, lectures, cultural programs, picnics and trips. He wants all students and the student associations to actively participate in all the upcoming events organized by the International student council.

Spring 09 Graduates & Optional Practical Training (OPT)

- F-1 students who plan to graduate at the end of Spring '09 and want to work on Optional Practical Training (OPT) can start applying in February.
- Plan to send in the OPT application 90 days prior to your desired start date. A copy of the application can be picked up at our office during regular office hours or downloaded at the [ISS website](#).
- If you have any questions about OPT, please refer to the Q&A provided in the OPT packet before making an appointment with an advisor.

Summer 09 Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Deadlines

Eligible international students wanting to work under the Curricular Practical Training Program should contact ISS to obtain an eligibility letter and contact the Career Development Center (CDC). For deadlines, visit the [CDC website](#).

Journey to Africa

The African Student Association is having their **African Night Celebration** at the Conference Center, MUC on Saturday, Feb 28.

Tickets will be sold from February 6, 2009 at the Information Center, MUC.

For more information, contact (773) 426 - 3977.

India Week & Night

The Indian Student Association is having their biggest event: India Week and Night in upcoming March and April.

- **India week**
March 30 to April 2, 2009
- **India Night**
April 4, 2009.

Tickets will be sold from March, 2009 at the information desk, MUC.

Campus Recreation Events

- **Health and Wellness Day**
On February 18th, 2009
- **Parti Gras**
On February 20th, 2009
- **IM Softball League**
On March 1, 2009
- **IM Flag Football**
On March 2, 2009

For more info visit [CREC...](#)

For more information about your non-immigrant status, legal updates, taxes, student associations, photos, statistics, upcoming events and much more, check out the [New ISS website](#). Questions? Email iss@siue.edu or call 618-650-3785.